



Pye Green Academy
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Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

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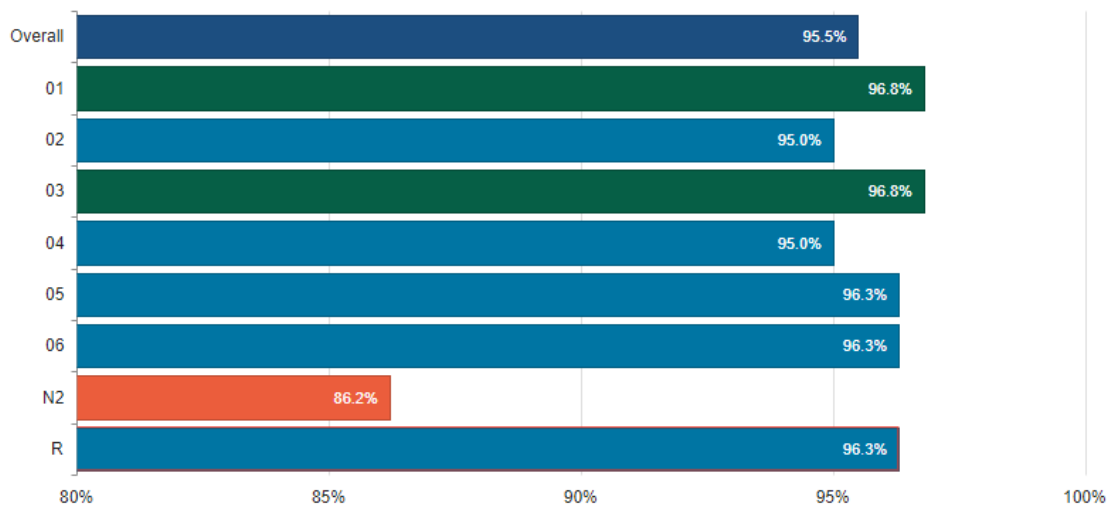


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Attendance

At Pye Green Academy, we always aspire to high standards of attendance and punctuality. We want to work together with families to ensure that all pupils are ready to learn - we prioritise attendance improvement across the school.



Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 for having the best attendance this week 😊

Unfortunately, no other classes achieved attendance over 97% this week.





Greenheart Updates/School Developments

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LEARNING PARTNERSHIP 



As a school, we are committed to staff professional development.

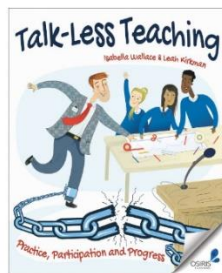
Last week, teachers and teaching assistants took part in a twilight session delivered by Isabella Wallace, author of the book 'Talk-Less Teaching'.

As professionals, we recognise that long periods of teacher talk in lessons will not always keep a class spellbound.

We know that we need other techniques on which we can draw to help pupils embed learning and make progress.

At Pye Green, we aim to create active learners who are fully engaged in their learning and Isabella's training gave staff many ideas for use in their classrooms.

Please see our Twitter/X page for examples of some of the techniques in action.



PTFA – Committee Nomination

Over many years, members of our PTFA have worked extremely hard and effectively to raise money for the children of our school. The PTFA organises regular social events such as discos, bingo and the annual Christmas/Summer Fairs. For them to be successful and representative, we need as many active members as possible.

This term, we will be holding the PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) during which they will elect members of the PTFA Committee and its officers - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The elected members of the committee will be the legal trustees of the PTFA and carry the responsibilities thus entailed.

**Every member of the school community is invited to attend the AGM.
A date/time will be sent out in due course.**

Even if you do not wish to be a member of the committee, we would welcome your support and will be drawing up a list after the AGM of people willing to help at PTFA events.

If you wish to stand for election to the PTFA Committee, please collect a slip from the main school office and return it to school by **Monday 21st October 2024**.

Applications will need to be proposed and seconded by members of the school community. Nominations for election to the committee may be made by one member of the school community seconded by another. Nominations must have the consent of the nominee.

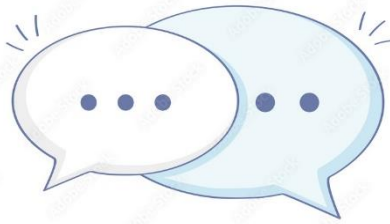
Weekly Talking Point

Each week, there will be questions in the newsletter to be used as conversation starters for adults and children to enjoy together.

Try using them when you eat your meal together or when you have a quiet time. Turn off the TV and put all phones away and enjoy chatting together 😊

What is the
strangest thing that
grown-ups do?

Meaningful Chats



Follow up

What do you think
parents need to
remember about
being a kid?

Go deeper

Do you think grown
ups are unfair to kids?
Why or why not?

Football Win

This week, our Y5/6 football team took part in the Cannock and Rugeley District football tournament, involving 13 teams. Pye Green came top of the group and went on to win both the quarter and semi-finals. The team also then won the final, only conceding one goal throughout the whole tournament! Special recognition also goes to Callum who won the Most Valuable Player Award for the whole tournament chosen by the School Games Organiser.

Well done team - what a fantastic achievement 😊



School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Thursday 17th October 2024**.

Children will have individual photographs taken.

If you would like to have brothers and sisters photographed together as a family group, please let the office know so this can be arranged.

If you would like pre-school brothers and sisters photographed with older siblings, we should be grateful if you would bring them along to the school hall at **8 am**.



Could your child be entitled to Pupil Premium?

If you think the answer is yes, you could get:

Reduced costs for all school trips, including the Y6 residential

- Supermarket vouchers during school holidays
- Reduced cost music lessons
- Free holiday activities (food included)
- Support with school uniform

Staffordshire County Council have a self-checking service for this (please use the link below)

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

If you would prefer, school can complete the check for you over the telephone using your National Insurance Number. This takes a matter of minutes. Please call the school office if you would like to check if you are eligible.

Pye Green Academy Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies within school. They can be found on WMJobs using the links below.

Lunchtime Supervisor (x3 vacancies)

Teaching Assistant

[Job Search | WMJobs](#)

Please could you share this link with anyone you feel may be interested in applying.



Digital Family Agreement

With some children as young as 3 or 4 years old now having mobile phones, is a 'digital family agreement' something that would be useful in your household?

Digital Family Agreement



I will:

Why?

Check with mum before getting a new app or game or buying an add-on so she can check it's safe.

Set up privacy and safety settings on any apps and sites I use and show them to dad, so he doesn't worry.

Check with mum or dad before going live and explain what I can do to avoid any risks.

Not post or share any personal information, e.g. mobile, address, to stay private and safe.

Put my phone down when we're eating together or mum or dad want to talk, as it's respectful.

Turn off notifications when I'm doing homework and at bed time, to help concentrate and sleep.

Come off my devices an hour before bedtime to unwind and sleep well.

If there are any issues:

We will talk about it calmly and respectfully
I may have to show you more about what I am doing on my devices.

Parent/carer will:

Why?

Put our devices down when you want to talk to me/us so we can model good behaviour.

Keep our mobiles away for important family time, e.g. breakfast and dinner so we can have quality time and talk.

Trust you to manage your screen time sensibly as we agreed, and only say something if I/we are worried, to help you stay safe and healthy.

Ask permission before sharing any photos of you, to respect your privacy.

If I'm worried by anything:

I can tell mum or dad and they won't judge me
I can talk to Ms Patel at school
I can contact Childline or The Mix

Signed: *Sophie* Mum Dad

Today's date: 24th March

Date we will review this: 24th May

Download me again and find more support for parents at parentsafe.lgfl.net

Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- National Autistic Society – parent courses
- Local Area Information for Families
- FREE Autism Parent/Carer Workshop
- Funding for School Letter
- School Vacancies Letter

What's Happening Next Week?

- Y6 Parents' Evening
- KS2 Dance Workshop (free)
- Tempest Photographs
- Y2 Artist Workshop (free)

Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

Tuesday 15th October – Parents' Evening (*Y6 only*)

Wednesday 16th October - Parents' Evening (*Y6 only*)

Wednesday 16th October - KS2 Dance Workshop linked to Black History Month

Thursday 17th October – Tempest Photographer in School

Thursday 17th October – Artist Matt Sayers working with Year 2

Week beginning 21st October – Year 6 residential to Laches Wood

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evening

Monday 4th November – Y1 Forest School Begins

Thursday 7th November – PCSO Visit (Year 1) People who Help us

Thursday 7th November – Police Cadets Group Begins (Y5/6)

Friday 8th November – PCSO Visit – Keeping Safe Workshops

Monday 11th November – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week

Wednesday 13th November – KS2 Rocktopus Workshop

Friday 22nd November – Year 1 Trip to Hednesford Museum

Tuesday 10th December – Nursery Christmas Sing Along

Wednesday 11th December – Reception Nativity @ 10am

Wednesday 11th December – Year 2 Christmas Performance @ 2pm

Thursday 12th December – Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9.30am

Monday 16th December – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert at Chadsmoor Methodist Church

Tuesday 17th December – whole school pantomime

Wednesday 18th December - Year 5/6 Christmas Concert at Kingsmead @ 1.30pm

Friday 20th December – Police Cadets Celebration Assembly (Y5/6)

Thursday 16th January – Young Voices

Wednesday 12th February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th June – KS2 Jungle Book production

Crucial Assessment Dates for 2024/2025

Throughout May 2025 – Y2 SATS tests (Please do not book holidays this month)

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025 – Year 6 SATS (please do not book holidays this week)

Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June 2025 – Y4 Times Tables Check (please do not book holidays this fortnight)

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June 2025 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week (Please do not book holidays this week)

Dates for 2025/2026 can be found by following the link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

School Year 2024 to 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Inset days, school closed to children (INSET DAY 1 and 2)

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 3)

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2nd June Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4)

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Holiday: Monday 21st July – Friday 29 August

Monday 21st July Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

School Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 September INSET DAY – School closed to children (INSET DAY 1)

Term Starts: Tuesday 2 September

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5 January

Holiday: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Term Ends: Friday 27 March

Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Holiday: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Term Ends: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

Week One Date W/C 14/10/2024

Primary Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Hunter's Chicken	Pork Sausages	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Fish Fingers	Chicken Chow Mein
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Pasta Neapolitan	Vegetarian Sausages	Quarn Balls & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Yellow	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans
Vegetables Carbs	Brown & White Rice Sweetcorn Peas	Potato Wedges Green Beans	Roast Potatoes Fresh Carrots Broccoli	Diced Potatoes Fresh Carrots Cauliflower	Chips Peas and Baked Beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Waffle	Chocolate Cookie	American Pancakes with variety of toppings	Marble Sponge & Custard	Fruity Friday A selection of Fruit based desserts