

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



The last fortnight has been a busy one in school, with trips, visitors, competitions, playground projects and plenty going on in classrooms alongside the usual day-to-day learning. It has also been nice to finally have a bit of sunshine and some lighter mornings and afternoons, which always seem to lift everyone's mood slightly.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are very lucky to have such a positive and supportive school community around us.

National Book Tokens Competition

A parent kindly shared information with us about an exciting competition being run by National Book Tokens, giving schools the chance to win £1,000 worth of National Book Tokens to refresh and rebuild their library stock.

Families can nominate our school using the online form linked here: [National Book Tokens Schools Prize](#)

If our school is selected as one of the winners, the person who nominated us would also receive National Book Tokens for themselves. The process only takes a minute or two, and the more nominations a school receives, the greater the chance of success. Thank you in advance to anyone who takes the time to support us with this.



Reception – Paramedic Visit



Reception had a very exciting visit from a paramedic on Friday as part of their learning about people who help us. The children explored the ambulance, heard the sirens and learned about some of the equipment used to help patients in emergencies. There was plenty of excitement, curiosity and enthusiastic questioning throughout the session. Experiences like this help bring learning to life and leave a lasting impression on the children.

Good Luck Year 6

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as SATs week begins on Monday 11th May. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and should feel proud of the effort, resilience and determination they have shown.

While SATs are one small part of their primary school journey and certainly not the measure of who they are as individuals, they are an opportunity for the children to show what they have learned. We know they will approach the week with maturity and positivity, and we are very proud of them already.

Request for Old Towels

Our caretaking team are currently looking for any old or spare towels that families may no longer need. These are always incredibly useful around school for everything from spillages to outdoor activities and wet weather clean-ups.

If you do have any old towels you are happy to donate, please send them into the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

A new approach to attendance at Hurst Green Primary School

At Hurst Green Primary School, we know children learn best when they feel safe, valued and that they belong. This year, we are strengthening our whole-school approach to attendance through our new attendance culture:

We're Here. We Belong.

Rooted in our school values and current research around belonging and attendance, this approach focuses on helping every child attend school regularly when they are well enough to do so.

Regular attendance supports children's learning, confidence, friendships and wellbeing. Every school day matters.

What will look different?

Rather than focusing purely on 100% attendance, we will now recognise and celebrate:

- Consistent attendance when children are well
- Improvement over time
- Positive return after absence
- Good routines and punctuality
- Readiness to learn



We are also introducing Attendance Mentors for some pupils who may benefit from extra encouragement or support. These trusted adults will help children feel connected, confident and successful in returning to school.

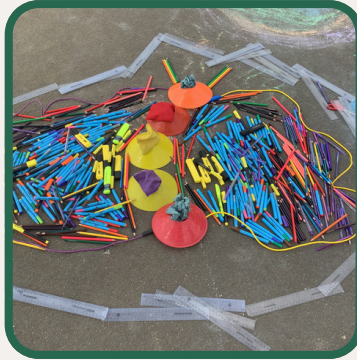
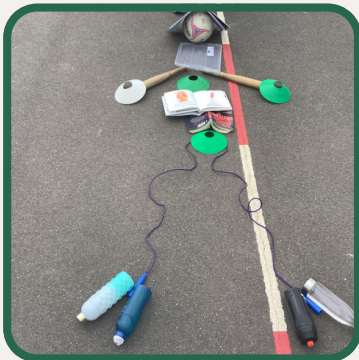
We understand that families sometimes face genuine challenges and will work in partnership to provide early support and targeted intervention where needed.

We're here when we can be. We belong, always.

Year 5 Art



Year 5 have been exploring Sculpture and 3D: Interactive Installations in their art lessons this half term. Working against the clock, the children used everyday classroom items to design and build their own sculptures. It was fantastic to see how well they collaborated under pressure, sharing ideas and adapting their designs as they worked. The finished pieces were imaginative, creative and, in some cases, surprisingly structurally sound considering the materials involved.



Reminder – Conduct on the Playground

We would like to remind all adults that the school site, including the playground at drop-off and collection times, should remain a safe and respectful environment for everyone. Recently, there have been occasions where inappropriate language has been overheard by children, alongside some instances of smoking or vaping near the school gates and playground areas.

We appreciate that everyone leads busy lives and that mornings and afternoons can sometimes feel rushed, but we do ask all members of our community to help us model the standards we expect from our pupils. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm, positive and family-friendly environment around school.

SEND Information Report Launch



We were pleased to officially launch our new SEND Information Report at our presentation this week. The updated resource has been developed to provide clearer, more accessible information for families about our SEND provision and inclusive approach at Hurst Green Primary School.

The SEND Information Report can now be accessed live through our SEND section of our school website and can be accessed via this [link](#)

We encourage all parents and carers to take some time to explore the new resources and information available.

Community News and Events



Dudley Performing Arts Super Demo Evening!

Thursday May 21st - 4.30pm -7pm
Cable Plaza, Waterfront West,
Brierley Hill, DY5 1LW

Would you like to learn a musical instrument but unsure which one?

Why not come along and see what's on offer?

- See and hear the different instruments.
- Try out instruments you are interested in.
- Meet the teachers.
- Find out about music lessons in school or at Cable Plaza.
- Ask any questions you may have.

No need to book, just turn up.

**Any further questions contact dpa.cs@dudley.gov.uk
or phone 01384 813865**

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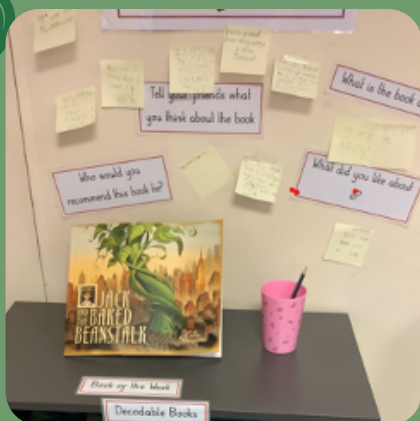


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PTA Fundraising - What YOU Have Bought for the School

Some of the funds raised through PTA events have recently been used to further develop classroom reading areas, including new books, furniture, resources and materials to support high-quality reading provision across the school. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.



Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 27.04.26 - 08.05.26



Apple - 92.7%



Cedar - 96.08%



Hawthorn - 94.31%



Pine - 99.19%



Apricot - 89.41%



Cherry - 92.35%



Hazel - 92.75%



Poplar - 93.33%



Beech - 97.84%



Elder - 96.15%



Larch - 95.69%



Well Done
Pine Class!



Birch - 94.71%



Elm - 96.67%



Lime - 94.31%

House Points



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Mentions Week 1

Apple - Anaya
 Apricot - Mateo
 Beech - Ted
 Birch - Muhammad
 Cedar - Kareem
 Cherry - Erin
 Elder - Bonnie
 Elm - Jeevan
 Hawthorn - Jake
 Hazel - Lilah
 Larch - Caleasi
 Lime - Kaiden
 Pine - Parivita
 Poplar - Aila

Mentions Week 2

Apple - Jonah
 Apricot - Aoife
 Beech - Jaxon
 Birch - Farrah
 Cedar - Eliza
 Cherry - Rida
 Elder - Ethan
 Elm - Hamza
 Hawthorn - Nancy
 Hazel - Ajeet
 Larch - Dylan
 Lime - Noah
 Pine - Anniyah
 Poplar - Ivy