

# Headteacher's Newsletter



14th February 2025 - Edition 11

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

*As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work, achievements, and enthusiasm of our pupils. It has been a fantastic few weeks filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events, and great teamwork across the school.*

## Safer Internet Day

*On Tuesday 11th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school. It would be great if you could follow this up by having a chat with your child about staying safe online. Whether they're gaming, using social media, or browsing the internet, it's important they know how to make smart choices and stay safe.*

*We encourage you to have open conversations about internet safety, setting boundaries, and what to do if something doesn't feel right. For handy tips and advice, check out the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#).*

## Parental Engagement:

*We love sharing our experiences with families and friends, and this week alone, we have had no less than five events where parents have been invited into school. Take a look below:*



## Prefect Assembly



*We celebrated our Year 6 Prefects on Monday with a special assembly to present the chosen children with their new green school jumpers, and to talk about why they have been chosen for this role. Huge congratulations to all! Your achievement is thoroughly deserved!*

## Year 4 Violin Concert

*Hazel Class have been learning to play the violins every Monday afternoon, since September. To showcase what they have learned, the children performed to Year 3 and 4, and their parents. They all performed beautifully and the audience was thoroughly entertained. Well done Hazel class for showing how much progress you have made!*



## Special Mentions

*As it's the last week of half term, we had our 'Special Mentions' assembly. Parents were invited to see their child receive their special certificate for excellence over the half term. Well done everyone!*

## Elder Class Assembly

*Yesterday was Elder Class's turn to perform their class assembly. Children and families enjoyed finding out all about what Year 3 have been learning so far this year.*

# EYFS Fairy Tale Fun

EYFS had a wonderful time welcoming parents and carers to join them this week for their end of half term celebration - Fairy Tale Fun! The children sang a song, retold a story, shared photos, and finished it off by sharing smiles and creativity with their adults as they decorated biscuits.



## Wrap Around Care - Survey

We are interested in finding out about the before and after school care needs of our families so that we can consider the viability of providing such care in school. Please complete this linked questionnaire by Friday 28th February 2025 . We will only be able to consider provision if parents let us know what is required, so thank you in advance for your feedback.

## Year 5 Symphony Hall Trip



On Monday, Year 5 were lucky enough to go and watch the CBSO perform a series of musical numbers from around the world. They loved seeing each section of the orchestra play its part and hearing the incredible sound in the Symphony Hall. What a treat! For some, this was our first time hearing a live orchestra!

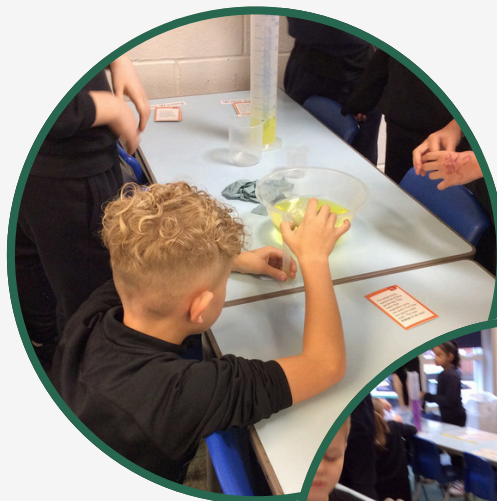
# Visit from Our MP



Last Friday our local MP, Alex Ballinger, visited school. He spent some time touring the school and hearing about the main issues impacting education/schools at the moment. He then met with the School Council for a Q&A. The children represented the school beautifully and asked some really thoughtful questions.

## Severn Trent Water Workshops

Last week, Severn Trent Water came in to deliver a fun filled assembly to the whole school about all things water, including water waste. Later on, Year 4 enjoyed some fantastic workshops where they got to do some fun, practical activities whilst learning all about the water cycle. Children and teachers commented on how enjoyable this experience was!



# Maths Championships



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the first heat of a regional Maths competition. They came in second place and have earned themselves a place at the finals, where they will compete against other finalists on 10th June, in the hopes of not only winning individual prizes, but the accolade of being the winning school in the Dudley borough. Well done team!

## Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to one of our parents, Mr Preston, for kindly coming into school to felt our shed roofs, and to also fix the guttering. We value all of the help and support we get from parents in school!

## Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting

Mr South led an online meeting for parents all about the upcoming KS2 SATs tests. If you were not able to attend, you will be able to find the video and slides on our Parent Workshops area of the website.

## Music Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded the Music Mark Award for 2024/25 in recognition of our positive approach to music across the school and our engagement with Dudley Performing Arts.



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# Phonics Books - Message from Mr Lander

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Starting Friday, 14th February, we will be changing from eBooks to physical books as part of our reading programme. This is a fantastic step forward, and we are eager to see the positive impact it will have on our children's love of reading.

Thanks to the incredible support of the English Hub, we have secured funding to purchase 2,000 brand-new reading books for our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 pupils. These high-quality books will replace the weekly eBooks currently sent home.

Each week, your child will bring home a new reading book in a plastic folder to keep it safe. Our expectation remains the same: children should read at least three times per week (but daily is better), with entries recorded in their reading diaries. Please ensure the book is returned each week in its plastic folder so it can be exchanged for a new one. Additionally, your child should bring their book bag to school every day, as reading days will vary.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr. Lander






## Upcoming World Book Day

Information about World Book Day 2025 was sent out this week via email. You can also find information about how we will be celebrating this on our website under 'Latest News'.

## Library Fundraising



We are excited to announce the launch of a [GoFundMe](#) page dedicated to building a new school library where children can learn and develop a love for reading. We invite you to support this initiative by donating and sharing the link with friends, family, colleagues and community members you think may be interested in supporting us.

Every contribution, big or small, will bring us closer to creating a state-of-the-art library that will benefit all students. You can donate by visiting the [GoFundMe page](#)

Thank you for your support and consideration. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Happy Half Term
















We break up today for February half term, and I can't quite believe I have completed a half year here at Hurst Green. Time has flown, but when I look at everything we have already achieved since I started in September, I can't help but feel incredibly proud. I am so thankful for my wonderful staff, our amazing children and supportive parents.

So, whether staying at home, or going away on holiday, I hope you all find some time to relax and enjoy yourselves. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 24th February**.

Have a wonderful half term!  
Miss Wilson



## Fortnightly Class Attendance: 03.02.25 - 14.02.25

 Apple - 95.50%	 Cedar - 91.29%	 Hawthorn - 94.33%	 Pine - 90.78%
 Apricot - 90.67%	 Cherry - 93.10%	 Hazel - 93.50%	 Poplar - 96.67%
 Beech - 87.24%	 Elder - 95.17%	 Larch - 93.12%	 <i>Well Done Birch Class!</i>
 Birch - 98.87%	 Elm - 95%	 Lime - 94.17%	

## Fortnightly House Points: 03.02.25 - 14.02.25



2817



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2746

### Mentions - Week One (3.2.25)

Apricot - Knight  
 Apple - Ethan  
 Beech - Rocco  
 Birch - Ava  
 Cedar - Harry  
 Cherry - Ariya  
 Elder - Uzair  
 Elm - Yunus  
 Hawthorn - Felix  
 Hazel - Anas  
 Larch - Eadie  
 Lime - Ronnie  
 Pine - Dilara  
 Poplar - Skyla

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

Apricot - Ruby  
 Apple - Jax  
 Beech - Haroon  
 Birch - Sanjana  
 Cedar - Layla  
 Cherry - Harry  
 Elder - Otis  
 Elm - Chloé  
 Hawthorn - Albie  
 Hazel - Margarita  
 Larch - Samuel  
 Lime - Yunus  
 Pine - Kate  
 Poplar - Amber

well done!