

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

It's been a purposeful few weeks across school. The children have settled beautifully into the second half of Autumn term, with classrooms full of curiosity, collaboration and learning. Staff have been so proud of the way pupils have engaged with recent events and challenges - from showing compassion during Anti-Bullying Week to taking part in sporting and fundraising successes. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep that strong sense of community and care at the heart of school life.

Anti-bullying Week

This week, we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week through live lessons, discussions and special assemblies exploring the theme of kindness, inclusion and courage. Pupils have been encouraged to reflect on how everyday words and actions affect others, and how we can all take small steps to make everyone feel safe and valued. It has been heartening to see thoughtful conversations across all year groups and a shared understanding that our differences make our community stronger.



Half Term Reading Challenge

A big well done to everyone who completed our Half-Term Reading Challenge. It was wonderful to see so many pupils reading regularly over the break and sharing recommendations with friends. Reading for pleasure plays a vital part in children's academic and emotional development, and it's clear that enthusiasm for books continues to grow across school. All children who took part will receive a special certificate to celebrate their effort and commitment. Keep up the great reading habits - we're already looking forward to the next challenge!

Big Breakfast Bash - Wrap Around Club

We're excited to announce our first **Wraparound Club Big Breakfast Bash on Friday 21st November, 7:30-8:45am** in the School Sports Hall.

This fun morning is open to all pupils, including those new to Wraparound. There'll be a special guest sports coach, go carts, games, music and a tasty breakfast to start the day.

Full details, booking information and the registration link were shared by email last week. Please check your inbox for everything you need to join in. Hurry because places are limited!



EYFS Phonics and Reading Parents' Meetings

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to the EYFS phonics and reading meetings led by Mrs Yeomans this term. We greatly appreciate the time and commitment shown by families in supporting their children's early reading development. If you were unable to attend, please visit our school website and **click on our Parent Workshops** link to view the presentations and access the supporting materials. Key information will also be shared through Tapestry.





Open Day for New Reception Starters

Our recent Open Day for families applying for Reception 2026 places was very well attended, and we were so proud of the prefects who led tours around the school. Their conduct, confidence and genuine pride in their school were frequently commented on by parents, who described them as outstanding ambassadors. Feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying how impressed they were by the school's calm, welcoming atmosphere. A reminder that Dudley admissions for September 2026 are now open via the council website.

PTA Halloween Disco

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another fantastic Halloween Disco. The costumes were imaginative, the music was lively, and the dance floor was full all evening. It was a joy to see children having such fun with their friends. **Together we raised an impressive £714.00,** which will go towards future PTA-funded events and projects across school. We're very grateful to the staff and volunteers who gave their time to make the night safe and enjoyable.

Great Athlete Event

Our recent Great Athlete event was a huge success and full of excitement from start to finish. The children showed determination, teamwork and great sportsmanship as they completed a range of physical challenges. **Thanks to your generosity, we raised almost £3,000,** which will go directly towards improving our sports equipment and facilities. With budgets across education under strain, this support makes a tangible difference and ensures our pupils continue to have access to high-quality, engaging sporting experiences throughout the year.

Wristbands and rewards for those eligible are on their way!



Value of the Half Term – Compassion

This half term, our school value is **Compassion**. We are encouraging pupils to notice when others might need support and to show care through simple, thoughtful actions. Assemblies, stories and class reflections are helping children explore what compassion looks like in everyday life, from being a good friend to standing up for someone else. Our library focus wall also highlights books that show acts of empathy and kindness. We hope this focus inspires children to carry compassion into all areas of school and home life.

Non-Uniform Days: Christmas Hamper Collection

As we move towards Christmas, our non-uniform days will help us collect items for the annual Christmas Hamper fundraiser. Non-uniform days will take place on the following days and we request the following donations:

Friday 28th November:

Reception and KS1 = Chocolate
KS2 = Bottles

Friday 5th December:

Reception and KS1 = Savoury Treats
KS2 = Christmas Goodies (food, decorations, candles etc).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly to honour those who served and sacrificed. Pupils listened with respect and reflected on the importance of peace and gratitude. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Dhami and Mr Parry, who came in to share their families' experiences of war over the last week or so. Their personal stories brought real meaning to the day and helped pupils connect with history in a deeply human way. The sense of reflection across school was both moving and memorable.

Children in Need

We marked Children in Need today with a spotty non-uniform day. The children enjoyed getting involved and understood why we support the charity. Thank you for your donations and for helping us raise money for such an important cause.

Online Safety Update

We've recently spoken with pupils about a concerning online "Six Seven" trend linked to an inappropriate song circulating on some platforms. We've reminded children about the importance of being cautious online and speaking to a trusted adult if they see or hear something that makes them uncomfortable. Families can support by keeping conversations about online activity open and by monitoring what children are accessing. Thank you for your continued vigilance in helping us keep pupils safe online.

Website Updates

All class pages on our school website have now been refreshed for this term. They include photos, updates and summaries of what each class has been learning, from creative writing projects to science experiments and local history work. Please take a moment to visit the site and share in the children's achievements - they are always proud to see their work celebrated publicly. The website is also the best place to keep up with key dates and upcoming events.

Reception Film Club

Our Reception children are invited to a Fun Film Club on **Thursday 4th December, from 3:15 to 4:00pm**. Children will be watching a short film favourite in the hall and will be given a snack and drink.

We find at this age, staying too long after school can be really unsettling for children, which is why we are keeping it short, but we are keen for them to enjoy their own special event. Tickets cost £3.00 each and bookings should be made via ScoPay.

Prefect Assembly



We were delighted to hold our Prefect Assembly today, where our newly appointed prefects were proudly presented with their dark green jumpers and Prefect badges. Each pupil was carefully selected for their outstanding personal qualities and for exemplifying what it means to be a Hurst Green learner. We were pleased to welcome parents to share in this special moment. Thank you to Mr South, who led the assembly on our behalf, as Mrs Webb and I were attending an off-site commitment.

England Rocks!

Next week, Hurst Green pupils will take part in **England Rocks**, the national **Times Tables Rock Stars** competition. From Tuesday to Thursday, children simply log in and play as usual. Every correct answer boosts our school's score.

TTRS will announce the top-scoring schools and classes nationwide, with the top three classes winning Amazon vouchers (£100, £75 or £50) for classroom resources.

The competition runs daily from 7:30am-7:30pm, with each child limited to one hour of play per day. A fun and motivating way to build times tables confidence! Please see Mr Rees' email for more details.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 03.11.25 - 14.11.25



Apple - 96.83%



Cedar - 89.83%



Hawthorn - 97.17%



Pine - 94%



Apricot - 95.33%



Cherry - 95%



Hazel - 96.61%



Poplar - 96.16%



Beech - 98.33%



Elder - 98.17%



Larch - 96.03%



Birch - 95.86%



Elm - 96.21%



Lime - 95.5%



Well Done
Beech Class!

House Points



3696



2514



3262



3441

Mentions 12.11.25

Apple - Jacob & Maya-Rose

Apricot - Anaya & Isabella

Beech - Belle

Birch - Bella

Cedar - Ava-May

Cherry - Ravina

Elder - Esa

Elm - Hughie

Hawthorn - Rayan & Eliza

Hazel - Emily

Larch - Michael

Lime - George & Sophia

Pine - Amber

Poplar - George