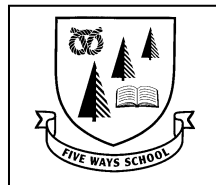


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

7th March 2025

Comic Relief Day



This is a reminder that on 21st March, (please note the new date due to an error in last week's newsletter), Five Ways will be supporting Comic Relief day. Pupils are asked to bring their red noses to school on this day, and will be able to wear them during break times for a monetary donation. (Suggested amount of £1.) Pupils will also learn about the good causes of the charity during assembly on this day. Thank you in advance for all donations received.

Attendance

As it is now March, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of February. The percentage attendance for the whole school for February was 95%. Congratulations to Reception and Year 4 who have achieved the highest monthly attendance of 96%. Congratulations also to Miss Emery's class in Year 5, with the highest class attendance of 98%. **Remember that at Five Ways, it is our expectation that all pupils have an attendance percentage of 97% or above.**

Reception	96%
Y1	95%
Y2	95%
Y3	94%
Y4	96%
Y5	94%
Y6	95%



As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Reception and Year 4 who were the winning year groups in February. Enjoy your extra playtime!

Please remember, that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
10th March 2025 –
Menu week 3.

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

21st March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day

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

3rd April – Year 5 Meeting Dearne Valley 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 5.*)

4th April – PTFA Easter Bingo Event (*Tickets holders only.*)

10th April – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 3.00pm KS2 playground.

10th April – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

11th April - School Closes for Easter Break (*Normal Times*)

28th April – School Opens for staff and pupils.

w/c 28th April – Year 6 Laches Wood Residential (4-night stay away in Coven, Wolverhampton.)

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

Nursery Application:

This is an important reminder that applications for your child's Nursery place ready for September 2025, need to be submitted by **14th March**. Application forms are available to access on our school website.

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Football News! I am pleased to report that last week, 2 of our football teams travelled away to local rivals Jerome Primary school. Mr Garner wrote, 'Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils played in two teams which faced off against Jerome in an exhilarating mini football tournament. The competition was fierce, with both Five Ways teams displaying remarkable resilience and teamwork. Each team played 3 games, with the most competitive game coming when both Five Ways teams faced off against each other! Ultimately, Jerome secured victory with wins over both our Five Ways teams.' Well done to both teams – you were fantastic!



Dance Show!

During the half term break, Hettie and Bella who are in Miss Emery's class in Year 5 , Evie who is in Mrs Moorhouse's class in Year 6, and Brody who is in Mrs Marsh's/Mrs Mander's class in Year 4, performed a production of 'Over the Rainbow' at the Prince of Wales theatre. They had a busy week with rehearsals and appearing in multiple shows between them. Their parts included dancing in tap, jazz, street and musical theatre, singing, speaking parts and the role of characters from Wicked and The Wizard of Oz. They had a 'wicked' time and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done, this is amazing news! Pictured here (left to right) Hettie, Bella, Evie and Brody.



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'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka Style Golden Ticket Competition

Recently, pupils had an opportunity to enter a competition run by PTFA to design a 'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style chocolate bar wrapper. The PTFA received over 100 entries and I am pleased to announce that Elsie S, who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 5, won the competition! 2nd place was awarded to Mollie L, who is in Mr Garner's class in Year 4, and 3rd place was awarded to Evelyn B, who is in Mrs Darby's class in Year 3. Elsie designed a lovely wrapper which was placed on all of the Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style golden ticket chocolate bars. Well done Elsie!

1st Place



OPAL Play Wish List!

The children are loving our OPAL play lunchtimes, and we are now looking to further develop our existing areas and introduce new activities. Please could we ask for donations of the following to help with our OPAL adventures:



Baking trays	Muffin Tins	Pots and Pans
Plastic lids and tubs	Plastic pipes	Guttering
Metal spoons, ladels and spatulas	Wooden utensils	Biscuit tins
Blankets and cushions	Bed sheets	Suitcases

We are always in need of donations of Lego, Duplo, action figures and dolls, so please always contact the school office if you have any donations you could bring in. We really appreciate your support and look forward to sharing more photos and updates about our OPAL journey with you. Please could any donations be brought to the collections area outside the school office.

PTFA News!

Easter Bingo – 4th April and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 10th April – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways. Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

Egg Decorating Competition – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 7th April ready for judging. Good luck everyone! Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard until Sunday 6th April: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways.



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