

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



This final half term of the year seems to be racing towards the finish line. Between assessments, residential visits, sporting achievements, interviews and exciting developments around school, there has certainly been plenty going on. It is always one of the busiest periods of the year, but also one of the most enjoyable, as we begin looking ahead to September whilst still making the most of the opportunities available this term. As always, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to help make Hurst Green such a positive school community.

Well Done Year 4 and Year 1

A huge well done to our Year 4 and Year 1 pupils, who completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and Phonics Screening Check (PSC) this week. Whilst these assessments are only a small snapshot of children's learning, we know how much effort has gone into preparing for them. Staff were incredibly impressed with the positive attitude, resilience and determination shown by the children throughout.

The MTC and PSC are statutory national assessments completed by children across England at this stage of their education. Results will be included in end-of-year reports in July. For now, we are simply delighted with the way the children approached the assessments and the effort they put into them. We are very proud of them all.



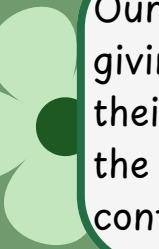
Dudley Maths Championship Final

Next week, six pupils from Years 5 and 6 will be representing Hurst Green in the Dudley Maths Championship Final. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work, resilience and mathematical thinking they have demonstrated throughout the competition. We wish them the very best of luck and know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

Staffing Update

Many families will know Mrs Hayward, who has been a valued member of our school team for many years. Mrs Hayward has recently secured an exciting new role and will be leaving us in September. Whilst we are naturally sorry to see her go, this is a fantastic opportunity and one that is thoroughly deserved. We would like to congratulate her and thank her for everything she has contributed to the school. As a result, we have been busy interviewing this week and look forward to sharing further staffing updates in due course.

Class Shuffle Day



Our annual Class Shuffle Day will take place on **Tuesday 30th June**, giving children the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend time in their classroom for September. Further information will be shared closer to the day, but this is always an important part of helping children feel confident and excited about the next stage of their journey through school.

Sports Day

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Wednesday 17th June, weather permitting. As always, we have a reserve date of Wednesday 24th June should the weather decide not to cooperate.

We will always try to give families as much notice as possible if arrangements need to change, although sometimes decisions have to be made closer to the event than we would like. A separate email will be sent on Monday containing timings, entrance arrangements and all the information you will need for the day, so please keep an eye on your inbox. We look forward to welcoming families and cheering on the children.



School Council Review of Our Brilliant Basics

School Council met this week to discuss the impact of our new Brilliant Basics and evaluate how they have improved classrooms across the school.

School Council felt that classrooms are now much tidier and better organised. They particularly praised the improved book corners, explaining that clear labels make it easier to find and return books. School Council members also commented that their classrooms have less distractions now they are tidier and that their tables are less cluttered, giving pupils more space to work. Having individual equipment cases means pupils can quickly access the resources they need and take greater responsibility for their equipment.

School Council also spoke positively about the new lesson entry routines. They felt that standing behind chairs when entering the classroom helps lessons start more calmly and purposefully. Pupils agreed that less time is wasted at the beginning of lessons, behaviour is improving, and there is now more time available for learning.

Overall, School Council agreed that the Brilliant Basics have had a positive impact on classroom organisation, behaviour and learning across the school.

Uniform and Smart Watches

We would like to remind families that smart watches are not permitted in school. We are aware that new government guidance regarding mobile phones and smart devices is continuing to develop, and we will provide further information to parents in due course.

We would also appreciate support in ensuring children attend school in full correct uniform. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum, with only small stud earrings being worn in school. Thank you for helping us maintain a consistent approach across the school.

Year 6 Residential – Astley Burf



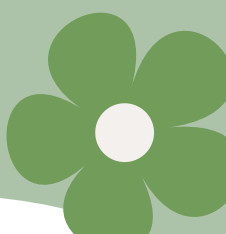
Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Astley Burf. The children embraced every opportunity, challenged themselves, supported one another and threw themselves into the activities with enthusiasm. Staff were incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the week. Their behaviour, attitude and resilience were exemplary and they were a real credit to the school. Well done, Year 6. More pictures are available on our website.



Orchard Outdoor Learning Space and Sensory Garden



We are delighted that the new Orchard outdoor classroom and sensory garden have now been completed. This exciting development provides additional opportunities for outdoor learning, sensory regulation and play, and will be a real asset to our school for many years to come. We are extremely proud of the provision we are able to offer our children and know this space will have a positive impact on many pupils.





Play Equipment Before and After School

A reminder that children should not use any school play equipment before or after school, including the new Orchard sensory area. These facilities are designed for supervised use during the school day and are not risk assessed or staffed outside school hours. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe.

Sporting Success Outside School

We are always delighted to hear about children's achievements beyond the school gates. Congratulations to Arlo, who recently attended his football presentation evening and returned with an impressive collection of trophies. Arlo was awarded Top Goalscorer for both his Saturday MJPL team and his Sunday SYDFL Division One team, as well as receiving the Sponsors' Player of the Season award. Alongside these individual honours, he also received trophies recognising his contribution to both teams throughout the season. We are delighted to celebrate his success and the dedication and commitment that sits behind these achievements.



More Sporting Success Outside School

This fortnight, we would like to congratulate Ronnie, who is currently competing in the **British Cycling BMX National Series**. Ronnie's achievements do not stop there. Next week he will travel to France to defend his **European title** before representing Great Britain at the **BMX World Championships in Australia later this summer**.

Competing at this level requires an enormous amount of dedication, commitment and hard work, and we are incredibly proud of what Ronnie has achieved. We wish him the very best of luck in his upcoming competitions and look forward to hearing how he gets on.

For any families interested in following Ronnie's progress, the event is being livestreamed online, with racing beginning at 12pm on Saturday and 11am on Sunday. You will easily spot Ronnie in his bright pink jersey! Good luck, Ronnie! 🚴🇬🇧🏆

[Round 5 Link - Saturday](#)

[Round 6 Link - Sunday](#)





World Cup Matches in June

Following England's first two World Cup group matches, which kick off at 9:00pm on 17th June and 23rd June, we will be offering families the option of a later start the following mornings.

Children may either attend at the normal start time or arrive at 10:30am. To avoid disruption to learning, children should not arrive between these times.

We know many of our pupils will be keen to support England and enjoy the matches with family and friends, and we are pleased to be able to offer a little flexibility on these occasions.

Please note that the later start on 24th June will NOT apply to Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 should Sports Day need to move to its reserve date that morning.
















In addition, on the rare occasion that there is a significant event taking place in school, such as an Ofsted inspection visit, we may need to amend these arrangements. Should this be necessary, we will let families know as soon as possible. ⚽+



Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 01.06.26 - 12.06.26

 Apple - 96.37%	 Cedar - 96.49%	 Hawthorn - 94.91%	 Pine - 96.01%
 Apricot - 92.48%	 Cherry - 98.6%	 Hazel - 97.82%	 Poplar - 93.1%
 Beech - 97.54%	 Elder - 97.28%	 Larch - 94.56%	 <i>Well Done Cherry Class!</i>
 Birch - 96.01%	 Elm - 97.71%	 Lime - 95.72%	

House Points



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Mentions Week 1

Apple - Phoebe
 Apricot - Alif
 Beech - Bellatrix
 Birch - Sarah
 Cedar - Antoni
 Cherry - Ravina
 Elder - Max
 Elm - Oscar
 Hawthorn - Lily
 Hazel - Oliver
 Larch - Noah
 Lime - Sophie
 Pine -
 Poplar -

Mentions Week 2

Apple - Cassidy
 Apricot - Ayat
 Beech - Ayana
 Birch - Kane
 Cedar - Avleen
 Cherry - Jeevan
 Elder - Esa
 Elm - Isaac
 Hawthorn - Idris
 Hazel - Tyler
 Larch - Toby
 Lime - Lamees
 Pine - Evie
 Poplar - Joseph