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Newsletter

Menu for week
commencing

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Birmingham Education Partnership Visit

As shared in the newsletter last week, we were joined again this week by Inclusion Practitioner, Bethan Shipway. Bethan visited every class in school as the children took part in their Maths lessons. She commented positively on the following elements that she observed across school:

- Retrieval opportunities were used consistently across classrooms, enabling pupils to revisit and strengthen prior learning.
- Manipulatives (resources) were readily available, with pupils being supported to use them effectively to develop conceptual understanding.
- Well-designed task boards clearly showed the steps within calculations, allowing pupils to follow methods with greater independence.
- Talk partners were used purposefully to promote mathematical dialogue, supporting children to articulate their thinking as confident experts.
- Staff demonstrated positive relationships with pupils and used encouraging language that contributed to high levels of engagement.
- Activities were adapted appropriately for pupils working significantly behind age-related expectations, in line with their individual plans and needs.
- Pictorial representations and practical activities were evident in teaching sequences, and children were supported in bridging conceptual understanding to more abstract methods.
- Staff modelling was clear and appropriately paced, providing pupils with strong examples of expected thinking and working methods.
- Opportunities for stretch, challenge and extension were included and were observed to support deeper reasoning for those pupils ready to move on.

We are very proud of the education we provide at Pye Green for all our learners so that they can flourish and reach their potential.



Transition

Participation

Communication

Guidance

Induction

Home-School Links

Attendance



Whole School Attendance

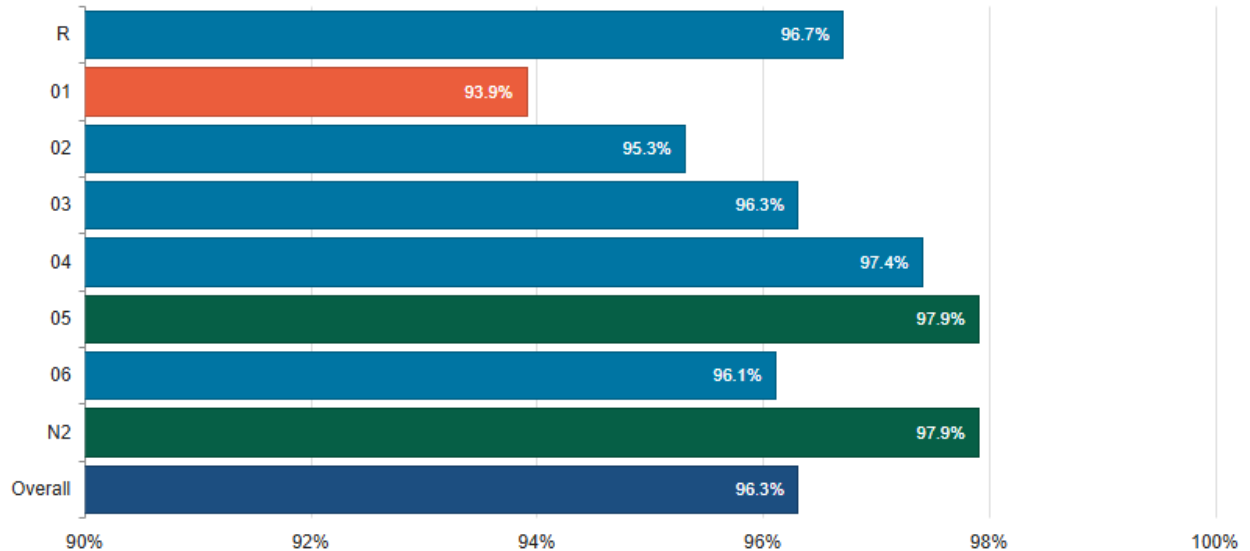
Attendance



Much higher attendance overall this week – well done everyone 😊

Well done, **Nursery and Year 5** for the best attendance this week and for Year 4 also getting above 97% attendance.

Each of the year groups will receive a certificate to add to their class collection. Children will decide on their whole year group reward once they have achieved 6 certificates.



Our most recent DfE report shows positive data with regard to Pye Green against national averages for attendance data in the Autumn Term (Years 1-6 only). Well done everyone for keeping regular attendance a priority 😊

Overall attendance

Overall attendance

96%

1.1%
greater than

National average

94.9%

Overall attendance is 96% which is 1.1% higher than the national average.

Persistent absence

Persistent absence

8.8%

6.1%
less than

National average

14.9%

Persistent absence is 8.8% which is 6.1% lower than the national average.

Mobile Phone Guidance

This month, the Department for Education has strengthened its guidance on mobile phones in schools, stating that all schools should be mobile-phone-free environments by default.

This means that children should not use mobile phones at any point during the school day, including lessons, transitions, breaktimes and lunchtimes.

The aim is to create calm, safe and focused learning environments and reduce distractions, safeguarding concerns and wellbeing issues linked to phone use. Schools are expected to have clear policies that are applied consistently, and Ofsted will now check how well these are understood and followed during inspections.

Please support us by ensuring that if children in upper key stage 2 do bring their phones to school, the contract is signed and adhered to.

At Pye Green Academy, it will continue to be the case that all mobile phones will remain with staff throughout the day for any children who do decide to bring them to school.



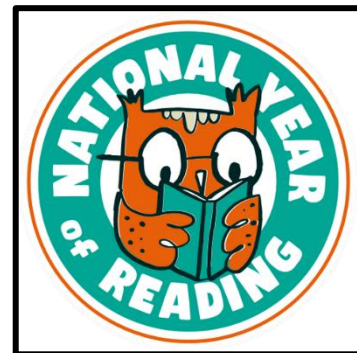
National Year of Reading 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026 is the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives.

Reading is absolutely fundamental to a child's success in primary school; it is the gateway skill that opens up every other area of learning. When children develop secure reading skills early on, they gain the **confidence** to access the full curriculum, build **rich vocabulary** and **deepen their understanding** of the world around them.

Regular reading not only supports academic **achievement**, but also nurtures **imagination**, **empathy** and **critical thinking**. Most importantly, strong reading habits formed in the primary years lay the foundations for lifelong learning, enabling children to flourish as **independent**, **curious** and **capable** learners.

Please support us by regularly reading with your child and encouraging a love of books. Information attached to this newsletter will help support this with the use of local libraries.



Household Fund Support

The Household Support Fund in Staffordshire provides short-term financial help to eligible families who are struggling with the cost of essentials such as food, energy and other household bills.

Parents and carers may be able to access support through Staffordshire County Council, often in the form of vouchers or direct assistance, particularly during school holidays or periods of financial pressure.

Eligibility is usually based on household circumstances rather than benefit status. We encourage any families who feel they would benefit from this to contact Mrs Downing or Mrs Snell to check what support may be available to them.

Careers Week 2nd March – 6th March

As part of our Careers Week celebrations, we are delighted to be hosting a range of inspiring speakers - both in person and virtually - to help broaden our pupils' horizons and introduce them to the many exciting paths their future could hold. We would also love to involve members of our own school community. If you would be willing to come into school and talk to pupils about your career journey, please get in touch by emailing enquiries@pga.greenheartlearning.org



Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is the week beginning Monday 9th February.

The theme this year is '**This is my Place**' and the importance of a sense of belonging. During the week, children will take part in activities based around this along with a whole school art project creating maps of 'their place'.



On Friday 13th February, children are invited to come dressed as something that represents them. These could be hobbies they do, their culture, favourite clothes etc. Please ensure clothing is still suitable for school and going outdoors at playtime/lunchtime.

Scholastic Book Fair@ Parents' Evening

We are excited to let you know that the Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February 2026.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and help children discover new books that inspire their imagination and strengthen their growing reading skills.

To make purchases easier, a card reader will be available; please note that **card payments only** can be accepted and no cash will be taken.

A flyer with further details is attached to this newsletter—we look forward to seeing you there and sharing the excitement!



Ivison Trust

Ivison Trust (formerly known as Pace) is a national UK charity that supports families whose children are at risk of, or experiencing, criminal or sexual exploitation. The charity works directly with parents and carers to help them safeguard their children, disrupt exploitation and access the right support. It also trains professionals and works with police and family services to keep children safe, ensuring parents are recognised as key partners in protecting their children. If you would like to find out more, please access the link below.

[Ivison Trust - We support families affected by child exploitation.](#)



Also Attached to the Newsletter This Week

- Book Fair Flyer
- Adventure Days
- Local Libraries Information
- Pre-Loved Uniform Bank

What's Happening Next Week

Year 5 Musical Experience – We Will Rock you !



Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

- Monday 2nd February 2026** – Year 5 to Kingsmead for We Will Rock You performance
- Monday 9th February 2026** – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th February 2026** – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 11th February 2026** – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 12th February 2026** – Parents' Evening
- Friday 13th February 2026** – PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground
- Monday 23rd February 2026** – Nursery Open Day between 10.00am and 10:30am
- Tuesday 24th February 2026** – Nursery Open Day between 3.40pm and 4.10pm
- Wednesday 25th February 2026** – Nursery Open Day between 2.00pm and 2.30pm
- Wednesday 25th February 2026** – Year 1 Parent Lunch
- WB Monday 2nd March 2026** – Careers Week
- Monday 2nd March 2026** – Year 5 Computing Session at Kingsmead (one class)
- Monday 9th March 2026** – Year 5 Rainforest Roadshow

Thursday 12th March 2026 – Speak Out Stay Safe NSPCC Assembly (all years)
Thursday 12th March 2026 – Supporting Behaviour at Home (Educational Psychologist Course)
Thursday 12th March 2026 – Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament (local schools) 1.30-3.45pm
Monday 16th March 2026 – Year 5 Computing Session at Kingsmead (one class)
Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop @ 9.00am
Friday 20th March – Non-Uniform Day (Donations for PTFA Chocolate Bingo Appreciated)
Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 2 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 25th March – NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops (Year 2, 5 and 6)
Friday 27th March – PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground
Wednesday 22nd April 2026 – PE Enrichment Day (Playground Games KS2)
Thursday 23rd April 2026 – PE Enrichment Day (Playground Games KS1)
Tuesday 28th April 2026 – Year 1 Hay House Farm Visit (Farm to Fork) Willow 2
Wednesday 29th April 2026 – Year 1 Hay House Farm Visit (Farm to Fork) Willow 1
Wednesday 29th April 2026 – Year 3 Parent Lunch
Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026 – Key Stage 2 SATs
Wednesday 20th May 2026 – Year 4 Parent Lunch
Friday 22nd May 2026 – PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground
Monday 1st June 2026 – INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)
Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – Year 5 Visit to Carding Mill Valley
Friday 5th June 2026 – Tempest Photography Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 9th June 2026 – NEW Reception Pupils Stay and Play @ 9.15am
Tuesday 9th June 2026 – NEW Reception Pupils Stay and Play @ 1.00pm
Thursday 11th June 2026 - NEW Reception Pupils Stay and Play @ 9.15am
Thursday 11th June 2026 - NEW Reception Pupils Stay and Play @ 1.00pm
Wednesday 24th June 2026 – Year 5 Parent Lunch
Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 1 Visit to Dudley Zoo
Friday 26th June 2026 – PTFA Colour Run
Wednesday 1st July 2026 – Transition Afternoon 1
Wednesday 1st July 2026 – Meet the Teacher 4.00pm onwards (details to follow)
Thursday 2nd July 2026 – Year 2 Trip to Blackpool
Thursday 2nd July 2026 – Year 5 Design and Technology Workshop
Friday 3rd July 2026 – Year 4 Viking Day
Wednesday 8th July 2026 - Transition Afternoon 2
Wednesday 8th July 2026 – Year 6 Leaver’s Evening
Friday 10th July 2026 – Family Picnic
Wednesday 15th July 2026 – Year 6 Escape Room (PTFA)
Friday 17th July 2026 – PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground
Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)

Crucial Assessment Dates for 2025/2026

Throughout May 2026 – Y2 SATS tests (Please do not book holidays this month)
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATS (Please do not book holidays this week)
Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2026 – Y4 Times Tables Check (Please do not book holidays this fortnight)
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June 2026 – 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>

Spring Term 2026

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 02/02/2026

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