

Headteacher's Newsletter

21st March 2025 - Edition 13

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



It's been a busy fortnight since my last newsletter, with lots of exciting things happening in school, and lots still to come! In this edition of the newsletter I will share important information and updates. I hope this keeps you informed and connected with our wonderful school community.

Congratulations!

We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Miss Bonness on the birth of her new baby boy, who arrived last Friday. Mum and baby are doing well - so well that they are already on the school run together!

Mrs Tinsley - Maternity Leave

Mrs Tinsley left us yesterday to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the best with her new arrival and hope she has a wonderful break. Mrs Spencer, who is well known to the school, will be covering in Cherry class, alongside Mr Tinsley. She will cover full time whilst Mr Tinsley is on paternity leave for two weeks.

EYFS Maths Parent Workshop

This week, we held a fantastic Reception Maths Parent Workshop, giving families a chance to see how we teach early maths skills in the classroom. It was a great opportunity to share practical tips for supporting maths learning at home. Thank you to everyone who attended - we loved seeing so many families getting involved! If you missed out, you can find the information at our [Parent Workshop](#) Area of the website.



Startling Facts About Attendance

A new report from the Department for Education, published last week, highlighted the link between attendance and attainment at the end of Key Stage 2. The key findings from the report show the clear link between your child's attendance and their success in school and later life:

- Pupils with 95%-100% attendance are 1.3 times more likely to meet the expected standards in their SATs.
- Missing 10 days in Year 6 reduces the likelihood of achieving the expected standards by 25%.
- Moving up a single attendance band (e.g. From 90-95%, to 95-100%) can increase the chance of achieving the expected standard by at least 30% in KS2.

That is astonishing! Improving attendance by just 5% makes a child 1/3 more likely to pass their SATs!

Although this report focuses on Year 6, the principles will be the same for every year group. Every day matters!

Pupil Leadership - Subject Ambassadors

In the last newsletter I told you about our our School Council. This edition, we are looking at our Subject Ambassadors.

Subject Ambassadors are passionate student representatives who play a key role in promoting and supporting their chosen subject within the school community. They work closely with teachers and peers to inspire enthusiasm, share knowledge, and contribute to a positive learning environment. Ambassadors help organise events, assist with subject-related activities, and act as role models, showcasing the importance and value of their subject. Through their leadership and dedication, Subject Ambassadors encourage curiosity, collaboration, and excellence, fostering a love for learning amongst their fellow students.

INSET Days 2025 - 2026

To give families as much notice as possible (and to book those cheaper holidays) I would like to share our INSET days for the 2025/2026 academic year. These will be as follows:

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Monday 20th July 2026

Reminder - Early Years' Request

We would love to expand our collection of dressing-up clothes to better reflect the wonderful diversity of our school community. If you have any traditional or cultural clothing that you no longer need, we would be so grateful for your donations. These will help enrich our role-play areas and give children the opportunity to explore and celebrate different cultures.

If you have anything to donate, please pass it onto our reception team. Thank you for your support!

Reminder - Communication Survey

At Hurst Green, we are always looking for ways to improve how we communicate with our school community. We value your feedback and would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your responses will help us ensure that we are sharing important information in the best possible way.

Parent Communication Feedback



Year 1 Trip to Little Owl Farm

Year 1 really enjoyed their day at Little Owl Farm. They were able to meet lots of different animals and learn about their different habitats. The children particularly enjoyed feeding the lambs, stroking the guinea pigs and rabbits and feeding the deer.



Year 6 Trip to Bewdley Museum

Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to Bewdley Museum, where they explored life during World War II. Throughout the day, they handled historical artefacts, visited a real air raid shelter, and even tried their hand at making traditional rag rugs.



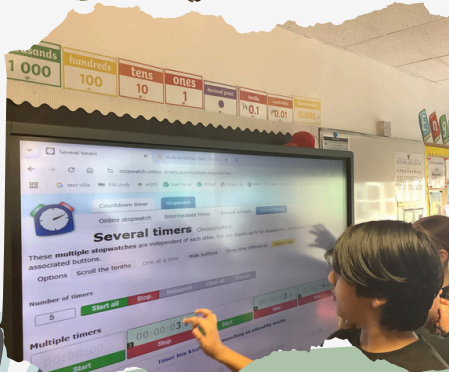
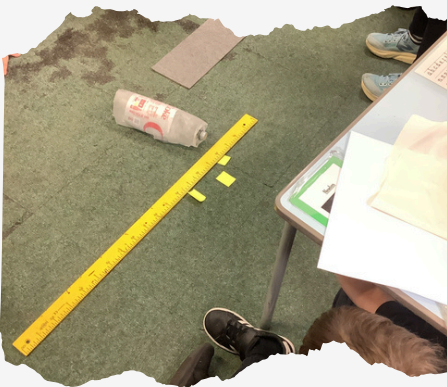
Year 5 Trip to RAF Cosford

Year 5 had a fantastic time during STEM day at RAF Cosford on Tuesday. The children took part in a variety of activities where they used their engineering skills to solve lots of space themed problems. They all had a great day!



Science Week

Last week, we celebrated British Science Week with exciting experiments and hands-on activities in every classroom across the school. Pupils explored topics around science, technology, engineering, and space, fostering curiosity and creativity. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to discover and learn through science.



Sponsored Reading Event



We want to take a moment to remind you that March is the month of our sponsored reading challenge to raise money for our school library. Information about the event was sent out via email, and can be [found here](#).

We know how much parents give to school, so please ask wider family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbours to sponsor. No amount is too small. For instance, if every child in school raised just £10 each for the whole event, we would raise over £4000.

Our current library is in a corridor and not fit for purpose in terms of the range of books available, and the space provided for children to browse for and enjoy books. The pictures here show are what we are aiming for. We hope that by providing an amazing reading environment, and interesting, enticing books, we will help children now and in the future to develop a love of reading.

Sponsorship money will be collected via ScoPay or Go Fund Me. Scan the QR code (right) or click the link below to make a donation.

Please also consider sharing our Go Fund Me Link on your socials. If you know any local businesses or your employer has a charitable/community sector, please consider sharing our link with them too!

<https://gofund.me/4ce65543>



PTA Easter Fete - Message from the PTA

PTA EASTER FETE

Wednesday 9th April
3:30pm - 5:15pm

TOY STALL - TOMBOLA - RAFFLE - CAKE STALL
COLOURING COMPETITION - MUCH MORE

Join us at the PTA Easter Fete for some Easter fun! If you'd like to get involved, join us for the next planning meeting on Friday 21st March straight after school.

There will be a non-uniform day on April 4th where we are asking Reception to Year 3 to bring chocolate egg donations and Year 4 to Year 6 to bring bottles for the tombola.

Paint Suppliers - Request for Help

Some of our wonderful parents will be doing some painting for us over the Easter Holidays. I was wondering if any of you work in the construction/decorating industry and have links to buying paint at trade cost - we need quite a bit of paint of a particular shade so if you can connect us with a good (and cheap) supplier, we would be very grateful! Please contact the school office if you can help.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26th March and 2nd April: 3.30pm - 6pm Spring Parents' Evenings

More information will follow.

Thursday 27th March: 9:00am - 9.30am Hawthorn Class Assembly

Tuesday 8th April: 9:00am OR 2:30pm - Parent Workshops: Year 1 Phonics
Screening Check

Meeting in the school hall.

Wednesday 9th April: 3:30pm-5:15pm - PTA Easter Fete

More information to follow.

Thursday 10th April: 9:00am - 9:30am - Elm Class Assembly

Friday 11th April: INSET Day and last day of term.

School is closed for children today. School reopens on Monday 28th April

Amazon/Book Wishlist/Donations

As we are fundraising for our library, we recently set up a [book wish list](#), on Amazon. We have been blown away by the donations that have arrived from our friends, family members and neighbours (see picture). Thank you so much for your generosity! We really appreciate your kindness and support!













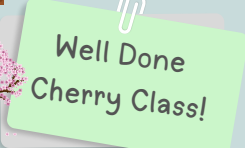



We have also had many pre-loved but great quality books donated to school. Thank you so much for your generosity. You are still very welcome to bring in any quality children's books you no longer want to the school office!



Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Fortnightly Class Attendance: 10.03.25 - 21.03.25

 Apple - 95.83%	 Cedar - 94.68%	 Hawthorn - 95%	 Pine - 91.41%
 Apricot - 86.33%	 Cherry - 99.31%	 Hazel - 97.83%	 Poplar - 93.87%
 Beech - 93.28%	 Elder - 94.14%	 Larch - 97.41%	 
 Birch - 98.97%	 Elm - 91.56%	 Lime - 92.82%	

Fortnightly House Points: 24.02.25 - 03.03.25



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Mentions - Week One (10.03.25)

Apricot - Kane
 Apple - Theo
 Beech - Adam
 Birch - Oscar
 Cedar - Thomas
 Cherry - Isla
 Elder - Chloe
 Elm - Jaxon
 Hawthorn - Lamees
 Hazel - Huey
 Larch - Oscar
 Lime - Brandon
 Pine - The Whole Class!
 Poplar - The Whole Class!



Mentions - Week Two (17.03.25)

Apricot - Aiden
 Apple - Maya
 Beech - Jeevan
 Birch - Kareem
 Cedar - Layla
 Cherry - Malia
 Elder - Rohan
 Elm - Elizabeth
 Hawthorn - Joshua
 Hazel - Toby
 Larch - Ben
 Lime - Chase
 Pine - Noah & Oscar
 Poplar - Noor & Lacey