



Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025



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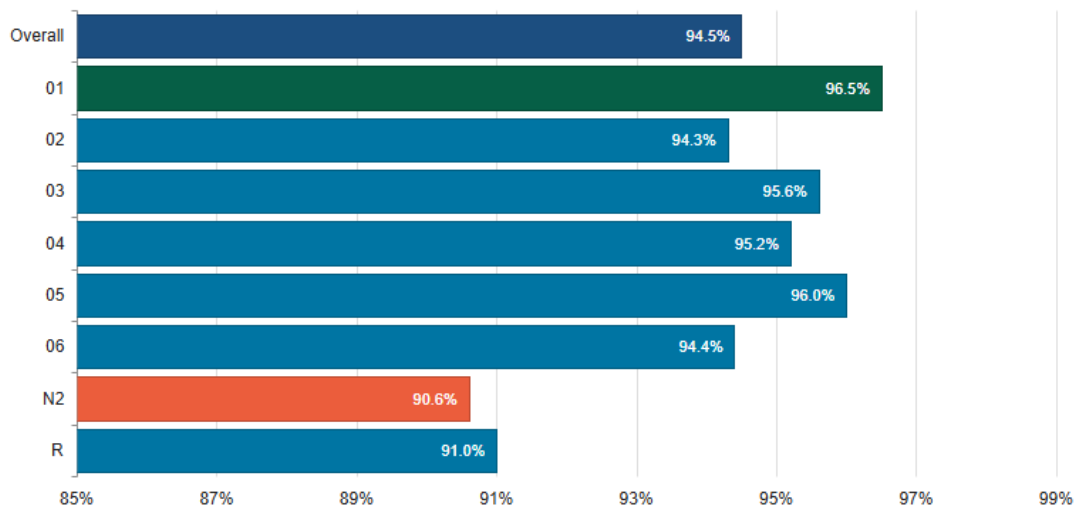
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Menu for week commencing 03/02/2025 showing on last page of newsletter

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Attendance

Certificates will go to all classes with over 97% attendance. Once they collect 6 certificates, they will enjoy a reward with their peers.



Congratulations to Year 1 for good attendance this week 😊

Greenheart Updates/School Developments



This week, staff have been engaged in CPD (Continuous Professional Development). Several members of staff have been on Paediatric First Aid Training and all staff took part in the staff meeting where we discussed ways to support all pupils within classes through adaptive teaching. As a school, we are committed to offering staff a wide range of opportunities to make them the best practitioners they can be.

Transition

Participation

Communication

Guidance

Induction

Home-School Links

Eco Council Information

The Eco Committee would like everyone to take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. Get outside and record what birds you see in your garden, local park or any green area.

There are record sheets available in school (from Mrs Burnett) or you can download your record sheets and bird identification sheets here:

Resources

Please return the completed sheet to any Eco Committee member or Mrs Burnett and we will input the data. The end date is 24th February.



Big Schools'
Birdwatch 2025

Nursery Applications September 2025

The closing date for Nursery applications is 12.00pm on Friday 7th March.

If you know of anyone who would like a place in our Nursery for September 2025, please let them know.

We are holding two visits for parents to come and view our Nursery and meet staff.

These will be held on:

Tuesday 25th February 3.45-4.15pm
Wednesday 26th February 3.45-4.15pm

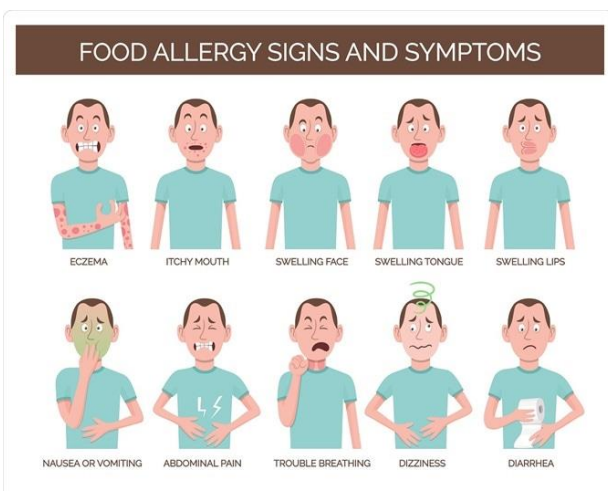


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NHS Allergy Information

Within school, we have a number of pupils with allergies to nuts and a range of other foods.

A food allergy is where your body reacts to certain foods. It's often mild but can be very serious for some people. Symptoms of a food allergy can affect any part of the body, including different parts of the body at the same time. Common symptoms of a food allergy include:



You may get symptoms straight after eating the food you're allergic to, or days later. See your GP if you think your child may have a food allergy and please ensure school is aware.

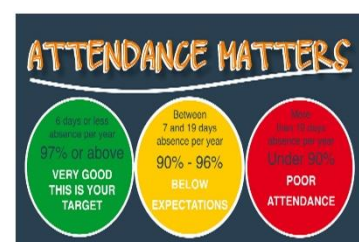
Absence Monitoring

In line with the policy sent out in the Autumn Term, school will continually monitor the absence of all pupils. At Pye Green Academy, we are very proud of the offer we give to all pupils/families and strive for children to be in school whenever possible.

Improving attendance is everyone's business. The barriers to accessing education are wide and complex, both within and beyond the school gates, and are often specific to individual pupils and families. Good attendance begins with school being somewhere pupils want to be and therefore the foundation of securing good attendance is that school is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment where all pupils are keen and ready to learn (*DfE Working Together to Improve School Attendance*)

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#)

Attached to this newsletter, you will find documents related to reporting an absence and the procedures we follow for sending out attendance letters.



House Point Reward

Last week, Green Team were rewarded with a short movie for having the most house points in the second half of Autumn Term.

BLUE = 2940
GREEN = 3269
YELLOW = 2872
RED = 2639



MTC World Cup

Recently, Year 4 have taken part in an MTC World Cup. They made it through the first round into the finals which took place earlier this week.

From over 900 schools, Pye Green came 16th, answering 48,144 questions correctly in a 20 hour period.

How Safe is WhatsApp for Children?

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on WhatsApp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app, please follow the link below:

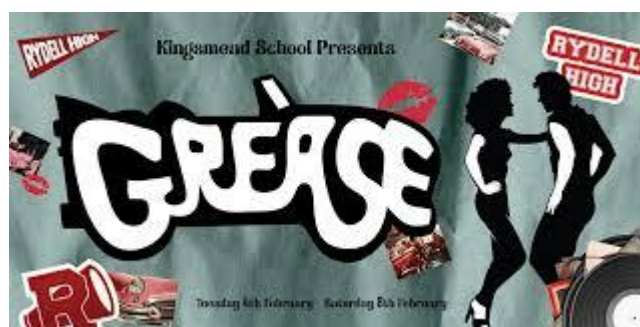
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Notification of Absence Procedures Letter
- Absence Escalation Document
- Developing Healthy Friendships Advice
- Victim of Hate Crime Information

What's Happening Next Week?



Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

Tuesday 4th February – Y5 to see Grease the Musical at Kingsmead

Wednesday 12th February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th February - Parents' Evening

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

Tuesday 25th February – Nursery Open Evening (for prospective parents)

Wednesday 26th February - PTFA It's Groovy to be Kind Disco (Reception - Y5) more details to follow and Y6 PTFA event tbc

Wednesday 26th February – Nursery Open Evening (for prospective parents)

Wednesday 5th March – Year 2 Come Dine with Me

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 7th March – Deadline for Nursery Applications

Thursday 13th March – Nursery Places Allocated for September 2025

Thursday 20th March – Nursery Places Deadline to Accept
Tuesday 1st April 2025 – Reception and Year 6 NHS Heights and Weights
Tuesday 1st April – Y5 British Cycling Session (Chestnut 1)
Friday 4th April - PTFA non-uniform day (chocolate donation)
Monday 7th April - PTFA Chocolate Bingo (session 1)
Tuesday 8th April – Y5 British Cycling Session (Chestnut 2)
Wednesday 9th April - PTFA Chocolate Bingo (session 2)
Wednesday 9th April – Year 3 Come Dine with Me
Thursday 10th April – Year 4 Bikeability (Level 1)
Tuesday 29th April – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 1) further details to follow
Tuesday 6th May – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 2) further details to follow
Tuesday 6th May – Tempest Photographs for Reception and Year 6
Friday 9th May – PTFA Afterschool Event (tbc)
Tuesday 13th May – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 3) further details to follow
Monday 19th May – Pye Green Academy Science Week
Tuesday 20th May – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 4) further details to follow
Wednesday 21st May – Year 4 Come Dine with Me
Tuesday 3rd June – Reception Dinosaur Day
Monday 9th June – Oceans Day
Wednesday 11th June – Year 5 Come Dine with Me
Wednesday 25th June – KS2 Jungle Book Production
Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 Leaver’s Lunch
Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 Prom
Saturday 12th July – PTFA Summer Fair

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

Spring Term 2025

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

POLLING DAY: Thursday 1 May (school closed)

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 03/02/2025

Primary Menu Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Chicken Goujons	Pasta Bolognaise	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