

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



Well, somehow we've reached the end of another school year.

It always amazes me quite how quickly these final weeks seem to disappear. Since Easter, our calendar has been packed with trips, performances, sports events, transition days, celebrations and, of course, saying goodbye to another wonderful Year 6 cohort. Looking back over the year, there really is so much for our school community to be proud of.

As always, this newsletter is a chance to celebrate some of those successes, reflect on the final few weeks and share a few important reminders before we all enjoy a well-earned summer break.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing Over the Summer

The summer holidays can be a wonderful opportunity for families to relax and recharge, but we also know that some children benefit from a little extra support with their wellbeing during longer breaks.

Dudley Reflexions has produced a range of resources and activities to support children's emotional wellbeing over the summer holidays. These, together with links to other useful organisations and holiday support, can all be found by [clicking this link](#) our school website.



Year 6 SATs Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, who have achieved an excellent set of SATs results this year.

The cohort performed well above the national average in every subject, including the percentages of children achieving Greater Depth, reflecting the depth of their learning and understanding. We are especially proud of the outcomes for our disadvantaged pupils, whose results demonstrate the positive impact of the support and opportunities provided throughout their time at Hurst Green.

These achievements are particularly remarkable when you consider that this cohort missed much of their Reception year and part of Year 1 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, and thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families. These fantastic results are the culmination of years of hard work, commitment and teamwork, and we couldn't be prouder of everything this cohort has achieved.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard		Average scaled score	
	School	Nationally ¹	School ²	Nationally ³
Reading	86%	75%	106	106
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	95%	74%	108	105
Maths	86%	74%	107	105
Writing	86%	72%	N/A	N/A
Science	97%	82%	N/A	N/A

1. Percentages for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Maths, and Writing teacher assessment (TA) are based on provisional headline information on the 2026 national curriculum assessments.

2. Scaled scores guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2>

3. Average scaled scores for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling and Maths are based on provisional headline information on the 2026 national curriculum assessments.

Year 6 Night of Stars



Last night's Night of the Stars was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year.

It was a truly special evening and a wonderful way to celebrate our Year 6 children as they prepare for the next chapter of their education. There were incredible performances, plenty of laughter, more than a few tears and, most importantly, every single child was recognised and celebrated as an individual through their personalised award.

The atmosphere throughout the evening was one of pride, friendship and celebration, and it perfectly reflected the remarkable young people our Year 6 children have become. It is a night that we hope they, and their families, will remember for many years to come.

To our Year 6 children, thank you for everything you have contributed to Hurst Green over the last seven years. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success and happiness as you move on to secondary school.

Summer Reading Challenge

Sarah from Long Lane Library joined us in assembly last week to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

She explained how children can take part by reading six books over six weeks during the summer holidays, earning stickers, certificates and medals as they progress through the challenge. Sarah also shared some of the exciting activities, craft sessions and resources available at the library throughout the holidays.

Every child should have brought home information about the challenge today and we would love to see as many children as possible taking part. Reading regularly over the summer is one of the very best ways to help children maintain the fantastic progress they have made this year, whilst continuing to develop a lifelong love of books.

Year 1 Visit Little Owl Farm



Our Year 1 children had a fantastic day at Little Owl Farm.

Despite the very hot weather, they showed outstanding behaviour throughout the trip and coped brilliantly with the heat. The children loved meeting a wide variety of animals, including lots of adorable baby animals, and enjoyed taking part in an exciting animal house hunt.

A particular highlight was cooling off in the wonderfully air-conditioned soft play area, where everyone had great fun.

It was a memorable day filled with learning, laughter and lots of smiles. Well done, Year 1. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Thank You for Your Support During the Heatwave

Last week, our Year 4 children proudly performed to parents and families in their end-of-year violin concert.

It was wonderful to see the progress they have made since beginning their instrument lessons and the confidence they showed performing in front of an audience. Learning a musical instrument takes perseverance, patience and practice, and the children should all be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children and celebrate their hard work.



Important Changes - New Mobile Phones and Smart Devices Policy



From September 2026, all schools must comply with new Department for Education statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools. Hurst Green is already largely compliant with these expectations, so our **updated policy** simply formalises what is already established practice, with a few small changes.

Key points you need to know:

- Mobile phones brought to school by children must be switched off before entering the school site and handed to the class teacher for secure storage until the end of the school day. As is already a rule, pupils **must not** keep phones in bags or coat pockets.
- Communication-enabled smartwatches (such as Apple Watches) are now treated in the same way as mobile phones and **should not be worn** during the school day. Simple digital watches and fitness trackers without communication features are still permitted.
- We ask parents and visitors to support our mobile phone-free environment while pupils are present. Phones may still be used at events such as class assemblies, performances and sports days to take photographs of your own child, unless advised otherwise.

The full Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy is available on our school website under Key Information > Policies. These updates help us maintain a safe, calm and purposeful learning environment while ensuring we fully meet the new statutory requirements from the Department for Education.

Farewell and Good Luck

At the end of every school year we also say goodbye to valued members of staff, and this year is no exception.

After an incredible 22 years at Hurst Green, Mrs Hayward leaves us to begin an exciting new chapter as a Music Teacher at Earls High School. We know she will be a fantastic success and wish her every happiness in her new role.

After many years of dedicated service working with children across Dudley, Mrs Wheeler will also be retiring. We would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to Hurst Green over the last two years here, and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Both ladies leave with our very best wishes for the future.

PTA Update



Thank You

HURST GREEN PRIMARY COMMUNITY

Thank you
for all your help
in supporting the
PTA this year.

We have so far
raised an incredible
amount, and it is
already being put
towards good use
within the school.

We look forward
to announcing future
events in September
and fundraising ideas
for the new school
year!
Enjoy the Summer ☀️

We are also
looking for sponsors
for future events.

HELP NEEDED
we are looking for
new **volunteers**
to help with
future events.

Thank you to
all the businesses
that have donated
towards our event
this year!

Our summer fair
raised an amazing
£1,291.
Thank you for
making that amount
possible.

HURST GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

♥ We are here, we belong. ♥

PTA Summer Events

HURST GREEN PTA

JULY '26

SFC

REQUEST TO JOIN OUR PARENTS SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD WHATSAPP GROUP VIA THE PTA.

JOIN OUR PTA INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR SUMMER UPDATES @HURSTGREENPRIMARYPTA

PTA PICNIC IN THE PARK - 11AM

TUES 21ST

HURST GREEN PARK FROM 11AM - 1PM. PLEASE BRING A PICNIC - WE'LL ALSO HAVE GAMES AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN & ADULTS.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE HURST GREEN PTA THEN PLEASE LET US KNOW! WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

JOIN US!

EMAIL INFO@HURSTGREENPTA.COM



Football Success

Congratulations to Henry, Oliver and Eddie, who play for Avery Under 9s Football Club.

Their team has been crowned Trophy Group winners in the Stourbridge Youth & District Football League and collected their team trophy at the presentation evening at Brierley Hill Civic Hall. A fantastic achievement. Well done, boys!



Finally...

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to another successful year at Hurst Green.

To our staff, thank you for the care, dedication and professionalism you bring every day. Your commitment to our children is remarkable, and I am incredibly grateful for everything you do. To our governors, thank you for your continued support, challenge and encouragement throughout the year. And to our families, thank you for the trust you place in us and for the support you give your children and our school. Working together is what makes our community so special.

I wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year at Hurst Green.

Have a wonderful summer!
Miss Wilson



Attendance Sep 25 - July 26



Apple - 92.26%



Cedar - 95.66%



Hawthorn - 94%



Pine - 93.98%



Apricot - 93.37%



Cherry - 94.43%



Hazel - 95.76%



Poplar - 96.38%



Beech - 96.54%



Elder - 96.17%



Larch - 95.68%



Birch - 95.41%



Elm - 95.41%



Lime - 93.67%



Well Done
Beech Class!

House Points Sep 25 - July 26



18815



17106



18329



18034

Special Mentions

Apple - Erin
 Apricot - Finn
 Beech - Alicia
 Birch - Bobbie-Lei
 Cedar - Dexter
 Cherry - Haroon
 Elder - Jamir
 Elm - Jeevan
 Hawthorn - Zakk
 Hazel - Ava
 Larch - Margarita
 Lime - Alana
 Pine - Harmony
 Poplar - Leah