

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

24th January 2025

Mathematics Enrichment Day and Sponsored Maths Activity

At Five Ways, we are passionate about raising the profile of mathematics so that all pupils are excited about their learning in maths lessons. To increase the profile of maths across the school, all year groups will be taking part in a Mathematics Enrichment Day, held on Friday 7th February, where the focus for learning for the whole day will be on active engagement and enjoyment of maths. Our pupils will also be carrying out their sponsored event during w/c 3rd February. To complement our maths themed day, our sponsored event will also have a maths focus. A copy of your child's sponsor form has been sent home today and a description of the activity has been placed at the top of the sponsor form for your information. We kindly ask for all monies to be collected and delivered to school by Friday 7th March 2025. Once all of the sponsor money has been collected, the funds will be used to develop a large sandpit on our school grounds for all children to play in during their lunchtime period. Sandpits of the size we would like can cost up to £8000! We will look forward to keeping you updated about the development of our sandpit in the spring term and summer term Inform magazines.



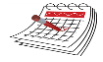
I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do not want to encourage pupils to go from door to door to collect sponsors as this would compromise their safety.

Bad Weather Procedures

In the event that school is unable to open due to bad weather conditions, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity and a notice will be uploaded onto our school website.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 27th January 2025 – Menu week 1.

W/B 27th January - Parent/Teacher Consultations Nursery to Year 6
(*After School Appointments*)

30th January – Whole School Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm

W/B 3rd February Sponsored Event

6th February – Nursery Open Evening – please ring the school office to book a place.

11th February – Safer Internet Day
(*More details to follow.*)

14th February – School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*) Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter themed hamper item or monetary donation – suggested amount £1.

24th February - School Opens for staff and pupils

6th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*More details to follow however, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)

12th March – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

14th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day (*More details to follow*)

27th March – Year 6 Latches Wood Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (Parents of children in Year 6.)

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

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Outstanding Choir Performance

I had the pleasure of attending the 'Young Voices' concert last week at the BP Pulse Arena, Birmingham. KS2 choir members from Five Ways performed alongside other school choirs from across the West Midlands. 49 of our pupils took part in the concert and performed in front of families and friends in a choir made up of approximately 6500 pupils. The atmosphere in the arena was amazing and the sound of thousands of children singing in harmony was beautiful. The choir sang with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists to create a remarkable performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Langston and Miss Maddocks for preparing our choir before the event along with the all of the Five Ways staff who attended and supervised the children. In addition, I would like to thank all of the parents and family members who supported the concert and went along to watch the performance. Well done everyone!



Here are Sophie Clews and Poppy Hill, who are both from Year 6, enjoying themselves at the concert.



Job Opportunity!

Due to staff absence, we are currently looking for someone to assist our site team with minor maintenance tasks on a casual basis. This role would be for 2 hours per day from 9.00am to 11.00am commencing 3rd February for approximately 3 months. No prior experience is necessary however, existing DIY skills would be useful. The role will involve being both indoors and outdoors, and applicants will therefore be expected to deal with inclement weather conditions.

For further details please contact the school office for an application pack. Standard interview procedures and safeguarding checks will apply.

New Classrooms! I have pleasure in informing you that the old mobile, currently used for teaching art and music, is due to be demolished over the half term break and will be replaced with 2 new classrooms similar to rooms behind the existing old mobile. This work is being funded mainly by Staffordshire County Council. Music and art lessons will take place in either the KS1 or KS2 main buildings whilst the work is being carried out. The construction area will be cordoned off once work has commenced.

Inconsiderate Parking and Dangerous Driving We continue to have issues with parking outside the school gates and in the nearby roads at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. A small minority of parents are continuing to park inconsiderately on corners, curbs, across the driveways of local residents (including those with access protection markings), and on double yellow lines and restricted areas. Please support us in parking safely and considerately for the safety of our pupils and our reputation with local residents.

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Nursery Places for 2025 – 2026

You are reminded that the application window for **Nursery places for September 2025** is now open. If you, or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age, and would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Hill as Early Years Leader or Miss Kershaw, who is our Nursery Year Leader. Application forms for Nursery are available to access on our school website via the 'Early Years' tab, or alternatively by following this link: [Five Ways School](#). **Please be aware that the closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 14th March 2025.**

If you would like to visit our Nursery during one of our scheduled Nursery Open Evenings, please book a place at one of our sessions taking place as follows:

Thursday 6th February 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 6th February 4.30pm – 5.00pm.



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

Holiday Club!

This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during February half term. For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link:

www.jcacademy.co.uk



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Well done to last week's winner!



PTFA News

World Book Day Costumes - Just as we did at Christmas time with Christmas jumpers, we are now taking for donations of any outgrown World Book Day costumes you no longer need and that are in a good condition. Any costume donations will be shared on our PTFA Facebook page where they can be claimed if they can be made use of in preparation of our upcoming World Book Day event taking place on 6th March; this is where all pupils are asked to dress up as a famous book character or nursery rhyme character for the day. Donations for costumes that are claimed are welcomed but not essential. Please send any unwanted costumes (that are in good condition) to the school office. Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies – To place an order, please visit the PTA Dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways and select the 'Shop' tab followed by selecting the 'Uniform and Merchandise' tab. **Please be aware that all orders need to be placed by Friday 9th February at the latest.**

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