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# Newsletter

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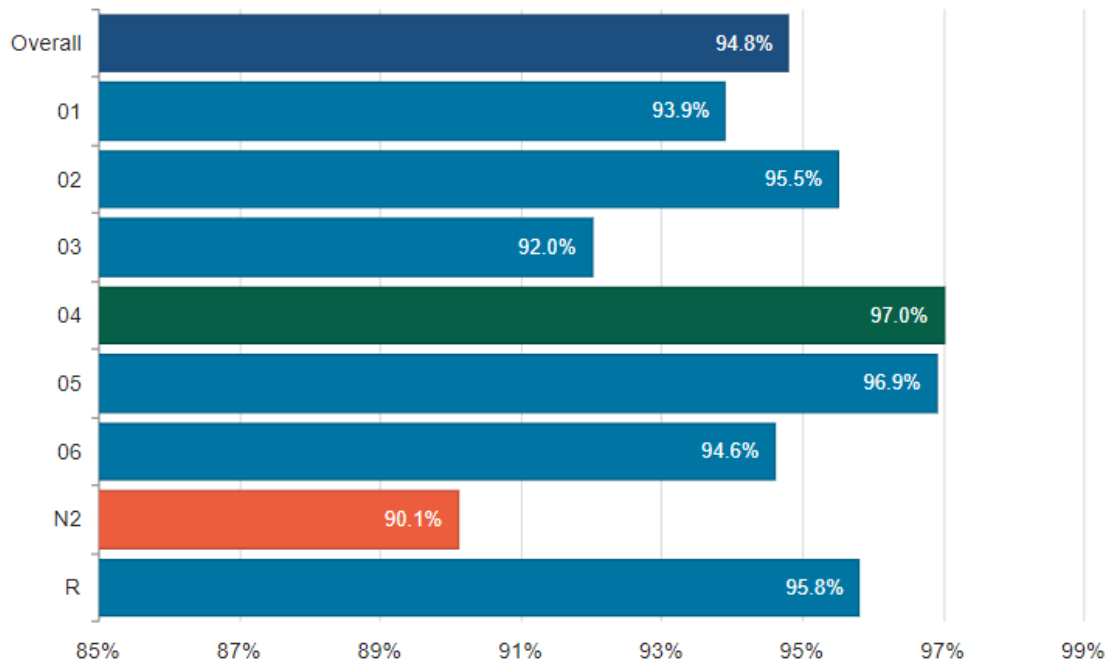
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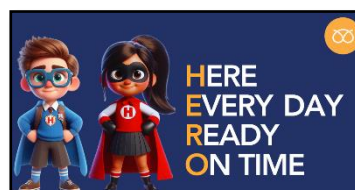
## Attendance

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



**Well done to Year 4 for having the best attendance this week at an amazing 97.0% 😊**  
**Year 5, you were so close to gaining a certificate for being over 97%**

As a school, we are *currently just 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



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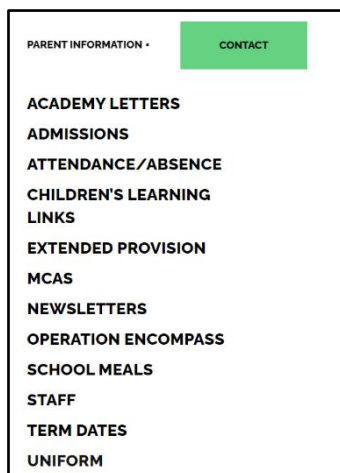


In conjunction with our Greenheart Learning Partnership, we now have our new website up and running 😊

Please head to <http://pga.greenheartlearning.org/> to access it.

Under the 'Parent Information' tab, you can access many useful documents. There is also the ability to email the school office by clicking the CONTACT button.

If you would like to find out what your child will be learning during this academic year, please head to the 'Curriculum' tab.



### Winter Weather

During the last couple of days, Jamie has worked very hard to keep our site gritted and safe. As we are now in the grips of winter, we are likely to have more snow/ice both before and after the Christmas break.

Pye Green **will always** try to stay open for children and families wherever possible. It is VERY unlikely we will announce a whole school closure. If the school does have to close, children's absence will be authorised with a specific attendance code. Should school be open, all absences due to snow will be unauthorised.

Any school closure announcement due to adverse weather will be emailed to all parents before 7.30am on the day of closure.



### Every Day is a Learning Day

It is not only our pupils we encourage to keep learning and developing their skills. Next week, we have several staff members taking part in Makaton training, delivered by staff from Sherbrook Special School. Also, all teachers will be liaising with teachers from local primary schools to moderate writing outcomes from Nursery to Y6.

Our senior leaders will be attending Maths networking sessions and meeting with representatives from RADY (Raising Attainment for Disadvantaged Youngsters) to ensure we can support all pupils to the best of our abilities.

Mrs Yates will be meeting with all Headteachers and Senior Leaders from Greenheart Learning Partnership to discuss future developments and lunchtime supervisors will be having their next meeting with Mrs Yates and Miss Edkins.



## Global Outdoor Learning Day

This week, pupils took part in 'Global Outdoor Learning Day'.

There is something undeniably magical about the great outdoors and our children love learning outside of their classroom.

For children, learning outdoors offers an array of benefits and we are committed to continue to develop the use of outdoors to benefit our children.

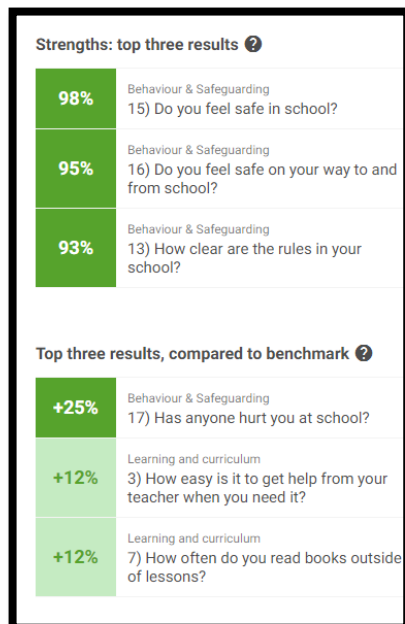
Head to Twitter (X) to see us learning under the open sky this week.



### Pupil Learning Experience and Well-Being Survey

During the week, children have taken part in a survey to gather their thoughts and opinions. Questions to gain information about how they feel about their learning, friendships and feelings will all be collated to see if, as a school, there is anything we can do to make Pye Green even better than it already is.

Last year, some children expressed that sometimes they felt sad/lonely and didn't know what to do when feeling like this. As a result of last year's results, all pupils are now taking part in the Mental Health Champions Programme to help support them during these times. Many results last year were above the benchmarks set, showing how happy pupils at Pye Green are.



### Eco Committee

We are delighted to announce our new Eco Committee:

- Rex
- Lily
- Lila
- Liana
- Emily
- Arwyn
- Faith (president)
- Jessica
- Ellie
- Logan
- Isabelle
- Rosie
- Summer

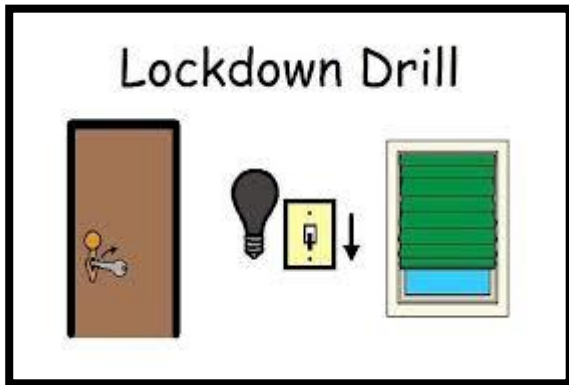


Thank you to everyone who submitted an application. We are lucky to have so many enthusiastic and passionate eco warriors!

## Lockdown Drill

We are happy to tell you that our recent lockdown drill went very well. Our students did a great job and followed all the safety steps. During the drill, they remained calm, listened to instructions and moved to safe places quickly and quietly.

Thank you for talking about the importance of these drills at home. Your support helps your child feel ready and confident.



## PTFA

After a successful AGM, I am pleased to let you know that our Parent-Teacher-Friends Association (PTFA) has recruited new members and have been working hard planning fun Christmas events for our children. Please see the attached information detailing these activities.

We are very grateful to our PTFA for their support and commitment to our children and families.



## Chasing The Future

This week, Miss Edkins met with Headteachers from Kingsmead, Hazel Slade Primary Academy, West Hill Primary, Heath Hayes Academy, Poppyfield Primary Academy and Five Ways Primary as part of the Chasing the Future partnership.

As part of this group, we will be supporting one another to develop the opportunities available to our pupils and improving the educational journey of our students from birth to 19 years old.

Next week, all staff will have the opportunity to discuss our writing curriculum and moderate samples of work from each school.

We are looking forward to further developing links in and around our community.



## Hednesford Lights Switch On

Thank you to everyone who put forward their child's name to potentially be selected to work with Hednesford Council to switch on the Hednesford Christmas lights.

Oliver has been chosen from the draw to represent Pye Green at this event on Saturday 7th December 2024.



## [Greenheart Learning Partnership – Photography Competition](#)

*"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 😊

### [Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week](#)

- Winter Outdoor Activities for Families
- PTFA Christmas Events (**Important please read**)

### [What's Happening Next Week?](#)

- Reception Come Dine with Me

### [Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow](#)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Come Dine with Me  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA 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  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Evening with Santa (ticket sales opening soon)  
**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 Three Date W/C 25/11/2024**

<b>Primary Menu Week 3</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b>
<b>Main Course (Red)</b>	Pizza Naan	Fish Stars	Roast Beef & Gravy	Chicken in a Bun	Pizza Selection
<b>Vegetarian Main Course (Green)</b>	Quorn Dippers	Mac 'n' Cheese	Quorn Balls & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Roll	Veggie Burrito
<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 Fresh Carrots Baked Beans	Potato Wedges Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas	Mashed Potatoes Peas Cauliflower	Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn Fresh Carrots	Chips Green Beans Sweetcorn
<b>Sandwich Option (Blue)</b>	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
<b>Dessert</b>	Waffle	Hot Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Cornflake Cake	Shortbread	Fruity Friday A selection of Fruit based desserts