



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 17TH JANUARY 2025

### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into the swing of the spring term, and it has been a delight to see the energy and enthusiasm with which our pupils have embraced the new year.

The week began on a high note, with our pupils participating in the Young Voices concert. They should be commended for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in a truly memorable performance. It was inspiring to see their passion for music shining through in assembly today. Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Selly Manor, where they immersed themselves in history and had the opportunity to bring their learning to life. Both events were educational and enjoyable, and we are grateful to the staff and volunteers who made it possible.

In the senior school, Year 9 pupils have started engaging in meaningful discussions with their teachers about GCSE options. These conversations are an important step as they prepare for our Options Evening, which will be held on Wednesday, 29th January. This event will provide both pupils and parents with the information they need to make informed decisions about the next stage of their educational journey.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more of our pupils' achievements and activities with you in the weeks ahead.

*Mrs Samra*

# AWARDS



## Star of the week



Adam is commended for his unwavering effort across all areas of learning and the significant progress he has made.



Persephone is recognised for consistently striving to do her best and showing empathy toward everyone.



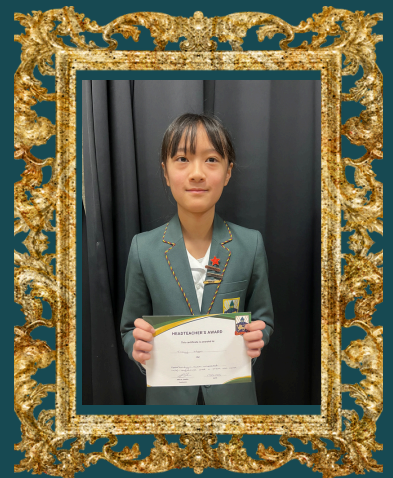
## Well done!

A big congratulations to Lerah M for her outstanding progress in literacy! Her dedication and effort have truly paid off. Additionally, Lerah consistently demonstrates excellent manners in class, setting a wonderful example for her peers. Keep up the fantastic work, Lerah!

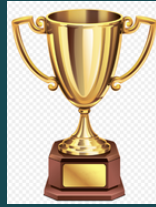
# AWARDS



## *Headteacher's Commendation*



# HOUSE POINTS



*Congratulations!*

50

Ekam S – 50 - Dilke



100

Zikora N – Hatherton – 100

Yusuf I – Dilke - 100

Dylan M – Bradford - 100

# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

*“As tall as a giraffe as small as a mouse.”*



## Exploring Growth in the Blue Group

As part of our new theme, ‘Growth and New Life,’ the Blue Group has been exploring the topic of how tall we are. Using the Nursery’s height chart, the children measured each other and compared their heights as a group. This activity sparked wonderful curiosity and conversations about growth and development, helping the children learn more about themselves and each other.



We concluded the activity by discovering that Adam was the tallest at 110 cm, followed by Anamta at 109 cm, Maryam at 108 cm, Siya and Aesun, who both measured 106 cm, and Ayaan, who was the shortest at 105 cm.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

## Child-Initiated play



The children have engaged in a variety of child-initiated play activities, ranging from creative arts to construction play to gaining sensory experiences. These activities are thoughtfully designed to reflect the children's unique interests and experiences. Through play, we foster their creativity, imaginative learning, and fine motor development. Additionally, these experiences empower the children to explore, experiment, and make independent decisions about how to use their resources, promoting autonomy and hands-on learning.



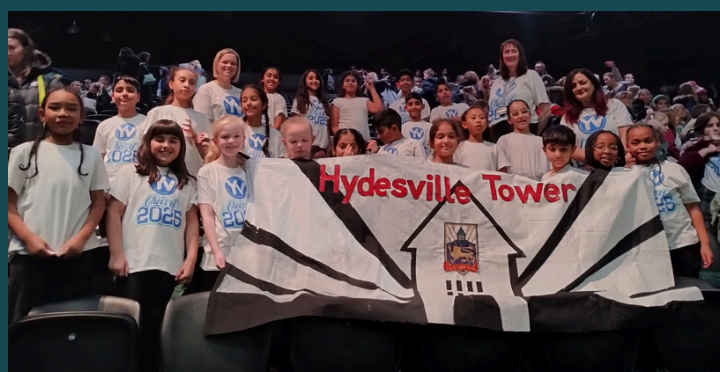
# YOUNG VOICES: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

We are delighted to share the incredible success of the Young Voices performance on January 13th. Pupils from Years 3 to 7 joined a choir of 5,200 young voices, coming together for an unforgettable evening at Birmingham's Resorts World Arena.

The concert featured outstanding performances by special guests, including MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize, and Souparnika Nair, making it a truly magical experience. The afternoon began with rehearsals alongside pupils from other schools, culminating in a spectacular evening performance. With state-of-the-art sound and lighting enhancing the show, the energy and excitement in the arena were nothing short of electric.

This unique journey started in the autumn term, with pupils dedicating their time to learning a diverse repertoire of songs and choreography. Performing as part of the world's largest children's choir was an unforgettable highlight for every child, filled with music, movement, and the joy of being part of something truly extraordinary.

A special thanks to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Chand for their dedication and support in making this event such a remarkable experience for our pupils!



# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

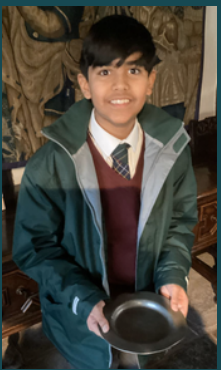
## Year 4's Exciting Tudor Adventure at Selly Manor

Year 4 pupils embarked on an engaging trip to Selly Manor, delving into the world of the Tudors. During their visit, they explored various rooms filled with intriguing artefacts, uncovering how Tudor houses were constructed and how families lived in the past.

The children learned about Tudor food and table customs, even getting the chance to try on traditional Tudor clothing. A standout moment was playing Tudor games, which brought history to life in an enjoyable and interactive way. The armour displays also captured their imagination, sparking curiosity about the roles of family members during meals and daily life.

This immersive experience offered Year 4 a deeper understanding of Tudor life, making history both educational and memorable.

"I loved dressing up as a Tudor."



"I liked playing Tudor games."

"I learnt that lots of Tudor houses had priest holes so people could remain Catholic, even though they weren't allowed."





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## HEAD OF YEAR 9 GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

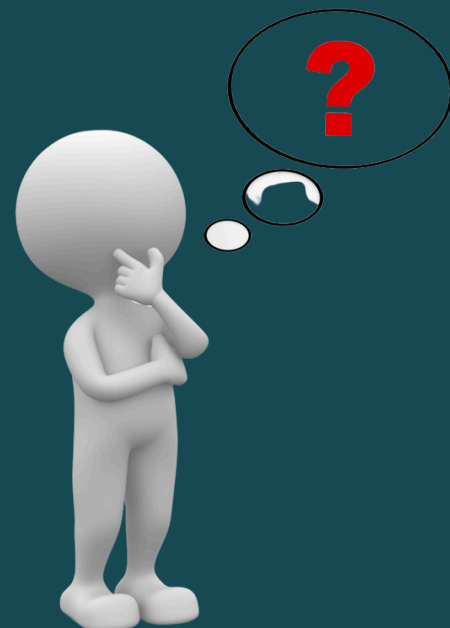
We look forward to welcoming Year 9 pupils and parents to our upcoming GCSE Options Evening on Wednesday, 29th January. This informative event is crucial for Year 9 students as they prepare to make significant decisions about their academic futures. We encourage all students and their parents to attend, as it will provide valuable insights into the GCSE options available and the importance of these choices. We will also share the process of how to select your options.

Choosing the right GCSE subjects is a key step in shaping a successful educational path.

Here are some essential pieces of advice to consider prior to the evening:

- 1. Enjoyment:** Select subjects you believe you will enjoy. Take the time to research the content thoroughly, and do not hesitate to consult teachers or other trusted individuals for guidance.
- 2. Aptitude:** Consider subjects where you feel you will excel. Reflect on your interests and the commitment required, especially in collaborative subjects such as drama, which may necessitate additional rehearsal time.
- 3. Prospects:** Think about your future aspirations. If you have a specific university course in mind, investigate its entry requirements and choose subjects aligned with those goals.
- 4. Balance:** If your future ambitions are uncertain, ensure your options remain broad and well-rounded.
- 5. Independence:** Ultimately, make your selections based on personal preference rather than peer influence or favourite teachers.

I look forward to seeing you there to discuss these important decisions together.



# SENIOR SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Exploring Faith and Worldviews Across Year Groups in Religious Studies

This term, our Religious Studies curriculum is as diverse and thought-provoking as ever! Each year group is diving into fascinating topics, fostering curiosity, and developing a deeper understanding of faith, spirituality, and human experience.

### Year 7: Discovering Judaism

Year 7 pupils are embarking on a journey through Judaism, exploring the enduring significance of Abraham and Moses. Through their studies, they are uncovering the profound impact these figures have on Jewish beliefs and practices today.



### Year 8: Unpacking Humanism

Year 8 is taking a fresh look at Humanism and its worldviews, learning how this perspective provides a meaningful alternative to traditional faiths. This exploration encourages open-mindedness and an appreciation for diverse beliefs in our global community.



### Year 9: Investigating Sikhism

Year 9 pupils are delving into the rich traditions of Sikhism, with a special focus on the inspiring contributions of the 10 Gurus. Their insights are sparking thoughtful discussions about leadership, devotion, and service.



### Year 10: Deepening Understanding of Christian Practices

Our GCSE pupils in Year 10 are building confidence in examination techniques while studying Christian Practices. From worship and prayer to other rituals, they are discovering the ways Christians nurture their relationship with God.



### Year 11: Exploring Muslim Practices

Year 11 pupils are immersing themselves in the study of Muslim Practices, examining the diverse ways Muslims pray and the significance of these practices in their spiritual lives.



Across all year groups, pupils are asking insightful questions, engaging in meaningful discussions, and showing great respect for the perspectives of others. Together, we are discovering how spirituality shapes lives and influences the world around us.

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS: VOICE OF THE PARENT SURVEY COMING SOON!

*Voice*  
**OF THE PARENT**  
Annual survey **2025**  
Coming soon!



At Hydesville, we value your insights. Every year, we conduct the Voice of the Parent survey to understand what we're doing well and where we can improve.

The survey will be live from Thursday 23rd January, and we would love for you to share your thoughts. Your feedback directly informs the improvements we make to ensure the best possible experience for you and your child.

Stay tuned for more details!

# PREP ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date:	Teacher/Class/Year Group	Theme
10/01/2025	Mrs Samra	New Year
17/01/2025	Mrs Chand	Opportunity
24/01/2025	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
31/01/2025	Year 3 – Year 6 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
07/02/2025	Mrs Taylor/Mrs Chand	Children's Mental Health Week
14/02/2025	Mrs Burnham	Safer Internet Day
28/02/2025	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
07/03/2025	Year 3 – Year 6 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
14/03/2025	Miss Crump	Love of Reading
21/03/2025	Deacon Helen Webster	Easter Story/Red Nose Day
27/03/2025	Year 3 – Year 6	KS2 Musical Production (pm)
28/03/2025	Year 3 – Year 6	KS2 Musical Production (am)
04/04/2025	Mrs Majithia	Eid al Fitr
09/04/2025	Mrs Chand	Weekly Awards & Certificates

# SPRING CALENDAR

Date 2025		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	6-Jan	STAFF INSET DAY		
Tues	7-Jan	Curriculum Plans to Parents		
Wed	8-Jan			Year 11 Parents Evening Online
Fri	10-Jan		Curriculum Plans to Parents	
Mon	13-Jan		Young Voices	Young Voices
Thurs	16-Jan		Year 4 Trip - Selly Manor	
Tues	21-Jan		Reception Information Event	Year 7 9am – 1pm Aston Villa Football Ground
Mon	27-Jan			Holocaust Memorial Day
Tues	28-Jan			
Wed	29-Jan	Chinese New Year	Chinese New Year	Year 9 4.00-6.30pm Options Evening & Parents' Evening Event Chinese New Year
<b>February</b>				
Mon	3-Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	Children's Mental Health Week	Apprenticeship Week Children's Mental Health Week
Wed	5-Feb			Year 7 Parents Evening 4.00-6.30pm Year 7 to 11 Progress Effort Report Issued
Fri	7-Feb	Numbers Day	Numbers Day	
Tues	11-Feb	Safer Internet Day	Safer Internet Day	
Thurs	13-Feb		STEM Parental Challenge Day	DofE training day
Fri	14-Feb	2pm – 3pm Healthy Eating Workshop PEG	Prep Interim Report to Parents	
Mon	17-Feb	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Tues	18-Feb	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Wed	19-Feb	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays

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Thurs	20-Feb	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Fri	21-Feb	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Tues	25-Feb		Year 2 Great Fire of London Trip	
Wed	26-Feb		Prep Parent's Evening	KS3 Maths and English Parent Workshop
Fri	28-Feb	Reading Cafe PEG (AFTERNOON)	Ramadan begins	Ramadan begins Y8 full written reports issued
<b>March</b>				
Mon	3-Mar		St David's Day (1st March)	Careers Week
Tues	4-Mar		Shrove Tuesday Year 3 trip to Leather Museum - Vikings Topic	
Wed	5-Mar			School Council Meeting Step into the NHS Day – KS3 online 9:30-3pm
Thurs	6-Mar	World Book Day	World Book Day	World Book Day
Saturday	8-Mar	Open Morning		
Mon	10-Mar	Nursery Moderation Week	Sleep Awareness Week	
Tues	11-Mar	Nursery Parents Evening		
Thurs	13-Mar	Nursery Trip - venue TBC	Year 5 National Space Centre TBC	Year 7&8 Badminton Trip NIA
Fri	14-Mar		Holi	DofE training day 2 World Sleep Day
Mon	17-Mar		St Patrick's Day	
Wed	19-Mar			
Thurs	20-Mar			
Fri	21-Mar	Red Nose Day	Red Nose Day	Red Nose Day Year 10 full written reports Issued to Parents
Mon	24-Mar			

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Tue	25-Mar		Year 5 9am – 1pm Aston Villa Football Ground	
Wed	26-Mar		Rec/Year 1 Black Country Living Museum Dress Rehearsal	
Thurs	27-Mar		Musical Production (pm)	
Fri	28-Mar		Musical Production (am)	Year 7 to 11 Progress Report
Mon	31-Mar	Moderation Assessment Week	Eid al-Fitr (30th-31st)	
<b>April</b>				
Tues	1 - Apr			
Wed	2 - Apr			
Thurs	3-Apr			KS3 Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Visit 9am- 2pm
Fri	4-Apr	Nursery Easter Hat Comp & Egg Hunt		
Mon	7-Apr			Year 11 full written reports issued
Tues	8-Apr		Easter Hat Parade Rec/Year 1/Year 2	
Wed	9-Apr	<b>Last Day of Term - Normal Finish</b>		