

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

23rd October 2026

Harvest Donations Thank you to all those families who have shown their support towards our Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community. You can see how generous everyone has been in the photograph, as well as there being lots of bags full of donations underneath the table!



Above and Beyond' Recognition I am pleased to inform you that the following children were recognised last week and this week for demonstrating behaviours that go 'Above and Beyond' our school rules of being kind and respectful, being safe and being ready. Congratulations to the following children. I hope you enjoyed your biscuits and juice with me in the Boardroom!

Friday 16th October 2026:

Year 1: Phoenix T, Isla H, Joshua G
Year 2: Albie A, Evie C, Rory J
Year 3: Jessica A, Olivia J, Frankie-Lei M
Year 4: Mikael M, Mollie C, Harry R
Year 5: Quinn L, Lily W, Freya-Mae B
Year 6: Minnie H, George N, Freyja W



Thursday 22nd October 2026:

Year 1: Joshua M, Jack B, Eliza P
Year 2: Louis L, Finley S, Greyson P
Year 3: Amelie C, Fern T, Francesca F
Year 4: Carter S, Lily-Jane J, Lily S
Year 5: Isla B, Leo H, Finley T
Year 6: Dylan L, Phoebe S, Bradley C

Christmas Hamper Donations I would like to say a huge thank you to all those families who were able to donate Christmas hamper items or a monetary donation in support of our non-uniform day. We have received some lovely donations which will make some lovely prizes for our PTFA Christmas events!



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 2nd November 2026 – Menu week 3.

23rd October – School Closes Half Term

2nd November – School Opens

9th November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parent Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm face to face

12th November - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parent Consultation Appointments 3.40pm – 6.00pm face to face

13th November - Children in Need Day
(More details to follow)

W/B 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
(More details to follow)

7th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

8th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

8th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

9th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

10th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Half Term Please note, that school closes today for half term, and will re-open on Monday 2nd November. I would like to wish you all a lovely half term break with your family and friends.

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Young Minds

Last week, it was 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds and National Mental Health Day. It was lovely seeing pupils dressed in yellow items of clothing and showing their support for the work of the charity. I am pleased to announce that **£387.59** was raised for the charity which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



Caroline Bowers Art Award

It was lovely to see so many pupils and family members in school on Wednesday night during our Caroline Bowers Art Award. The Caroline Bowers annual Art Prize presentation ceremony took place in our Art Gallery. It was a very special and unique occasion for staff, parents and our extremely talented pupils who were nominated to have their art work displayed in Caroline's gallery. We were very proud to welcome Mr Roy Bowers and one of his sons, Tom, who both attended the presentation; they were very impressed by the level of outstanding art work on display. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 winner of the Caroline Bowers Art Prize, was Max Christie, who was in Year 5 when he produced the piece of art. If you have not already done so, please make a special visit to our dual-purpose gallery and library to see all of the wonderful art work produced by pupils from Nursery to Year 6.



Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Emilia J, who is in Year 4 in Miss Wrights class, took part in two triathlons in Birmingham and one at Alderford Lake. Emilia had to swim, bike and run. She absolutely loved swimming in the lake and said it was the best part of the event. Well done Emilia; this is super news!



Congratulations! I have the pleasure in announcing that Miss Wayt, who is a teaching assistant at Five Ways, recently got married. Please be aware that Miss Wayt is now called Mrs Nott. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to send Mr and Mrs Nott our best wishes for the future.



Admission into Reception Nursery parents are asked to refer to the letter sent home on 6th October, detailing the application process for your child to be admitted into our Reception cohort in September 2027. Online applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2027 at the latest.**

Year 4 Fidgets Children are asked to NOT bring personal fidget toys, squishies, or other similar items into school for swapping or sharing with friends. If a child requires a personal fidget tool to support their learning, this should be agreed in advance with their class teacher. To help prevent items from being lost, damaged, or causing distractions, we ask that all valuable or treasured personal belongings are kept at home. Thank you for your support.

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Nursery and Reception Cohort September 2027 Open Evening

If you or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age or Reception age and would like to come and take a look at our Nursery and Reception classrooms and meet members of the Early Years team, then please come along to our open evening in preparation for when your child starts Nursery or Reception in September 2027. Parents and pupils are invited to book a place at our open evening that is taking place as follows:

**Monday 16th November 2026 at
4.00pm – 5.00pm**

Please contact the school office on 01543 278071 to book a place! We look forward to seeing you there!

Height and Weight Checks for Children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. This year, the height and weight measurements will be carried out in school on **Tuesday 24th November**. The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's height and weight to be measured, please **complete the 'opt out' form** that can be collected from the school office by **Friday 20th November**.

Remembrance Day Poppies – Now On Sale

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies are now available to purchase. They can be bought from the **school office**, and some of our **Year 6 pupils** will also be visiting classrooms to sell them to children. Thank you for supporting this important cause.



Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that parent consultation meetings will take place on **Monday 9th November and Thursday 12th November**. Appointments are now available to be booked online. Links were sent out yesterday to your mobile phone or email address, which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

The online booking service will be available to access until **Thursday 5th November at 4.00pm**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you. If you wish to update your email address or mobile telephone number, please contact the school office.

Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. After receiving the welcome email, click login.
2. Enter your email address.
3. You will receive an email with a link.
4. Click on this link.
5. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
6. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
7. At any time before your consultation, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time.

PTFA Pumpkin Competition Thank you to all the children and adults that entered the pumpkin decorating competition, we have had lots of amazing designs, and I look forward to sharing the winners with you in the next newsletter!



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Cross Country Success! On Wednesday 30/09/26, Mr Ferguson and Miss Cattell had the pleasure of travelling to Perton Middle School with 16 Year 5 and Year 6 children to take part in a cross-country event. Mr Ferguson wrote, 'The sun made a welcome appearance, providing a lovely afternoon, although it certainly made the running conditions more challenging! All of the children who represented Five Ways showed fantastic determination and resilience, persevering throughout their races and successfully crossing the finish line. We were incredibly proud not only of their sporting achievements but also of the way they represented our school. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by encouraging and cheering on all runners, including those from other schools.' A special congratulations goes to the following pupils for their outstanding performances in their year group races:

Aubrey 2nd place, Megan 4th place, Theo 7th place,
Joey 9th place, Albie 10th place, Freya 4th place,
Jessica 6th place, Sophie 10th place, Frankie 4th place,
Max 5th place.



Final Team Positions: Year 5 Girls: 2nd / Year 5 Boys: 3rd / Year 6 Girls: 3rd / Year 6 Boys 2nd.
Well done to everyone who took part. We are extremely proud of you all and the way in which you represented Five Ways!

Parking Considerately Around School We have received concerns from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking on roads surrounding the school and nearby estates at drop-off and collection times. While we appreciate that parking can be challenging, we ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our neighbours by parking legally, safely and respectfully. Please do not block driveways, park across junctions, obstruct visibility, or leave vehicles in positions that may create danger for pedestrians and other road users. Thank you.

Lost Property To help us return lost items directly to your child, please ensure **every single piece of school uniform, including water bottles and coats** are clearly marked with their name. If an item is found with a name, we can easily return it to your child.

New look, same celebration of learning! You may have noticed that in recent weeks we have been shining a spotlight on learning from across different year groups on our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. To reflect this wider focus, we will soon be updating our profile picture and page banner as our social media presence evolves from an Early Years page into a whole-school platform.

Our aim remains the same: celebrating children's achievements, sharing memorable moments and giving families a glimpse into school life. We are simply broadening our focus so that every stage of the learning journey, from Reception to Year 6, can be showcased and celebrated.

While the appearance and identity of the page will change, our approach to sharing learning will not. We will continue to highlight high-quality teaching and learning, children's successes and the experiences that make our school such a special place. The learning remains the same; we are simply changing the angle through which we share it, ensuring that the wonderful things happening across the whole school can be seen and celebrated by our community.

If you already follow our Early Years accounts, there is no need to do anything. The accounts will transition seamlessly to their new whole-school identity, and you will automatically continue to receive updates. We are excited to share even more of the fantastic learning, achievements and opportunities that take place across our school and look forward to taking you on this journey with us.

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