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Newsletter

Menu for week
commencing
20/10/2025 showing on the last page of newsletter

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School and Partnership Updates

School Meals



Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal funded by the Government. Currently, not all of our pupils in these year groups take up this opportunity. Attached to the newsletter are flyers with '10 Reasons to Choose a School Meal'. Please have a look and if your child does not currently take their FREE meal, please consider this for after half term.

Our school meals are provided by Shire Services. We are proud of the partnership we have with our provider and are very lucky to have Bonnie (our cook) and her team with us at Pye Green.



Transition

Participation

Communication

Guidance

Induction

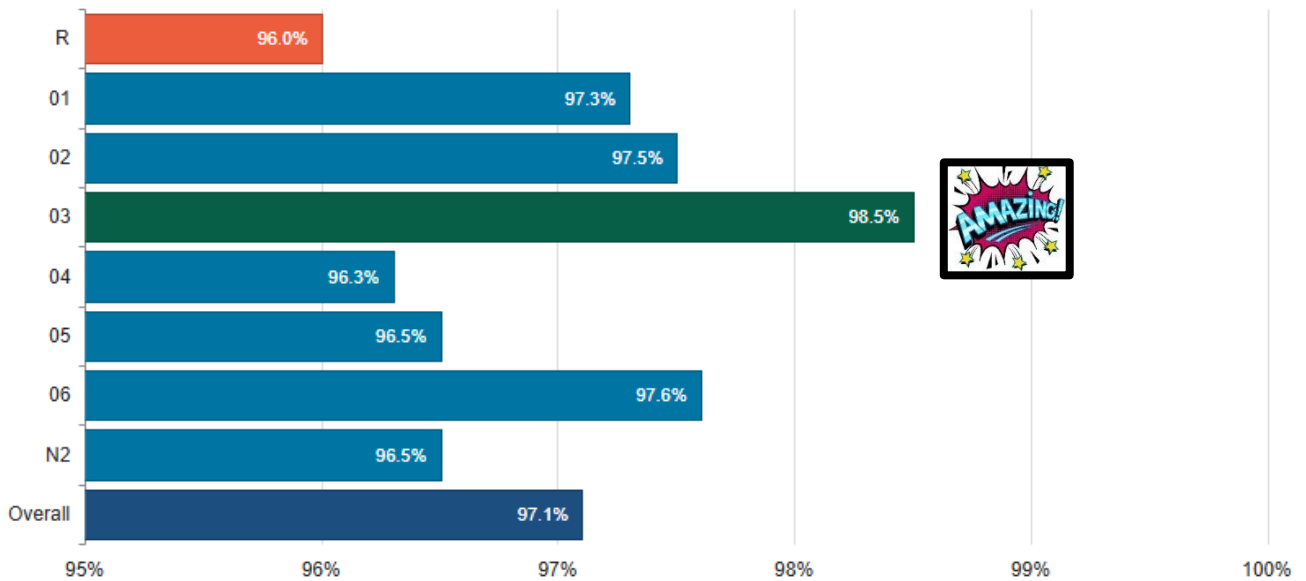
Home-School Links

Attendance



Whole School Attendance

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Whole school attendance for this week has increased to 97.1%. This is amazing - well done everyone 😊

We have four year groups with attendance over 97% this week, which is fantastic.

All of these classes will receive an attendance certificate. Once they have collected 6 certificates, they will be able to enjoy a whole year group reward agreed with their class teachers.

Well done, Year 3 for excellent attendance this week 😊

Thank You TESCO

We are really grateful to our local Tesco for their wonderful donation of items for our Community Shed.

Please remember, you can take any items your family may need. The shed is located on the KS2 playground and is open at the start and end of the school day.

With winter fast approaching, we have several new quilts, quilt covers and draught excluders should any families need them. We also have many new toys and games suitable for Christmas presents.

Please email tsnell@pga.greenheartlearning.org if these items would be of use to you.



School Games Mark – GOLD

We are proud to announce that Pye Green Academy have once again achieved School Games Mark (GOLD).

This has been awarded for our commitment and engagement in school games. A big thank you to Mrs Dowson for all that you do for our school in terms of

PE. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated co-ordinator who always goes above and beyond to make sure our children get the very best sporting deal.

Look out for our PE enrichment days coming up next month 😊



Parent Forum

As we want our parent forums to be an important tool to promote discussion between home and school, we have rearranged the one planned for this week to take place next **Thursday 23rd October at 10am**.

With our email service not working correctly this week, we believe many people may not have seen the message advertising the meeting.



At the meeting we will discuss school initiatives and upcoming events. Afterwards, you are welcome to work with your child/children in school to make a 'wool pumpkin' if you wish.

Please complete the form below if you would like to join us 😊

<https://forms.office.com/e/HCuDVWA7B9>

Halloween Safety

Halloween, although fun for many children, can present risks. These could be in the form of anti-social behaviour, social disorder linked to trick or treating, late opening hours in the nightlife sector or more children being out on the streets - sometimes without a responsible adult.

There are also other dangers lurking for children and young people at this time. These include unsafe costume design and low visibility of participants.

These risks have been addressed in a recent article from the Child Accident Prevention Trust which can be read below.

Halloween and Children's Safety (CAPT)



Parental Consent Forms

As we try to make it easier and less time-consuming for parents to give consent for their child to take part in various aspects of school life, we have created a Microsoft Forms that can be used instead of the many letters we have sent in the past.

All forms need to be completed by half-term please.

Please access the form by using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YQ2ahLDmCU>



Fundraising

One of our students will be taking part in a First Aid Course for children in November for which she will earn a certificate once completed. The sponsored challenge is to help raise funds for her dance school, Crystal Academy, to enable them to buy new costumes, support in entry fees and buy new equipment for the students.

Cassie's Mum says that Crystal Academy has had a huge impact on Cassie's life and she has increased confidence.

If you would like to sponsor Cassie, you can access the link below. Thank you.

<https://gofund.me/85d169ddb>

Parent Volunteers

Do you have a few spare hours in the week?

Would you like to volunteer within school and help to support our pupils?

If your answer is yes, please speak to Mrs Matthews or Mrs Brindley Cooke in the main school office, who will advise of the process and next steps.



Spy Dog Update

We have received confirmation that the compromised link in the Spy Dog/Spy Cat series has been taken down and it's safe now to use the books again.

Mental Health Support Group

For any parents who have neurodiverse teenagers aged between 11 and 18, Cannock Chase run a free mental health support group. Further details can be found on their 'Teen ASC Support Group' page on Facebook.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents who met with class teachers this week to discuss their child's progress so far this academic year.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please email enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org or call the school office on 01543 227175 to make an appointment.

Donations Request

Huntington Harriers (football team) are fundraising and would love any donations of gift bags that people are no longer using.

If you have any that you would like to donate, please take them to the main school office.

Thank you 😊

Reception Application Process

The application process for a Reception place for September 2026 will open on 1st November 2025.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the Staffordshire website.

[Admission to primary and middle schools - Staffordshire County Council](#)

The closing date is 15 January 2026.

Year 7 Application Process

Year 6 parents, please remember to apply for a high school place for your child by **31st October 2025**.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the Staffordshire website.

[Admission to secondary and high school - Staffordshire County Council](#)



There aren't many tickets left for Monday's discos, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/pga to purchase.

For the KS1 disco, children should bring their disco outfits to school and they will be able to get changed and go straight to the disco after the end of the day - collection is from the main reception at 4:15pm

For the KS2 disco, drop off is at 4:45pm. Please wait to the side until all children have been collect from the early disco and then line up at the main reception doors - collection is from the main reception at 5:30.

Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Reasons to Choose a School Lunch
- Benefits of (UIFSM)
- Minecraft Parental Guide

What's Happening Next Week?

- Year 6 are off to Laches Wood 😊
- We break up for Half Term (25/10/25)

Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

- Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025** – Year 6 Visit to Laches Wood (Residential)
- Tuesday 4th November 2025** – Educational Psychologist Session 'Emotion Coaching for Parents'
- Wednesday 5th November 2025** – Year 1 and Year 2 PE Enrichment Day
- Friday 7th November 2025** – Tempest Photography in school for all pupils (NEW)
- Monday 10th November 2025** – Nursery Rhyme Week (EYFS)
- Tuesday 11th November 2025** – Reception Class Open Morning
- Wednesday 12th November 2025** – Year 6 Parent Lunch
- Wednesday 12th November 2025** – Reception Class Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 12th November 2025** – Year 3 and Year 4 PE Enrichment Day
- Wednesday 12th November 2025** – Year 5 Anti Bullying Workshop (with Kingsmead)
- Friday 14th November 2025** – Year 3 Stone Age Visitor
- Wednesday 19th November 2025** – Year 5 and Year 6 PE Enrichment Day
- Thursday 27th November 2025** – Year 4 Art Gallery Trip
- Friday 28th November 2025** – Year 5 Emotions Workshop
- Friday 28th November 2025** – KS2 Emotions Assembly
- Friday 28th November 2025** – Non-Uniform Day (Donations for the PTFA Christmas Fair Please)
- Monday 8th December 2025** – Get, Set Wow Day – Polar Express (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)
- Tuesday 9th December 2025** – Reception Nativity 9.30am
- Tuesday 9th December 2025** – Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- Wednesday 10th December 2025** – Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
- Thursday 11th December 2025** – National Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 12th December 2025** – Mrs Claus Visit to Reception Pupils (PTFA)
- Friday 12th December 2025** – PTFA Christmas Fair
- Monday 15th December 2025** – Mrs Claus Visit to Nursery Pupils (PTFA)
- Tuesday 16th December 2025** – Whole School Pantomime Day

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert at Kingsmead 1.15pm
Thursday 18th December 2025 – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert at Chadsmoor Church 1.30pm
Friday 19th December 2025 – PTFA End of Day Cake Sale

Wednesday 21st January 2026 – Reception Parent Lunch
Wednesday 29th January 2026 – Early Years PE Enrichment Day
Wednesday 25th February 2026 – Year 1 Parent Lunch
Monday 2nd March 2026 – Year 5 Computing Session at Kingsmead (one class)
Monday 16th March 2026 – Year 5 Computing Session at Kingsmead (one class)
Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 2 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 22nd April 2026 – PE Enrichment Day (Playground Games KS2)
Thursday 23rd April 2026 – PE Enrichment Day (Playground Games KS1)
Wednesday 29th April 2026 – Year 1 Hay House Farm Visit (Farm to Fork)
Wednesday 29th April 2026 – Year 3 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 20th May 2026 – Year 4 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 24th June 2026 – Year 5 Parent Lunch

Crucial Assessment Dates for 2025/2026

Throughout May 2025 – Y2 SATS tests (Please do not book holidays this month)
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2025 – Year 6 SATS (please do not book holidays this week)
Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2025 – Y4 Times Tables Check (please do not book holidays this fortnight)
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June 2025 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week (Please do not book holidays this week)

Dates for 2026/2027 can be found by following the link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

School Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January INSET DAY – School closed to children (INSET DAY 3)

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th 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

Monday 1st June INSET DAY – School closed to children (INSET DAY 4)

Term Ends: Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July INSET DAY – School closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

Holiday: Monday 20th July – Monday 31st August

Week One Date W/C 20/10/2025

Primary Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Fish Selection	Beef Bolognese	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Wrap	Meat Pizza
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Enchiladas (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)	Cheese & Potato Pie (v)	Quorn Dippers (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (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 Wedges Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Pasta or Potato Crunchies Green Beans Peas	Mashed & Roast Potatoes Fresh Carrots Peas	Diced Potatoes Cauliflower Fresh Carrots	Chips Peas Baked Beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Lemon & Orange Drizzle Cake	Australian Crunch	Cornflake Cake	Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Fruity Friday A selection of Fruit based desserts