



# Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**GREENHEART**  
LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

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Menu for week commencing 07/04/2025 showing on the last page of newsletter

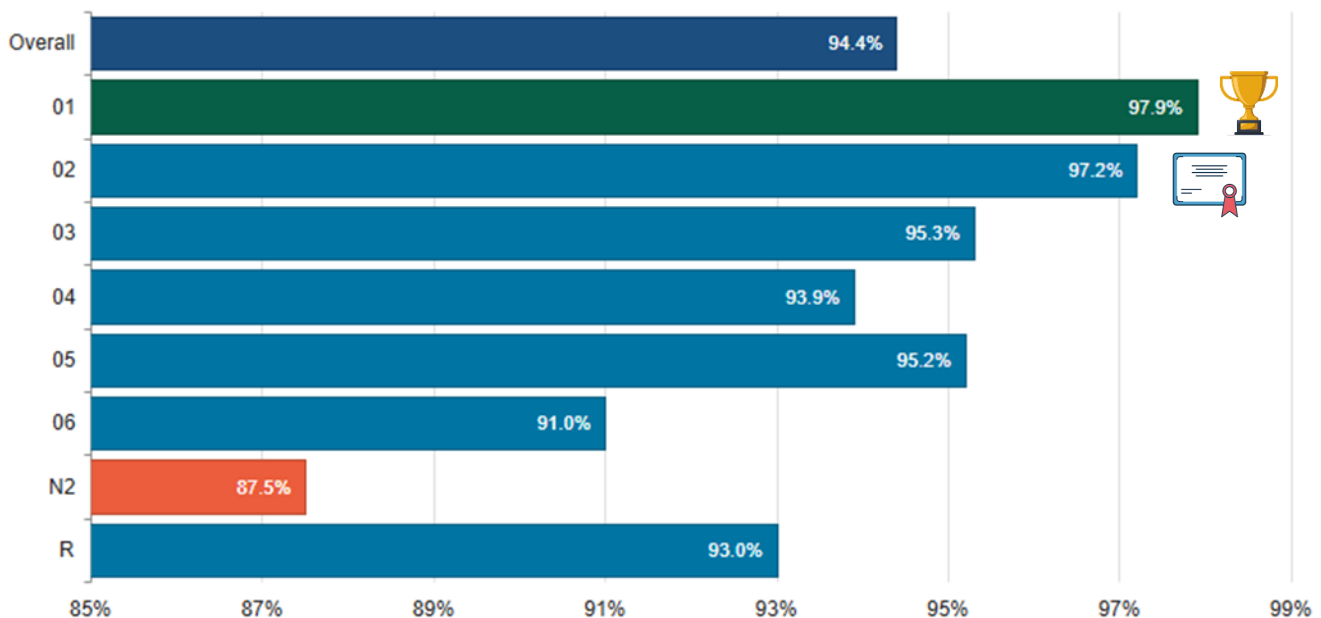
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## Attendance

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



Congratulations to Y1 AGAIN for amazing attendance this week 😊

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less absence per year  
**97% or above**  
**VERY GOOD**  
**THIS IS YOUR TARGET**

Between 7 and 19 days absence per year  
**90% - 96%**  
**BELOW EXPECTATIONS**

More than 19 days absence per year  
**Under 90%**  
**POOR ATTENDANCE**

## Greenheart Updates/School Developments



Recently, teachers who are due to begin their careers in September visited Pye Green Academy to look at writing from Nursery to Year 6. They were really impressed with pupil books and the quality outcomes they saw. They were also blown away by pupil behaviour at playtime and the range of activities that both KS1 and KS2 pupils have to access during this time.

Year 4 staff also took part in a writing moderation with other schools in the partnership. The quality of written work and creative ideas were highlighted by other Year 4 teachers.



Transition

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## Key Stage 2 Assessments (Year 6 Parents)

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a short meeting in Year 6 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 3:25pm. During this meeting, we will share key information about the assessments and ways to support your child. Please collect your child/ren as normal and then make your way to Year 6.

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3

## Breaktime Snack KS2

Just a reminder that all pupils in KS2 can bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. Lots of children are asking staff for a snack as they are forgetting to bring it. The 'fruit for schools scheme' is unfortunately only for pupils in EYFS/KS1 and therefore we can not provide for all pupils.

**Please support us to be a healthy school by not allowing children to bring crisps or chocolate for breaktime.**



## INSET Day Reminder

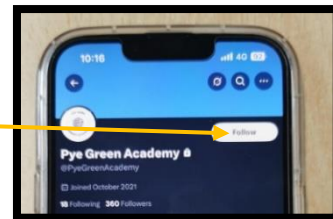
On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, school will be closed to all pupils due to our INSET day. Teachers are attending a teaching and learning conference focussing on oracy and technology whilst teaching assistants will be taking part in training linked to Literacy interventions and social stories.



## Twitter (X) Security and Privacy

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the slip giving us your username so we can approve you on (X).

Please remember, you **MUST** press **FOLLOW** for us to be able to approve you.



For us to be able to approve you, you can....

- Complete the slip that came home with your child or collect one from the main office
- Email [enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org) with your (X) username details
- Hand your details to members of the school office

Home-School Links

## How Can I Help My Child?

### A motivational, fun approach to developing handwriting skills in Early Years

Using a fun, sensory and play-based approach to handwriting can entice children to participate in handwriting activities. This approach feels natural to children in the early years and may also be beneficial for older children who have become disengaged with writing.

#### When using a sensory and play based approach to handwriting:

**Offer a variety of tools:** wax crayons, chalks, chunky pencils, felt tips, paint brushes, sand and sticks.

**Work on a variety of surfaces:** paper (white, black, coloured), blackboard, whiteboard, tracing paper, tin foil, sand paper, shiny card, etc.

**Adopt a variety of exploratory positions:** lying on the tummy, standing, on all fours, kneeling, sitting and using a vertical surface, e.g. an easel or a wall.



**Write in a variety of sizes:** big blackboards/whiteboards, old wallpaper, tiny bits of cards, old receipts and paper.



Thank you so much for your generous donations for the non-uniform day! We really appreciate your support.

The last few tickets are available for the Chocolate Bingo next week at [www.pta-events.co.uk/pga](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/pga) - Book today to avoid disappointment.

## Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Privacy Notice – Pupils’ Own Data
- Information about the Staffordshire Health App Finder

## What’s Happening Next Week?

- Year 6 SATS meeting – Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 3:25pm in the hall
- PTFA Chocolate Bingo

## Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - PTFA Chocolate Bingo (session 1)

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Y5 British Cycling Session (Chestnut 2)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Dance Workshop (KS1) International Dance Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** - PTFA Chocolate Bingo (session 2)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 6 SATS meeting for parents at 3:25pm in Year 6

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 3 Come Dine with Me

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 4 Bikeability (Level 1)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 5 visit to SUA to watch Oliver (the musical)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET Day School Closed to ALL Pupils (Rescheduled Conference)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 1) further details to follow

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 3 and 4: Maths Mysteries Solved Parent Session (morning session)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Balanceability Reception Starts

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – School Close Due to Polling

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 2) further details to follow

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Tempest Photographs for Reception and Year 6

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – PTFA Hobby Horse Race Night (details to follow) New Event Added

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATS week

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 3) further details to follow

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School Week

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 British Cycling Session on the Chase (session 4) further details to follow

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 4 Come Dine with Me

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop. In person at 9.00am **OR** on Teams at 6.00pm.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Tempest Photographs (Reception and Year 6)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Reception Dinosaur Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Oceans Day

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Come Dine with Me

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Pye Green Academy Science Week

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Football Tournament

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Potential Year 1 Trip to Dudley Zoon (To Be Confirmed)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Jungle Book Production

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Nursery Trip to Lower Drayton Farm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – World Environment Day (Less Electricity Usage Day)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – ART Day (Across School)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 5 Parent Session: Fractions Frenzy (morning session) Getting Prepared for Year 6.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Meet the Teacher ‘Parent Sessions’ in Preparation for September 2025

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Art Exhibition

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver’s Lunch

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Prom

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – PTFA Summer Fair

## **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

### Spring Term 2025

**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

**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 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Holiday:** Monday 21st July – Friday 29 August

Monday 21st July Inset day; school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

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## 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 07/04/2025**

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