Newsletter

Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher **13th November 2026**

Remembrance All children and staff took part in a minutes silence at 11 o'clock on Wednesday 11th November to commemorate Remembrance Day. Pictured here are three of our Year 6 children representing Five Ways at the Remembrance Day Service held at St John's Church on Sunday. During the Service, Brodie E, who is in Year 6 in Mrs Langston's class, read out loud a poem that he had written.



Above and Beyond' Recognition

I am pleased to inform you that the following children were recognised 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 today!

Year 1: Wren A, Margot N, Reuben-Rex S
Year 2: Matilda E, Everleigh K, Paisley Grace P
Year 3: Ada P, Gracie C, Jorgie E
Year 4: Poppy S, Emilia J, Toby M
Year 5: Mason B, Olivia W, Lloyd M
Year 6: Lucrezia H, Annabelle G, Millie T



Welcome Back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term with your families and are feeling ready for the exciting weeks ahead as we approach the festive season. This half term is packed with engaging opportunities for our pupils, including participating in Anti-Bullying Week and supporting Children in Need. Of course, we are also looking forward to the much-loved Christmas performances, which always bring joy to our school community.

These events are just a glimpse of the enriching experiences planned for the coming weeks at Five Ways, and we cannot wait to see our children thrive as they take part.

Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning 16th November 2026 – Menu week 2.

16th November – Odd Sock Day *(See Page 2 of the Newsletter)*

W/B 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week Anti-Bullying Week *(See Page 2 of the Newsletter)*

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

9th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

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

10th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

10th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

14th December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

15th December Year 1 Theatre Trip *(Lichfield Garrick Theatre – Robin Hood)*

15th December – Year 4 Christmas Service – 10.30am St John's Church

15th December – Year 6 Christmas Service – 2.30pm KS1 Hall

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

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Odd Sock Day- Anti-Bullying Week Next week marks the start of National Anti-Bullying Week and we will be asking children to wear 'odd socks' on **Monday 16th November**, to celebrate what makes us all unique! Throughout the week, children will be engaging in a range of activities to support this important initiative. We are not asking for any donations in exchange for children wearing odd socks on Monday; the day is simply about raising awareness, celebrating our differences and providing a positive start to Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is *"Break the Silence*", encouraging us all to speak up against bullying and create a culture of kindness, respect and inclusion. Through discussions and classroom activities, pupils will explore the idea that bullying is a choice - and that by choosing kindness and respect, they can help create a supportive environment at school, at home, in the community, and online.



PTFA Pumpkin Competition

Thank you to all those children and adults who took part in the PTFA pumpkin competition before October half term. We had some amazing pumpkin designs which were a pleasure to see!



Children in Need Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the charity.

Bad Weather Procedures

As we are now experiencing colder weather, this is a reminder of the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for children, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity and details will also be posted on our school website.

We kindly ask for everyone's cooperation in following these procedures and exercising caution during bad weather. Together, we can help keep our school community safe.



NSPCC Workshop – Year 5

Children in Year 5 have recently completed workshops conducted by visitors from the NSPCC. Children learned about how to stay healthy and safe and how to let a trusted adult know if they have any worries or concerns.



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PTFA News! The PTFA AGM took place before half term at which the new committee was formed. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Amy Winters was re-elected as our Chairperson; I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with her to carry on the outstanding work of the PTFA. Other committee members include Ms Laura Finazzo as Vice Chairperson and Miss Elinor Walley as Treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTFA for their hard work and commitment to Five Ways.

Sporting Success!



I am pleased to report that Erin B, who is in Mrs Williams' class in Year 5, took part in the Momentum Dance Championships which took place over 3 long days! Erin competed in 7 sections and as you can see from the photo, performed amazingly well! Erin also received a Judge's Special Award with her duo partner for their contemporary routine. Well done Erin; you are a superstar!

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I am pleased to report that Olivia S, who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 4, performed at the Chance 2 Dance event at Alton Towers with her musical theatre group. After weeks of rehearsals and hard work, Olivia had the opportunity to take part in this special event. Well done Olivia; you are amazing!

Charity Fundraising Success!



I am pleased to report that Jessica A, who is in Mrs Darby's class in Year 3, has taken on an incredible 100 mile cycling challenge to raise money for Children in Need. This has involved 32 bike rides and over 17 hours of cycling, with the longest ride being 10.49 miles! Jessica has raised over **£1000** which is incredible! Excellent news Jessica!

Be Bright Be Seen!

I would like to make you aware that November is 'Be Bright Be Seen' month. In school, we will be talking to the children about the importance of 'Being Bright and Being Seen' when they are out and about near roads, particularly at this time of year. We will be asking the children to remember:

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – when it is dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it is the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It is good to fit spoke reflectors too.



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Christmas Productions The dates and times for each year groups Christmas performance are detailed below. Teaching Teams will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you. ***(Please note the change of location and slight timing changes to the Year 6 performances.)***



Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Monday 14th December 2.30pm Wednesday 16th December 10.00am	**KS1 School Hall**
Year 1	Tuesday 8th December 2.30pm Wednesday 9th December 10.00am	**KS1 School Hall**
Year 2	Monday 7th December 2.30pm *(A - L surnames only please.)* Tuesday 8th December 10.00am *(M - Z surnames only please.)*	**KS1 School Hall**
Year 3	Wednesday 9th December 2.30pm *(A - L surnames only please.)* Thursday 10th December 10.00am *(M - Z surnames only please.)*	**KS1 School Hall**
Year 4	Tuesday 15th December 10.30am *(A - L surnames only please.)* Thursday 17th December 2.00pm *(M - Z surnames only please.)*	**St John's Church**
Year 5	Thursday 10th December 2.30pm Friday 11th December 10.00am	**KS1 School Hall**
Year 6	Tuesday 15th December 2.30pm Thursday 17th December 9.30am	**KS1 School Hall**

Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football Competition

A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 girls who represented the school brilliantly at the football competition at Cheslyn Hay High School.

There was super goalkeeping from Harriet**,** fantastic attacking runs from Poppy, and excellent defending from Kaylee and Willow**.** The whole team worked incredibly well together, showing determination, teamwork and a fantastic attitude.

The girls were a credit to the school and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Well done, team!

Pictured here: Poppy H-G, Ivie F, Kaylee N, Jessica G, Willow D, Harriet M, Minnie H, Sophie G and Darcy H.



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