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Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

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GREENHEART
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Menu for week
commencing
24/03/2025 showing on last page of newsletter

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Attendance

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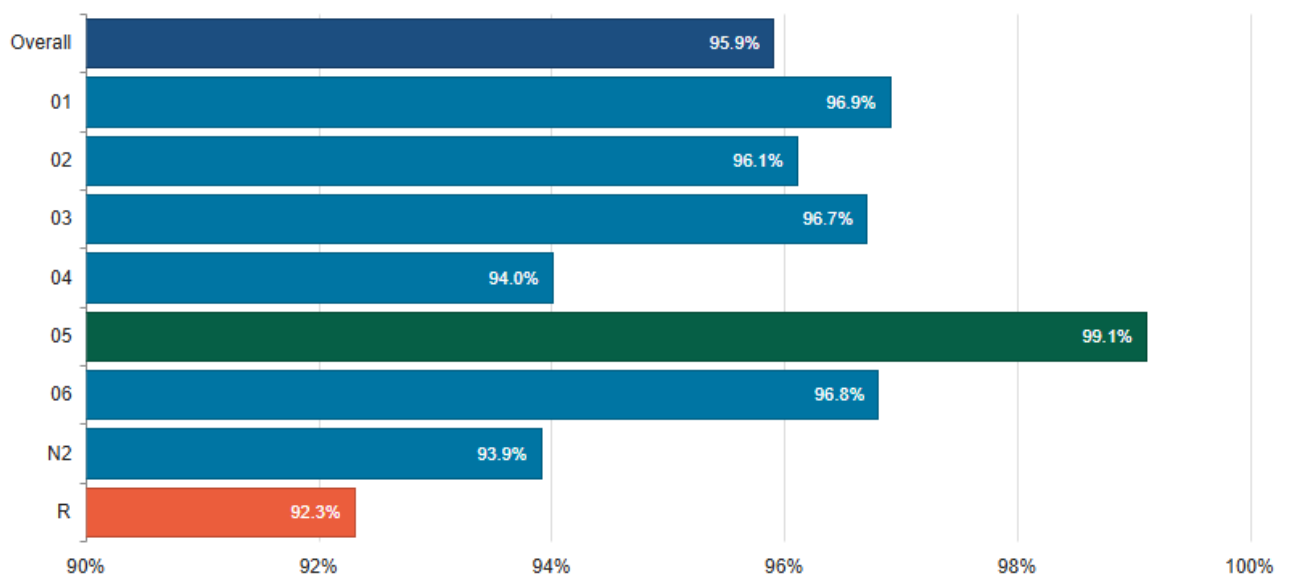
Attendance

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

Year group	Number of certificates so far this year
Nursery	2
Reception	2
Year 1	14
Year 2	9
Year 3	8
Year 4	7
Year 5	10
Year 6	7



Congratulations to Y5 for amazing attendance this week 😊



Greenheart Updates/School Developments



Parent Forum (Spring Term 2025)

Please join us on Wednesday 26th March at 2.15pm in the school hall for our second Parent Forum of the year.



Transition

Participation

Communication

Guidance

Induction

Home-School Links

Celebrating Success

Each month, staff collate accuracy for classes when using Accelerated Reader and TT Rockstars. Well done to Elm 1 for being in first place during February.

AR Quiz Accuracy

1st - Elm 1

2nd - Year 2

3rd - Chestnut 2 and Sycamore 2

TT Rockstars

1st Elm 1 95.9%

2nd Sycamore 2 95.8%

3rd Chestnut 1 95.7%



We Have Places in Nursery for September

PYE GREEN NURSERY

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE 3 IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

WE HAVE SPACES FOR 30 HOURS MORNING AND AFTERNOON (15 HOURS)

Our children are adventurous!

Our children are resilient!

Our children are inquisitive!

Our children are brilliant!

At Pye Green, we recognise the significant impact a child's early years has on their future. We aim to provide pupils with a safe and stimulating environment that will allow them to thrive.

CONTACT KEDWARDS@PGA.GREENHEART LEARNING.ORG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Transition

The Link Between Attendance and Attainment

This month, the DfE (Department for Education) published a research report comparing attendance and performance at the end of Y6. They found that:

Pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 6 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time.

This means missing just 10 days of Year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%.

By valuing attendance and setting family expectations for children to only be away from school if they are genuinely too poorly to attend, you are providing your child with the best possible chance of success throughout school and at the end of their assessment years.

We currently have 11.6% (51 children) who have less than 90% attendance across school.

Please support school by ensuring your children attend for as many days as possible.

Home-School Links

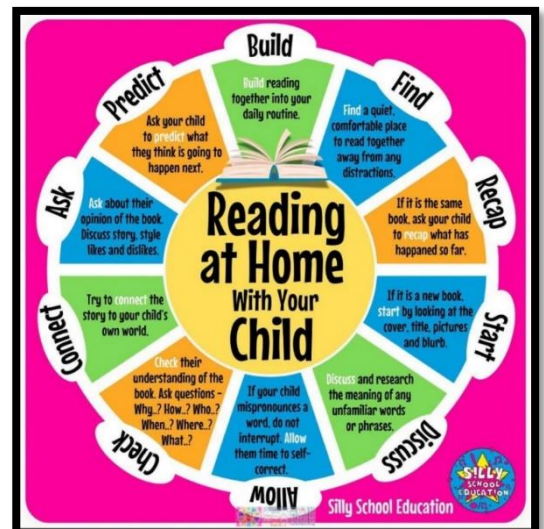
Importance of Reading

Making reading a daily habit can have long-lasting positive effects on your child's development and your relationship with them.

Reading with your child is incredibly beneficial for both you and your child. Here are some key reasons why:

1. **Language Development:** Reading exposes children to new words and language patterns, which helps build their vocabulary and language skills
2. **Cognitive Skills:** Early reading experiences enhance cognitive development, including attention, memory, and problem-solving skills
3. **Emotional Bonding:** Reading together provides a special time for bonding, helping to strengthen the parent-child relationship
4. **Academic Success:** Children who are read to regularly tend to perform better academically, showing greater interest in reading and better school attendance
5. **Empathy and Understanding:** Books can help children understand and manage their emotions by seeing how characters in stories handle different situations

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Twitter (X) Security and Privacy

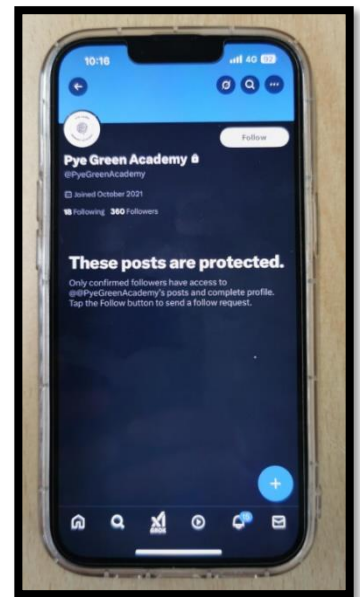
During our Autumn Term Parent Forum, the issue of (X) not being a private platform was raised. As a result, we have been able to make our @PyeGreenAcademy private. When you log on now you will see this image.

In order to now view our posts, you will have to click the 'follow' button in the top right hand corner. This will alert one of our senior leaders to your request.

So that we can be sure that only school community members are able to follow us, we will require you to provide information regarding your Twitter (X) username. You can provide this in several ways.

- Complete the slip that will come home with your child tonight
- Email enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org with your details
- Hand your details to members of the school office

Home-School Links



Dance Workshops

Last week, pupils took part in dance workshops linked to British Science Week (7-16th March 2025). During these sessions, pupils in Years 4-6 worked incredibly well with their peers and created some excellent dances.

Claire Pring, the primary dance education specialist who led the sessions, said:

"It was clear to me, from the exceptionally high levels of engagement, that your pupils enjoy a very rich and varied cultural experience which they were able to draw upon to deepen their understanding of the arts and culture making connections within their community and beyond."

Thank you to Mrs Dowson for organising this for our pupils.



School Improvement Visit

This week, we were visited by Miss Carrier and Mr Byrne (Headteachers from schools in our Trust). During a morning, they visited every class in school to see our children learning. There were some wonderful comments from the visit:

- The teacher had strong relationships with the children
- All children were engaged
- The learning environment was purposeful with clear activities set out for the enhanced and continuous provision
- Consistently high expectations
- Adaptive practice was evident
- Behaviours and attitudes for learning were strong and embedded with clear consistencies in expectations across all groups
- Pace was good and this had a positive impact on the attitudes to learning
- Engagement and attitudes to learning were strong with strong relationships between the adults and the children
- Subject knowledge from the teachers was a positive and the children were clearly able to articulate the reasoning behind their choices
- In maths the teaching was highly effective – the teachers had strong subject knowledge and had clearly put careful thought into the planning of the lesson

I am very proud of the opportunities pupils are provided with at Pye Green and grateful for my staff team, their hard work and dedication 😊

PYE GREEN ACADEMY PTFA EVENTS

Keep up to date with school events and fundraising



Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Parent Forum Invitation
- Family First Magazine Link
- EYFS Attendance Letter
- Nursery Places Flyer (please share with others)
- Free School Meal Application Letter

Communication

What's Happening Next Week?

Y2 Parent
Workshop
(TEAMS)

Y5 School
Trip

After School
Singing
Event

Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

- Wednesday 26th March** - 'Schools in Harmony' Choir Event at The Prince of Wales Theatre (Cannock)
- Wednesday 26th March** – Year 5 Visit to Shrewsbury Prison
- Wednesday 26th March** – Year 2 Parent Session: An Introduction to Accelerated Reader @ 3.30pm (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 26th March** – Football Match @ Kingsmead
- Tuesday 1st April 2025** – Reception and Year 6 NHS Heights and Weights
- Tuesday 1st April** – Y5 British Cycling Session (Chestnut 1)
- Thursday 3rd April** – Year 4 trip to Wroxeter Roman City
- 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** – Dance Workshop (KS1) International Dance Day
- 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)
- Friday 11th April** – **INSET Day School Closed to ALL Pupils (Rescheduled Conference)**
- Tuesday 29th April** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 1) further details to follow
- Wednesday 30th April** – Year 3 and 4: Maths Mysteries Solved Parent Session (morning session)
- Thursday 1st May** – **School Close Due to Polling**
- 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 Hobby Horse Race Night (details to follow) New Event Added**
- Tuesday 13th May** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 3) further details to follow
- 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
- Wednesday 21st May** – Phonics Screening Parent Workshop. In person at 9.00am **OR** on Teams at 6.00pm.
- Tuesday 3rd June** – Reception Dinosaur Day
- Monday 9th June** – Oceans Day
- Wednesday 11th June** – Year 5 Come Dine with Me
- Monday 16th June** – Pye Green Academy Science Week
- Wednesday 25th June** – KS2 Jungle Book Production
- Thursday 26th June** – Nursery Trip to Lower Drayton Farm
- Tuesday 1st July** – Year 5 Parent Session: Fractions Frenzy (morning session) Getting Prepared for Year 6.

Wednesday 2nd July – Meet the Teacher 'Parent Sessions' in Preparation for September 2025

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 24/03/2025

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