

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

22nd November 2024

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need collection last week. As a school, we raised £390.27 which is tremendous. Well done everyone!



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 25th November 2024 – Menu week 3.

3rd December Year 3 & Year 4
Theatre Trip (*Wolverhampton Grand Theatre – Beauty and the Beast*)

5th December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

6th December – Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

9th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall (*A – L surnames only*)

10th December – Reception trip to Amerton Farm

10th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (*M – Z surnames only*)

10th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 6 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

12th December – Nursery trip to Amerton Farm

12th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

12th December – Year 6 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

12th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

13th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

16th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 10.00am St John's Church

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

Real Life Superheroes

Year 2's current theme for English is 'real-life superheroes'. As well as finding out about ex-Five Ways superheroes such as Beth Cobden (England netball player) and Tegan Andrews (ice skating champion), we have also invited some current Five Ways superheroes to join class assemblies. Harry S from Year 6 spoke about his football achievements and playing for West Bromwich Albion Academy. Milli N from Year 5 spoke about her jujitsu. Celie B from Year 6 shared footage of her doing aerial hoop, and Alexandrina T from Year 4 spoke about her success in rhythmic gymnastics. All four children spoke really well in front of our children and also fielded some questions. Our children have been really excited to meet them. We started this unit of work before half term when we raised £48 for the NSPCC by carrying out our superhero walk.



Bad Weather Procedures

As we are now experiencing colder weather, please note 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. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link: [School Closures - Staffordshire County Council](#)



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Outstanding Choir Performance

I would like to congratulate the KS2 choir members who performed at Lichfield Cathedral on Thursday evening this week.

The concert was an incredible event which allowed pupils to participate in a massed choir event accompanied by a full orchestra singing a fantastic range of festive songs.

All children represented Five Ways so well and were a credit to our school; the choir sounded amazing singing in such a beautiful setting. Well done everyone!



Pumpkin Competition

At the end of last half term, you may remember that a group of Year 5 pupils designed and decorated pumpkins for a competition at our local Tesco store. Pupils gave up some time during their lunchtime for two weeks, to create some fantastic pumpkin designs. During half term, pumpkins from local schools were on show at Tesco, for customers to vote for.

I'm proud to announce that our Five Ways pumpkins came first, gaining 880 votes! Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for us. I would also like to give a huge 'well done' to the Year 5 pupils for their amazing artwork. We have been awarded a wonderful trophy for our Year 5 pupils to keep, which is proudly on show outside Mrs Fuller's office in the KS2 corridor.



Access Protection Markings (H Bar White Line) Local residents along Langholm Drive, have had white lines painted on the roadside outside of their properties, to prevent vehicles from blocking their driveways. Access protection markings (APM), also known as a 'H bar', are marked out with white lines and are used to mark the need for vehicle access. Motorists need to be aware these markings mean that access to the driveway is required at ALL times of the day. If a vehicle blocks a driveway with an APM, the resident can contact the police on the non-emergency number 101. No vehicles can be made exempt from such enforcement, this includes the residents own vehicles. Please also be aware that the registration numbers of any vehicles parking illegally or inconsiderately, will be reported to the police. Please support us in our local community by maintaining good relationships with local residents.

Reception Cohort September 2025 Drop-In Sessions

If you, or anyone you know, has a child of Nursery age and would like to come and take a look at our Reception classrooms and meet members of the Reception team, then please come along to our drop-in sessions in preparation for when your child starts school in September 2025. Parents and pupils are invited to book a place at one of our sessions that are taking place as follows:

Tuesday 10th December 2024 4.00pm – 4.30pm or 4.45pm – 5.15pm.

Wednesday 11th December 2024 4.00pm – 4.30pm or 4.45pm – 5.15pm.

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



Christmas Productions



This is a reminder of the dates and times for each year groups Christmas performance. Year Leaders 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.

Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Thursday 5th December 2.15pm Friday 6th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 10th December 2.15pm Wednesday 11th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 9th December 2.15pm (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Tuesday 10th December 10.00am (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Monday 16th December 10.00am (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Thursday 19th December 1.45pm (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>)	St John's Church
Year 4	Wednesday 18th December 1.45pm (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Thursday 19th December 10.30am (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>)	St John's Church
Year 5	Thursday 12th December 2.15pm Friday 13th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 6	Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm Thursday 12th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall

PTFA News! Christmas Raffle – Thank you to everyone who has already purchased and returned Christmas Raffle tickets. In order to go into the draw, please return stubs and money to your child's classteacher by **Monday 25th November**. Additional tickets can be purchased on line at www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways until midnight on 27th November. The draw will take place on 29th November, winners will be contacted and prizes will be available to collect from the office.

Reindeer Run - Next week is the final week of the Reindeer Run. Please check your child's Dasher Diary to see how they are getting on; we hope they are on track to meet their pledged distance. Please remember that parents can record any distance your child has run or walked outside of school on their Dasher Diary. We are looking forward to concluding the event by recognising your child's achievement with them receiving a certificate and wristband which they will come home with on 29th November. Please note, that Reindeer run medals will also come home on this day via your child's bag in an envelope addressed to their parent. We kindly ask that all sponsorship money is collected and returned to your child's classteacher in the envelope provided by **Friday 6th December**, and we look forward to sharing with you how much money we have raised.



Christmas Reindeer Workshop – A wonderful opportunity to make your own Christmas Reindeer is scheduled for Friday 29th November at 6.30pm in the KS1 Hall. Tickets are now on sale on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways

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