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# Newsletter

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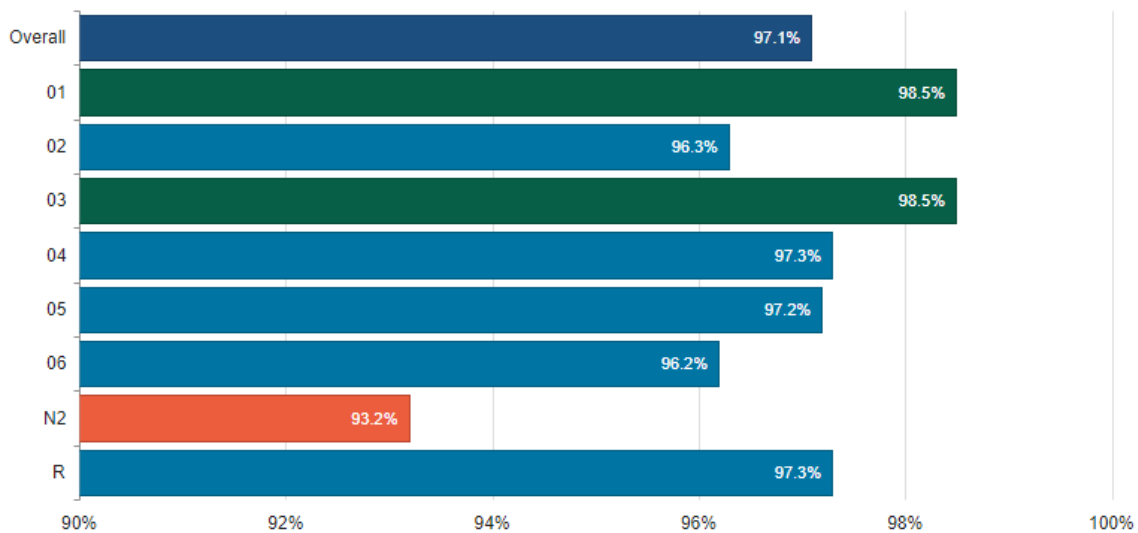
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## Attendance

As part of our whole school attendance drive, we have introduced weekly reward trophies for the year group with the highest attendance and joined the Local Authority HEROES scheme. In addition, for those year groups who achieve above 97% attendance for the week, they will also be awarded a Headteacher certificate. When the year group have collected six certificates, they can enjoy a class reward agreed with their teacher.



**Attendance overall this week is amazing again – thank you for your support 😊**  
**Well done to both Year 1 and Year 3 for the highest attendance this week.**  
**Certificates will be delivered to six year groups for attendance over 97% this week!**



## Greenheart Updates/School Developments



**GREENHEART**  
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP 



On our KS2 playground, we have displayed for pupils/families our joint Greenheart and Pye Green aims for pupils at our school. From the time that pupils join our school to when they leave us, we will have worked as a team to develop these skills in all of our young learners.

Throughout our curriculum, school improvement plan and enrichment activities we endeavour to make sure pupils leave our school as well-rounded individuals.



In addition, we have also renewed our school vision which can be found attached to the newsletter email.

Please read through our shared vision and offer for your children.



## PTFA – We Need New Members

Over recent years, we have been fortunate to have had a small number of dedicated parents who have supported Linsey Smith to run our PTFA (Parents Teacher and Friend Association). This group have organised many successful, memorable events and raised much needed money to support the development of our school community.

Unfortunately, Linsey is now having to step down as Chair and Treasurer of this group. We are hoping that someone within our parent body may be willing to take on this role.

If you might be interested in taking on this position or would like an informal chat with Mrs Yates and Linsey regarding that role, please email [enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org)

We are hopeful that new members and a new Chair will be able to take this on so that community events and fundraising can continue for the pupils and families of Pye Green.



## How you can help your child improve their oracy at home

Try these techniques to help your child become a more **confident communicator** in school and at home.

### Read aloud to your child

Reading aloud to your child, well beyond the age they can read for themselves, combines the benefits of talking, listening and storytelling within one activity that helps children build their vocabulary, learn to express their thoughts, and understand the structure of language.

### Play word games

Games like 20 Questions, Guess Who? and I Spy are great for helping children use descriptive language and think critically about what they're saying.

### Talk about their day

Ask your child, 'What did you do today?' and they'll often claim they can't remember, so find different ways to talk about what they've been up to. Eating your evening meal as a family is a good way to encourage conversation, while older kids are often chattier in the car, where they feel less like they're being interrogated.



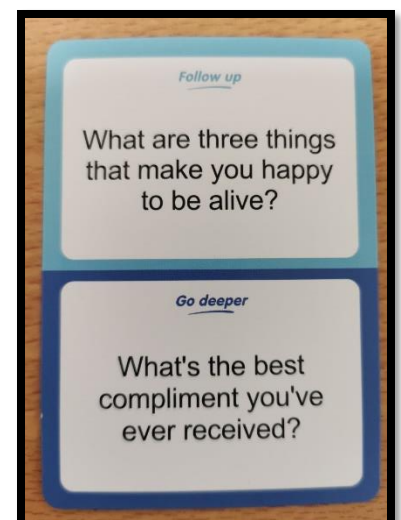
### Phone a friend (or relative)

Persuade your child to take a break from text and WhatsApp and develop their speaking skills by making an actual phone call. Encouraging them to speak to different family members on the phone or on a video call will build confidence.

## 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 😊



## Harvest - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Our Harvest assembly will take place this year on **Wednesday 25th September**.

The term 'harvest' refers to the process of collecting food in preparation for the winter months and also the sharing of food amongst communities. We are very aware that many of our families are not able to donate as freely as they used to with current financial positions, but we would welcome any donations from those who feel able.



This year, we are supporting the Lighthouse Charity and would appreciate any donations of **tinned food, pasta, cereals, long life milk or toiletries**. Please ensure foods are in date and unopened.

Your generosity will help support those in need within our community.



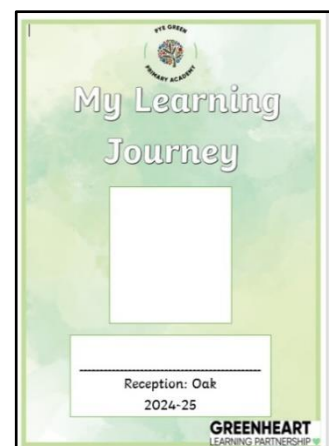
## Tapestry

We are saying goodbye to Tapestry at Pye Green. After careful consideration and support from our Early Years advisor, we have decided to move away from the online learning journal.

We want to share as much of your child's learning journey as possible and ensure what we do is accessible to all, so we will now provide all parents in Nursery and Reception with:

- *A weekly newsletter that will outline what your child has been learning, the class text that your child is reading, what you can do at home to support and any important dates and messages.*
- *A half termly 'Get to know my child' sheet for you to complete at home with your child to keep us updated on their likes and interests and to keep us informed on any significant events happening in their lives.*
- *A half-termly A3 sheet that contains photos and observations of your child to help you understand where your child is working and identify the next steps in their learning. This will be yours to keep!*
- *More photographs and a personalised learning journey book that can be observed in school at various times throughout the school year and will be yours to keep at the end of the academic year.*

You will also be able to see photographs on our School X account (previously Twitter), if permission for your child has been granted. If you have not already followed our page, please do so!



## Recycle Glasses and Hearing Aids

In conjunction with Cannock Lions, we now have a recycling facility for both hearing aids and glasses.

Located in the main entrance, you can donate unwanted spectacles and hearing aids.

These will then be used to improve the life of a person in the developing world.

Please do not include glasses cases or cloths. Thank you.



## Katherine Rundell (Author)

This week, Year 5 got to participate in a webinar with Katherine Rundell organised by Waterstones. Hundreds of schools across the country took part too. She explained how she came up with the ideas for her latest book 'Impossible Creatures' that we are currently reading as our class text. We were fascinated when she talked about the experiences she has had through her life that inspired all her book ideas. She told us how, when she wrote the Explorer, she went to the Amazon and saw pink dolphins and swam with piranhas. She also told us about eating piranha and tarantulas, which are things she included in the story!



We really enjoyed listening to her talking about her writing so passionately and it has inspired us to write our own stories. We were very excited when she told us that she was currently writing a sequel to 'Impossible Creatures' and can't wait to read it!

It has inspired me to write at home. She has given me lots of ideas.  
(Abigail)

I want to get her next book. I think we should read that next.  
(Dougie)

I am flabbergasted that she has done the things she has. She is so brave.  
(Daisy)

I want to be an author. I love how they are real life adventures.  
(Gabriella)

I'm shocked she ate piranhas.  
(Jamie)

It has inspired me to not give up on something I find difficult.  
(Ellie)

## Diarrhoea and vomiting – NHS Guidance

Diarrhoea and vomiting are common in adults, children and babies. They're often caused by a stomach bug and should stop in a few days.

Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days. The advice is the same if you have diarrhoea and vomiting together or separately.

If you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do your normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until you feel better.

To help avoid spreading an infection:

- wash your hands with soap and water frequently
- wash any clothing or bedding that has poo or vomit on it separately on a hot wash
- clean toilet seats, flush handles, taps, surfaces and door handles every day
- do not prepare food for other people, if possible
- do not share towels, flannels, cutlery or utensils
- do not use a swimming pool until at least 48 hours after your symptoms stop

### Do

- ✓ stay at home and get plenty of rest
- ✓ drink lots of fluids, such as water or squash – take small sips if you feel sick
- ✓ carry on breast or bottle feeding your baby – if they're being sick, try giving small feeds more often than usual
- ✓ give babies on formula or solid foods small sips of water between feeds
- ✓ eat when you feel able to – it may help to avoid foods that are fatty or spicy
- ✓ take [paracetamol](#) if you're in discomfort – check the leaflet before giving it to your child

### Don't

- ✗ do not have fruit juice or fizzy drinks – they can make diarrhoea worse
- ✗ do not make baby formula weaker – use it at its usual strength
- ✗ do not give children under 12 medicine to stop diarrhoea
- ✗ do not give aspirin to children under 16

## Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- A copy of our school vision and values
- A copy of our new Attendance Policy

## What's Happening Next Week?

- Inflatable planetarium visit (Y5)
- Harvest Festival (all pupils)
- Nursery and Reception outdoor area improvement work (letter sent 17/9/24)
- KS2 basketball post being installed

## Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Harvest

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 5 Inflatable Planetarium Visit in school

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 5 Loudmouth Drama Group Visit

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - KS1 Dance Workshop - linked to World Animal Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents' Evening (*Y6 only*)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents' Evening (*Y6 only*)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - KS2 Dance Workshop linked to Black History Month

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Tempest Photographer in School

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Artist Matt Sayers working with Year 2

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 6 residential to Laches Wood

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Parents' Evening

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – KS2 Rocktopus Workshop

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

**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

**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

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

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

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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 One Date W/C 23/09/2024**

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