

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

31st January 2025

Nursery Places for 2025 – 2026

This is a reminder 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](https://www.fiveways-school.org.uk). **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!

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 3rd February 2025 – Menu week 2.

W/B 3rd February – Active Maths Sponsored Event

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

7th February – Maths Enrichment Day

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

13th February – PTFA Silent Disco
KS2 Hall – **Ticket holders only:**

Year 1: 4:15pm – 5:00pm

Year 2: 5:15pm – 6:00pm

Year 3 & Year 4: 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Year 5 & Year 6: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

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

25th February – PTFA Meeting
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

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.*)

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

Dance Success!

I am pleased to report that Freyja W, who is in Miss Lane's class in Year 4, attended a dance competition last week where she won 1st place (out of 24 competitors) for her solo slow routine. This is a fabulous achievement as it means that Freyja now advances to the next category for her age group. Congratulations Freyja; this is amazing news!



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Children's Mental Health Week

Each year, there is a week dedicated to Children's Mental Health and this is taking place next week. The theme of the week changes each year. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The theme was chosen to help young people to learn more about themselves and what makes them the person they are.

All of us, whether children or adults, are different. We have our own qualities, talents, thoughts, opinions and personalities. This is what makes our world a wonderful and diverse place.

By developing children's self-awareness, we can help them to identify and understand how they feel in different situations. This can help them to build resilience and confidence.

Throughout next week, staff will be talking to children about being kind and respectful to one another and discussing that fact that we all have different interests, hopes, dreams, likes, dislikes, challenges and talents. Children will also be encouraged to enter into discussions about what makes them feel happy, sad, excited or worried and how they behave when they are feeling these emotions. Children will learn that there is no one else who is exactly the same as them because each of them are unique in their special way and that these differences should be celebrated. Throughout next week, children will be encouraged to take the time to think about the skills they have, the qualities they have and the talents they have.



Maths Enrichment Day including Sponsored Active Maths

This is a reminder that all year groups will be taking part in a maths day next 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 next week which will have an active maths focus. You should have received a copy of your child's sponsor form last week and a description of the activity that they will take part in was placed at the top of the sponsor form for your information. We would be grateful if sponsor money could be returned to school by Friday 7th March.

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.



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Football News!

I am pleased to report that our Year 6 Boys' football team took part in the Under 11 County Cup Football Match against Perton Middle School last week and won! Mr Redpath wrote, 'This fixture has already been dubbed 'Match of the Season!' In a pulsating encounter, with end to end action and some quality goals, our boys triumphed by 6 goals to 5. Goals from Harry S (2), Harrison D-Y (2), Charlie K and Logan K saw the team progress to the quarter-final stage. A difficult pitch and challenging conditions did not detract from an outstanding all-round team performance. Well done boys!' This is excellent news and we look forward to hearing how the team get on in their next match.



Back Row (left to right): Harry S, Joe T, Charlie K, Oscar H, Bradley B.

Front Row (left to right): Logan K, Ethan G, Ethan H, Logan J, Harrison DY.

Girls Grey School Tights and Girls Underwear Donations

We are in need of grey school tights or girls' underwear ages 5-6yrs and 7-8yrs so that we can have spare items for children to change into. If you are able to donate any of the items mentioned, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.



PTFA News

KS1 and KS2 Silent Disco – Taking place on Thursday 13th February. Tickets cost £3.50 and are now on sale via the PTFA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways Please note, tickets must be purchased in advance, and are **only on sale until midnight on the 10th February**. Unfortunately, disco tickets are **NOT** available from the school office or via the door on the night of the disco. Times are as follows:
Year 1 – 4:15pm – 5:00pm
Year 2 – 5:15pm – 6:00pm
Years 3 and 4 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Years 5 and 6 – 7:30pm – 8:30pm



Please be aware that **Friday 14th February** is a non-uniform day in school in exchange for an Easter themed chocolate donation or monetary donation (suggested amount £1) for the Easter Bingo event.

Volunteers – The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help at the spring term events. To find out more about volunteering for these events, please see the PTFA dashboard as you go through to ordering tickets or contact the PTFA Chairperson directly at fivewaysptfa@gmail.com Alternatively, please make contact via the PTFA Facebook page.

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