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# Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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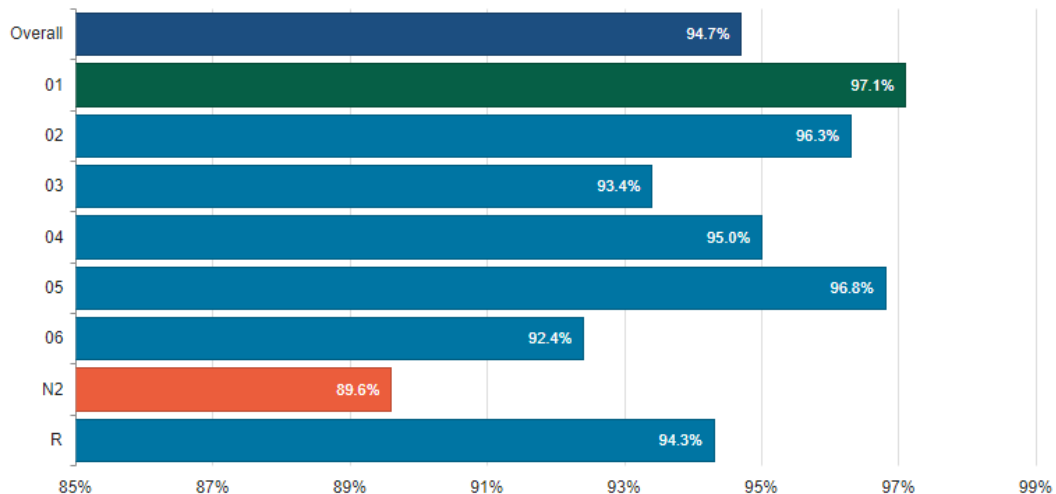
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18/11/2024 showing on last page of newsletter

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## Attendance

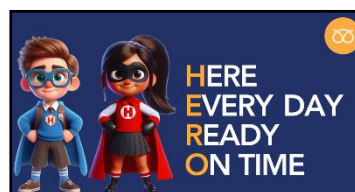
At Pye Green Academy, we always aspire to high standards of attendance and punctuality. We want to work together with families to ensure that all pupils are ready to learn - we prioritise attendance improvement across our school. Our aim every week is for each class to be at least above 96% attendance.



Well done to Year 1 for having the best attendance this week at an amazing 97.1% 😊

Year 5, you were so close to achieving a certificate for over 97% too.

As a school, we are *currently in line with National average* although attendance last half term was much higher. Let's all push to be above National figures next week.



## Greenheart Updates/School Developments



# GREENHEART LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



### *"Our World Through Our Eyes":*



*'Capture images that reflect your perspective on your academy environment, community or area.'*

As a Partnership of 10 schools, we are running a photography competition this term.

If your child would like to enter, please email [vridgway@pga.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:vridgway@pga.greenheartlearning.org) your child's chosen photograph before **Monday 2nd December 2024**.

- **Device:** All photographs must be taken using an iPad.
- **Format:** Digital submissions must be in JPEG or PNG format.
- **Editing:** Minimal editing is allowed (e.g. cropping, brightness adjustments, black and white).
- **Content:** Images must be appropriate for a school setting and reflect the competition theme – no pupil faces due to GDPR and safeguarding.

Good luck everyone 😊

## Inconsiderate Parking

As always, our main priority in school is pupil safety. I would like to remind a small minority of parents to park legally and considerately when dropping off and picking up your children. This is crucial for ensuring the safety of our pupils and preventing accidents.

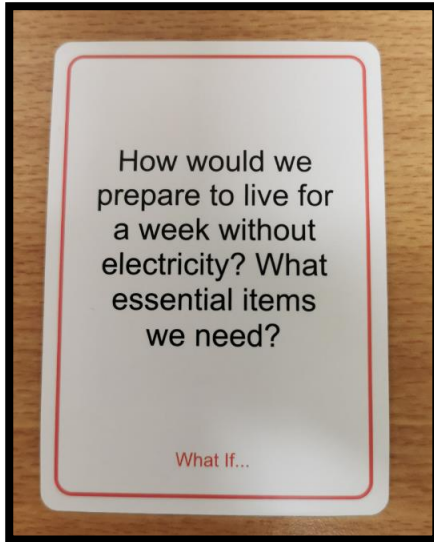
It helps to:

- **Keep pedestrian paths** clear, allowing our students to walk safely to and from school without obstacles.
- **Ensure crossing patrols have clear vision** to help students cross the road safely. Recently some cars have been blocking their view, making it difficult to protect our children.
- **Provide unobstructed access** for emergency vehicle, ensuring they can reach the school quickly in case of an emergency.
- **Maintain smooth traffic flow**, reducing congestion and the risk of accidents around the school area.

Please can I also remind parents that the school car park is reserved exclusively for those with a disability badge or a school parking permit. Under no circumstances should drivers tailgate or use the car park without permission.



## Weekly Talking Point



Please engage your children in as many discussion opportunities at home as you can.

**Discussion helps children process information, think critically and articulate content in their own words.**

## Rocktopus

On Wednesday, the children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a visit from Rocktopus, an amazing rock band for children who run workshops in primary schools. They took part in their "Rock the Sport" workshops. With their help, our children wrote their own songs and starred in their own music videos! There is a video Years 3 to 6.

**Please see the attached letter for more details on how to view the videos.**



## Young Poet Competition – Staffordshire County Council "Winter is Calling"

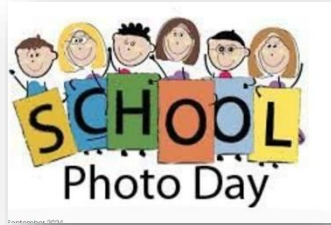
Get creative with Staffordshire's Young Poets Competition. Staffordshire's new Young Poet Laureate, Harry has developed a competition for other young people who are passionate about poetry, or who want to give it a go. The competition is open to all young people aged 8-16 who live or go to school in Staffordshire.

Prizes include book vouchers and poetry workshops.

Only one poem per entry is permitted – it must be typed and sent in WORD or PDF format, using a simple font and no longer than 30 lines in length. Please include name, age and contact details.

Send entries to: [connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk) by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024





## Tempest

Tempest Photography will be in school again on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

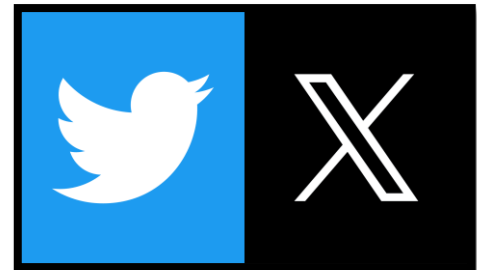
Please note, this is only for those pupils who were absent on the initial day.



## Twitter (X)

We have been incredibly busy this week in school with Anti Bullying Week, Rocktopus and Children in Need.

To keep up to date with everything we do and see our children enjoying the learning opportunities we provide, please visit our X account (previously Twitter) at **@PyeGreenAcademy**



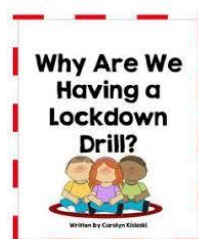
## Lockdown Drill

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff and following the distribution of our Lockdown Policy last academic year, we will be conducting a lockdown drill within school during the week beginning 25th November 2024.

The purpose of this drill is to prepare our students and staff for a potential emergency situation in a safe and controlled manner. It is important that everyone knows the procedures to follow to stay safe. The drill will be carried out with the utmost care to ensure that it is a positive learning experience for all.

We understand that the concept of a lockdown drill can be concerning for parents and children. Please be assured that the drill is conducted in a sensitive manner, and our staff will provide support to any students who may feel anxious.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming lockdown drill, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all.



## Staying Safe Online

With Christmas approaching, you may be considering purchasing new technology.

The NSPCC has lots of tips and advice on its website. This includes sections on gaming, parental controls, online wellbeing, information about chat apps and many other things. There is even an online safety newsletter that you can sign up to if you wish.

All information can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

### Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Young Poets Competition Information
- Lockdown Procedure
- Rocktopus Video Information
- Uniform Policy

### What's Happening Next Week?

- Reception Open Days
- Y1 School Trip

## Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Kingsmead Y5 Anti Bullying Assembly and Workshop

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Open Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Open Day

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Tempest Photograph for Absent Pupils

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Year 1 Trip to Hednesford Museum

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Come Dine with Me

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Non-Uniform Day (donations for the Christmas Fair appreciated)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Christmas Sing Along

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity @ 10am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas Performance @ 2pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 Christmas Performance @ 9.30am

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Fair (3.30pm start)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3/4 Christmas Concert at Chadsmoor Methodist Church

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – whole school pantomime

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Police Cadets Celebration Assembly (Y5/6)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Young Voices

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 Come Dine with Me

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evening

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents' Evening

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1 and 2) 6 children per day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Jungle Book production

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 Come Dine with Me

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 3 Come Dine with Me

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 4 Bikeability (Level 1)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 4 Come Dine with Me

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Come Dine with Me

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Lunch

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Prom

## **Crucial Assessment Dates for 2024/2025**

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

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

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

### Spring Term 2025

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

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4)

**Term Ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 29 August

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Two Date W/C 18/11/2024**

| <b>Primary Menu Week 2</b>            | <b>MONDAY</b>                                  | <b>TUESDAY</b>                                   | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                               | <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>FRIDAYS</b>                                       |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Main Course (Red)</b>              | Chicken Goujons                                | Beef & Bean Chilli                               | Roast Pork & Gravy                             | Chicken Tikka Masala   | Pizza Selection                                      |
| <b>Vegetarian Main Course (Green)</b> | Vegetable Lasagne v                            | Country Vegetable Bake v                         | Shepherdess Pie v                              | Quorn Burger v   | Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry v                   |
| <b>Yellow</b>                         | 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               |
| <b>Vegetables Carbs</b>               | Potato Crunchies<br>Sweetcorn<br>Fresh Carrots | Brown & white Rice<br>Cauliflower<br>Green Beans | Roast Potatoes<br>Fresh Carrots<br>Cauliflower | Brown & white Rice<br>Diced potatoes<br>Garden Peas<br>Fresh Carrots | Chips<br>Rice<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked Beans            |
| <b>Sandwich Option (Blue)</b>         | Ham Packed Lunch                               | Cheese Packed Lunch                              | Tuna Packed Lunch                              | Ham Packed Lunch   | Cheese Packed Lunch                                  |
| <b>Dessert</b>                        | Mini Doughnut                                  | Syrup Sponge Custard                             | Chocolate Shortbread                           | Fruit Jelly  | Fruity Friday<br>A selection of Fruit based desserts |