



Pye Green Academy
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Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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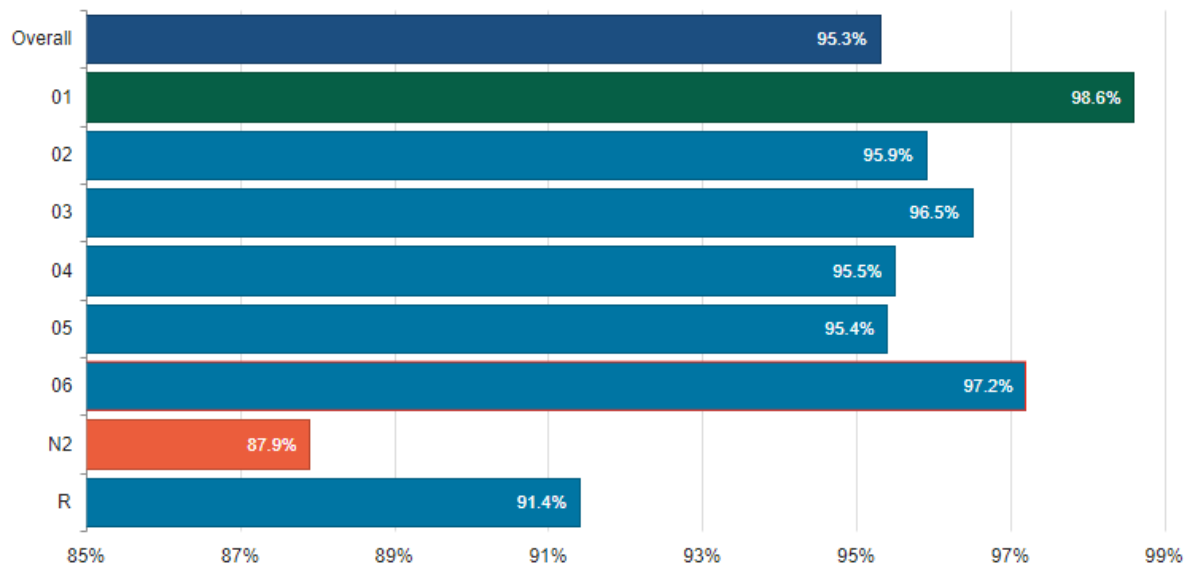
Menu for week
commencing

21/10/2024 showing on last
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enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org

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. Our aim every week is for every class to be at least above 96% attendance.



Well done to Year **AGAIN** for having the best attendance this week 😊
Year 6 will also receive a certificate this week for attendance over 97%.



Greenheart Updates/School Developments



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This week, Mrs Yates and Mrs Scott met with our CEO (Mrs Money) and our Director of Education (Mr Chambers) to discuss plans to develop 'Global Food Citizens' of the future at Pye Green. This will involve our children learning more about where our food comes from as well as developing a range of cookery skills required for life. This is an exciting project which will develop over the coming years and will see our pupils growing their own food in the greenhouse and planned allotment and then using the products in their lessons.

Who knows, we may even be able to host our own Farmer's Market in the future 😊

Going forward, each week there will be affordable family recipes attached to the newsletter for you to share at home.

I wonder how many children could cook the meals with their parents and send us photographs of what they produce?



Our children have already been consulted about how we could improve their lunchtime dining experience and some of their ideas have already been implemented.

They said...	We...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• they needed more chairs/tables• they wanted to see less mess on the floor• they wanted more fruit options• wanted music in the background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• have them on order• arranged lunchtime monitors• agreed with the kitchen to have a fruit bowl• are preparing the music



Pupils are currently voting for which after school clubs they would like to see on offer during the year.



PTFA – Committee Nomination Last Chance to Apply

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

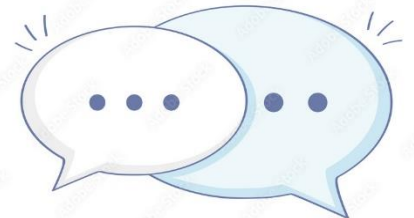
Top Tips

Pick your moment: Start conversations at appropriate times. Kids might be less likely to talk when they're tired, hungry, or decompressing after a long school day.

Pay attention to your child: Give your child full attention when you're talking to them. Put away distractions, such as mobile phones or other devices, and maintain eye contact. This shows that you value the conversation!

Be an active listener: Listening is a crucial part of effective communication. Show that you're actively listening by nodding, asking clarifying questions, and providing verbal and non-verbal cues that you're engaged in the conversation. Also, give your child a chance to formulate thoughts and respond.

If you could explore any place in the world, where would you go and what would you do there?



Staffing Update

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Ray has now started her maternity leave after welcoming baby Frankie into the world last week. We are so pleased for the Ray family and wish them a lifetime of fun and beautiful memories.



Mrs Scott will also begin her maternity leave after half term as they await the arrival of their baby.

Mrs Yates will be taking over the role of SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) during Mrs Ray's maternity leave. Any questions for her can be sent to enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org and will be passed on.

Whilst Mrs Scott is on maternity leave, Miss Edkins will be stepping into the role of Deputy Head and Mrs Darby will become Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Clarke will be taking over Mrs Scott's teaching commitments in Years 5 and 6.



Come Dine with Me

Our successful 'Come Dine with Me' parent and child lunches will start again on **Wednesday 27th November**.

We will begin with *Reception*.

Dates for other year groups are on the upcoming events list at the end of the newsletter.

Further information will be sent out after Half Term.



Proud Moments

Please continue to send in photographs of your child's achievements outside of school so that we can display them in our entrance hall.

Emails with the photographs can be sent to cdowning@pga.greenheartlearning.org

If you would prefer for your child to bring in their medals, awards etc. staff can take photographs in school and then display them.



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.

Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Half Term make a bug hotel family activity
- Rice Noodle Fritters recipe

What's Happening Next Week?

- Y6 are off to Laches Wood
- Parents' Evening for Nursery to Year 5

Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

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

Tuesday 5th November – Y5 Anti Bullying Assembly and Workshop

Wednesday 6th November – Y2 Fire Service Visit (Fire Safety)

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

Thursday 14th November – Y1 Fire Service Visit (Road Safety)

Friday 22nd November – Year 1 Trip to Hednesford Museum

Wednesday 27th November – Reception Come Dine with Me

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

Friday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day

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 29th January – Year 1 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 12th February – Parents' Evening
Thursday 13th February - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th June – KS2 Jungle Book production
Wednesday 5th March – Year 2 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 9th April – Year 3 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 21st May – Year 4 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 11th June – Year 5 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 Leaver's Lunch
Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 Prom

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 Two Date W/C 21/10/2024

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