



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



#HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another bumper edition of our newsletter! It has been a busy and exciting time across all sections of the school.

It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up for World Book Day – the children looked amazing, and their enthusiasm for reading was truly inspiring. We also had a wonderful time conducting career interviews with Year 10 as part of Career Week, giving them valuable insights into their future paths.

A big thank you to all our pupils who will be helping out on Open Day tomorrow. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we're looking forward to showcasing our school to prospective families.

Thank you for your continued support.



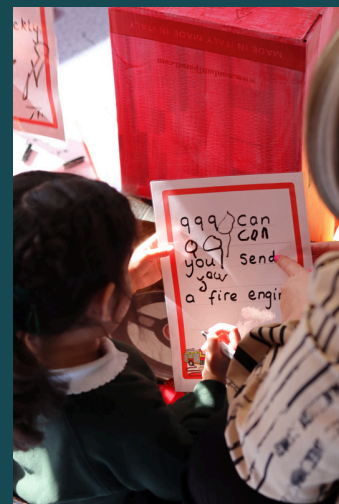
Sleep awareness week
Nursery parents evening
Year 5 National space centre trip
Year 7 & 8 badminton trip
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Mrs Samra

WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

Our Nursery pupils embraced Child-Initiated Play, transforming everyday moments into exciting discoveries! From exploring fire safety to running the Hydesville Car Wash, complete with bubbles, their imaginations took centre stage.

They dived into sensory fun with shaving foam, created dazzling nail art, painted cardboard castles, and stepped into the roles of hairdressers and shopkeepers. Through play, they proved that the best learning happens when creativity leads the way!



WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



Our Nursery Parental Reading Café was a delightful celebration of stories, creativity and quality family time!

Our little bookworms and their families enjoyed a magical afternoon, listening to enchanting tales, exploring a wonderful selection of books, and even designing their own bookmarks to take home.

It was a fantastic way to nurture a love for reading and inspire a lifelong passion for books from an early age!



WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



WORLD
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WEEKLY ROUND UP RECEPTION

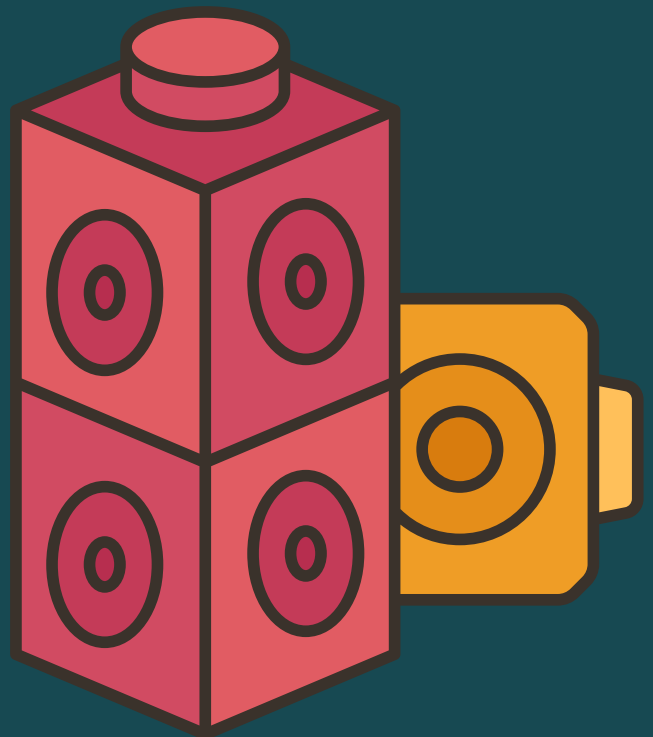


Over the past week, our Reception children have been exploring how to compare and order objects based on length and height.

This hands-on learning continued with a fun activity where they measured different animals using cubes, helping to refine their counting skills.



They then analysed their measurements to determine which animal was the tallest, shortest, or somewhere in between! tallest and shortest animal.



WEEKLY ROUND UP RECEPTION

It's been wonderful to watch the Arboretum transform over the past few weeks. If you visit the area just behind the school, you'll be greeted by the stunning sight of crocuses in full bloom—a true sign that spring is on its way!

Meanwhile, in Forest School, we've been focusing on an essential life skill: Road Safety. Using the main avenue, children practiced crossing the road safely, reinforcing key habits that will help keep them safe.

Through engaging discussions and hands-on practice, we emphasised the importance of using both our eyes and ears, looking left and right multiple times, and staying alert at all times. This practical learning experience equips our children with skills they can use beyond the classroom!

As you can see, we took our own car and driver to help us practise.



WEEKLY ROUND UP RECEPTION

Our literacy lessons have been out of this world as we dive into our exciting 'Aliens' theme! We've been reading *Aliens Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman, using it to explore rhyming words and create our own fun rhyming strings.

As part of our learning, we designed our own pantastic underpants—only for them to mysteriously disappear, snatched away by mischievous aliens! To solve the mystery, we've written eye-catching posters to alert everyone about our missing pants. If you happen to spot them anywhere, please let us know—we need all the help we can get in this intergalactic investigation! 🚀👽



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Charlotte and Bethany took to the stage in *Over the Rainbow*, a spectacular 10th-anniversary showcase with their musical theatre school, M3Studios UK. The production was held at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock, celebrating a decade of talent and creativity.

They were part of an incredible cast of 564 pupils who performed across nine sold-out shows—a fantastic achievement and an unforgettable experience!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Congratulations!



Prep pupils awarded with their Gold gymnastics certificates after hard work on their cartwheels and handstands.



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Our Year 2 children embarked on an exciting journey back to 1666, stepping into the world of the Great Fire of London. They explored how houses were built using wood, wattle, and daub—learning the fascinating (and slightly messy!) fact that people once mixed mud, straw, horsehair, and even manure with their feet. YUK!

Their immersive experience continued as they toured different rooms, including the dining room, kitchen, and bedroom. Along the way, they discovered intriguing details about life in the 17th century—like how King Charles II dined from metal plates, while bakers like Thomas Farriner used clay or pottery.

This hands-on learning experience truly brought history to life, sparking curiosity and deepening their understanding of the past!



In the afternoon, the children immersed themselves in the history of the Great Fire of London through dressing up and role-play, acting out key moments from this dramatic event. To finish off the day, they had the chance to try out popular games from 1666, with the Jacob's Ladder proving to be a firm favourite!

It was a day full of hands-on learning, creativity, and fun, offering the children a memorable experience that truly brought history to life!

WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP



Bethany and Zikora have been putting in tremendous effort during their art enrichment sessions, crafting beautifully designed aprons.

Their creativity and meticulous attention to detail truly shine through in each piece—fantastic work, both of you! Keep up the great effort!



Well done!

WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP



This week, four of our Year 4 pupils were invited to participate in a prestigious maths challenge for gifted mathematicians, organised and hosted by King Edward's School in Edgbaston. What an exciting opportunity to showcase their skills!

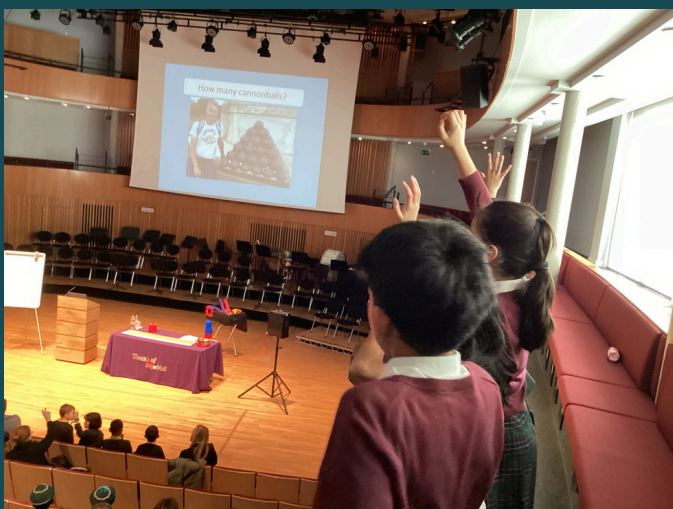


The pupils took part in a competition against other schools and had the exciting opportunity to join a lesson led by the talented maths department at King Edward's School. What a fantastic way to enhance their learning and challenge their skills!



The pupils were also treated to a thrilling maths show presented by Barney Maunder-Taylor, the founder of House of Maths.

It was a wonderfully 'maths-tastic' experience for all, filled with inspiration, enthusiasm, and challenges. A huge well done to each and every one of them!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Year 3 had an exciting trip to the Walsall Leather Museum, where they furthered their understanding of the Vikings.

The adventure began with Dave, who shared fascinating insights about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, including stories of key figures like Alfred the Great, Ethelstan, and Knut.

The pupils then got creative, crafting their own Viking leather purses and practicing their sewing skills with a running stitch. To wrap up the day, they put their decoding skills to the test, translating Viking runes into English.

It was a truly engaging, hands-on learning experience that brought history to life!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

On Tuesday, 4th March, Year 1 learned about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and the tradition of pancake races in the Christian calendar.

To make it even more exciting, the children took part in their own pancake race, where they had to run and toss their pancakes at the same time! It was a fun-filled day full of laughter and excitement!

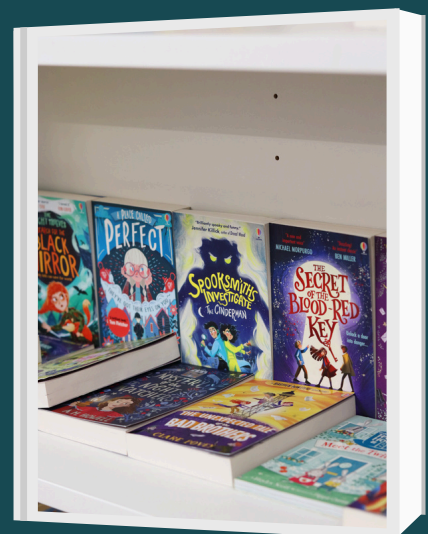
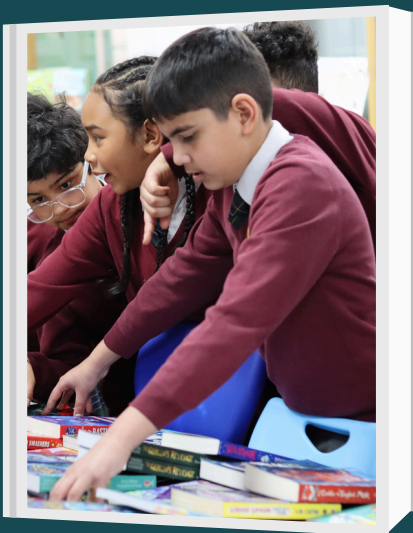
Happy Pancake Day! 🍓



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

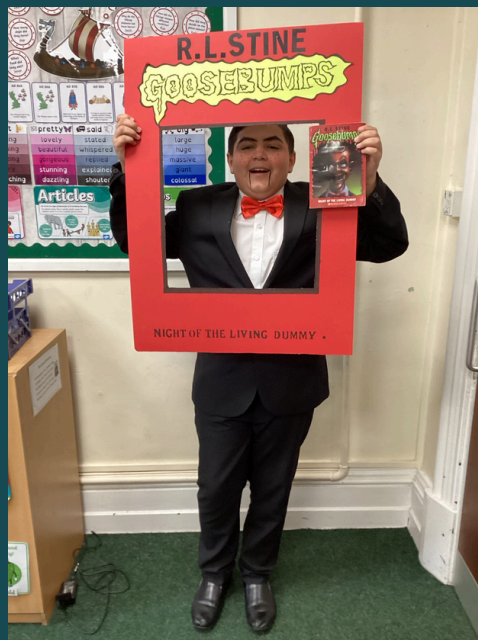
Our World Book Day celebrations were made even more special with a fantastic Usborne Book Fair!

The pupils were brimming with enthusiasm as they explored a wide range of books, uncovering new stories, characters, and exciting adventures. From vibrant picture books to captivating chapter books, there was something to ignite every imagination!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

WORLD
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AWARDS



Star of the week



Nursery - Anamta for always working extremely hard and taking pride in her learning.



Reception - Lerah for super progress in writing and for being a helpful friend.



Reception - Kiswah for good progress in reading and for working hard to improve her number formation.

AWARDS



Headteacher's Commendation



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Headteacher's Commendation



HOUSE POINTS



50

Muhammad Q - Year 4
Roman J - Year 6



100

Lerah M - Reception
Rutendo M - Year 3
Noor Z - Year 4
Cataleya N-H - Year 4
Kaveer C - Year 4
Nadal R - Year 5
Dhian B - Year 5
Guneet G - Year 5
Jayden B - Year 5
Dhian B - Year 5

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Veeran T - Reception
Jeevan M - Year 3
Aydin R - Year 3
Yusuf I - Year 3
Seerat K - Year 4
Sneha S - Year 4
Kartar L - Year 4
Avaani K - Year 4
Idrees K - Year 4

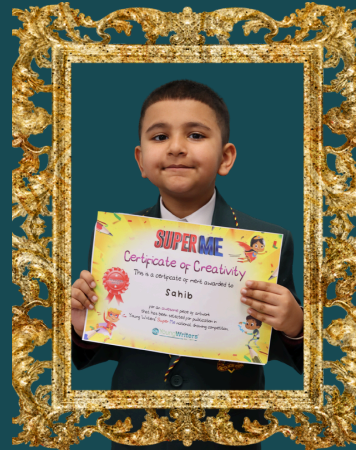
Glory O - Year 4
Zaydan R - Year 4
Kuvan J - Year 4
Saranya S - Year 4
Jacob J - Year 5
Eva J - Year 5
Praveen W - Year 5
Charlotte H - Year 5

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Zikora N - Year 3
Jorah D - Year 3
Kavi P - Year 3
Roshan D - Year 4
Asir E - Year 5

CONGRATULATIONS

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Young Writers – Certificate of Creativity

For an awesome piece of artwork that has been selected for publication in Young Writers' Super Me national drawing competition. (entered by Mrs Brown)

Congratulations!

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Nihal
Player of the week - Football



Congratulations!

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WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Big thanks to senior pupils Zara and Aamira for their dedication to supporting gymnastics club.

Whether it's assisting with routines, offering guidance or simply being great role models, their efforts have not gone unnoticed.



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Our Year 8 pupils had an excellent PE lesson focused on netball, honing their passing, movement, and game strategy skills.

It's amazing to see their teamwork and confidence grow with every session!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Pupils explored how reading deepens understanding of societal issues.

Year 7 & 8 tackled climate change through Blue Planet and non-fiction texts, enhancing media literacy and discussion skills.

Year 9 wrote and performed poems inspired by Blood Brothers, exploring themes of social class, crime, and family.

Key Stage 4 attended a webinar with Philippa Gregory, analysing historical fiction and writing narratives about medieval women.

Adding to the fun, Mrs. Booth became Ada Lovelace, and Miss Fletcher transformed into Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Our talented pupils had the exciting opportunity to create artwork for the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Show. Exploring a wide range of 2D and 3D materials, they showcased their creativity and skill through unique, thought-provoking pieces.

This competition encouraged them to consider the meaning behind their work, resulting in deeply personal and expressive creations. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the imagination they poured into their art. Fingers crossed that some of their pieces are selected for the exhibition in London—watch this space for updates!



Gursimran B (Y7) description of her piece:

The Marigold is important to me because it was my bibi-ji's (Great grandma's) favourite flower. My bibi-ji was born in India and spent most her life in Singapore and then came to England which is where I am today. My great-grandparents would always shower us in love and a variety of different things such as food and toys. In my opinion, my great-grandparents were very brave and were very loved by our family.



Dexter W (Y9) explanation of his drawing:

I wanted to express MFDOOM'S music through a drawing. Even though you can't see music I feel as if I can see or hear a lot of rich and exciting colours so I wanted to draw him using some colours that feel as if they represent him. On many of his album covers there are cartoons or comic style drawing, so I felt it was best to draw him as one.

WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our recent Maths and Literacy Workshop! Our goal was to help you better understand how we teach these subjects and equip you with strategies to support your child's learning at home.

Why This Workshop?

Homework can be challenging with evolving teaching methods. We aimed to bridge any “method conflict” by sharing insights into the National Curriculum and classroom approaches. A key takeaway was fostering a growth mindset—the power of yet—to encourage perseverance in learning.

What We Covered:

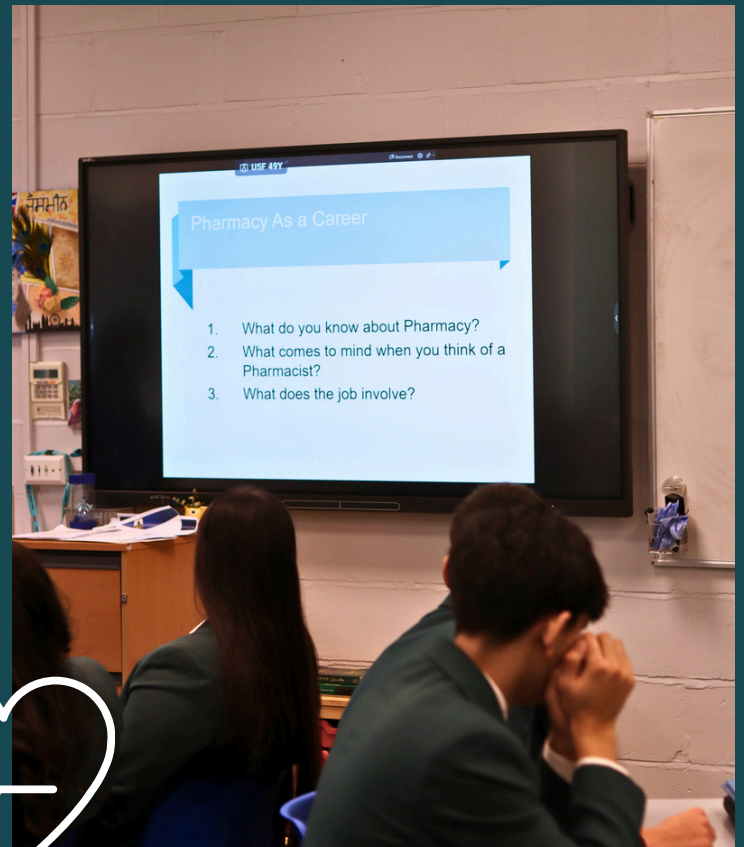
- ◆ Maths: Key number facts, mental and written calculation strategies, and problem-solving skills. We introduced methods like Counting On/Back, Jump Strategy, and Bridging to 10, and shared useful online resources like Corbettmaths.co.uk and the Hydesville Maths Website.
- ◆ Literacy: The importance of precise vocabulary, exam expectations, and speaking skills. We discussed Accelerated Reader and our partnerships with ESU, ISA, and ESB to enhance verbal communication

We also introduced fun home-learning resources, including Fraction Action Snap and Mathopoly, to make learning interactive. Remember, your attitude towards maths and literacy has a significant impact on your child's perception. By being positive, pointing out the relevance of these subjects in everyday life, and praising effort over innate talent, you can help them develop confidence and a love for learning. Thank you to all who attended. We value your partnership in your child's education!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

We were thrilled to welcome Mrs. Saini, a parent pharmacist, for a special career-focused session with our Year 10's. Mrs. Saini shared her extensive knowledge of the pharmacy profession, offering invaluable insights into what it's like to work in healthcare.



It's always wonderful to have members of our Hydesville family come in and engage with our pupils, and we are incredibly grateful for Mrs. Saini's time and expertise.

Her visit sparked curiosity and inspired many of our pupils as they explored the exciting possibilities within the field of pharmacy.

WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Our Year 10 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable experience through practice job interviews with our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and visiting employers.

These hands-on sessions gave them the chance to learn how to effectively present themselves and build confidence in their interview skills. Alongside the interviews, Year 10s received guidance on writing personal statements and CVs, equipping them with essential tools for future opportunities.

The pupils also explored post-16 and post-18 options, hearing directly from industry professionals about higher education, employability, and career pathways. It was an insightful and inspiring experience that helped prepare them for the next steps in their academic and professional journeys.



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

At Hydesville, our careers program is seamlessly integrated into the school curriculum, ensuring that pupils are well-prepared for the world of work.

Work experience is launched at the beginning of Year 10 to give pupils ample time to complete placements before the summer term, setting them up for success.



This early exposure to real-world work environments also helps them prepare for the post-16 application process, providing valuable insights into career options and further education pathways.

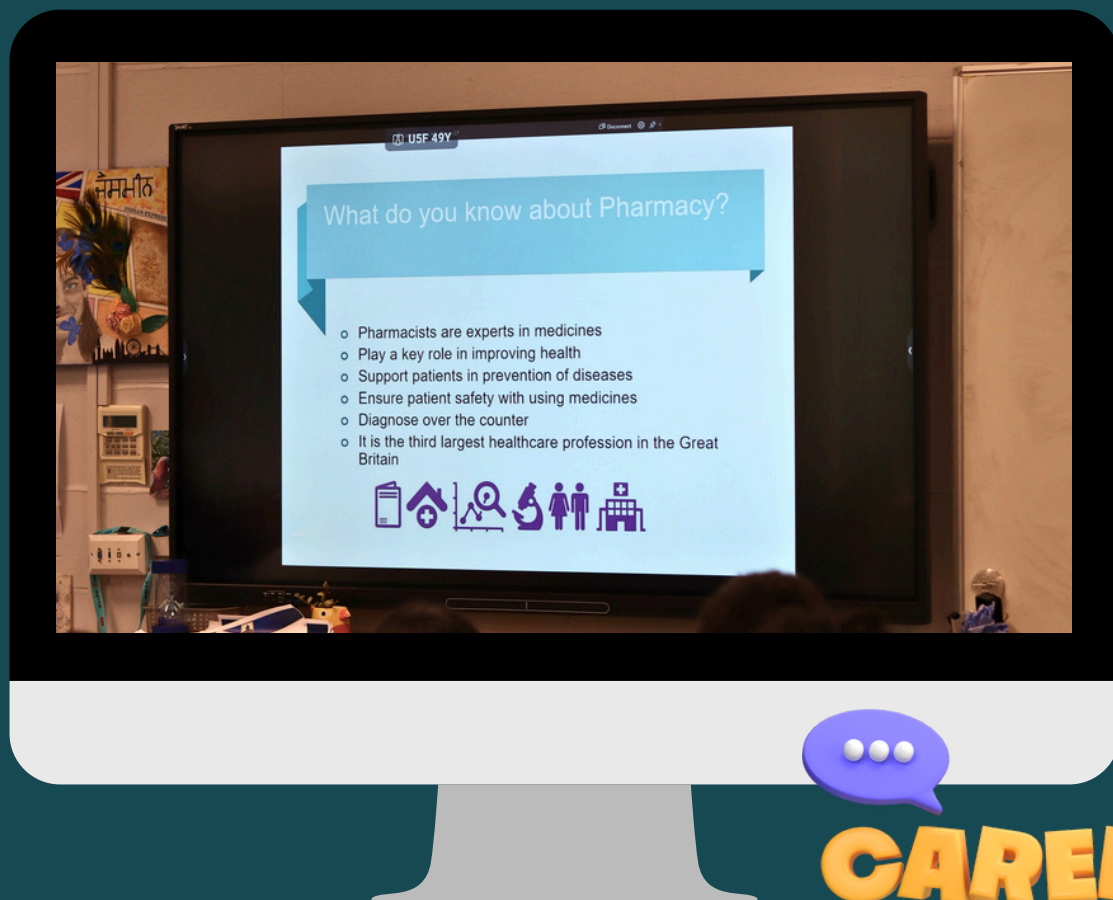
By aligning these opportunities with their studies, we ensure our pupils are ready to take the next step with confidence.

WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

In their Year 10 English lessons, our pupils have been working through the English Speaking Board, focusing on key skills for the future. So far, they've completed several valuable tasks, including writing their own CVs to prepare for job applications.

They also delivered speeches on a career of their choice, presenting their aspirations and knowledge to the group, which helped build their public speaking and presentation skills.

Additionally, pupils practiced making professional phone calls, a vital skill when it comes to securing work experience placements. These lessons are equipping our pupils with the communication tools they need for success in the workplace!



CAREERS



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



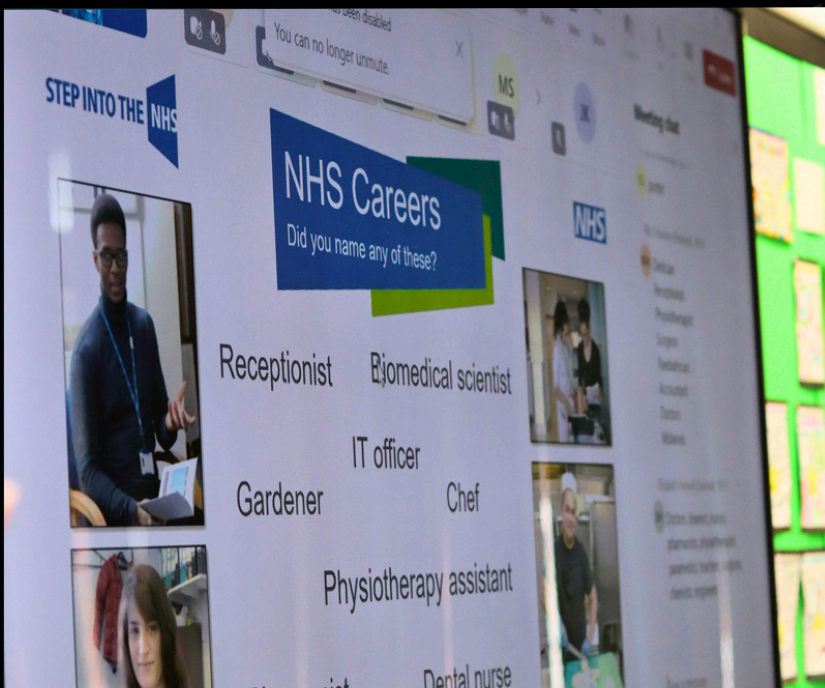
Our Year 7-9 pupils had an exciting day off timetable to "Step into the NHS!"

The day was packed with engaging activities that introduced them to a wide range of careers within the NHS.

They played "Guess the Job" - testing their knowledge of different healthcare roles and took personality quizzes to discover which jobs suited their unique skills and interests.

Pupils also explored various job sectors within the NHS, gaining a deeper understanding of the 360+ career paths available in the NHS.

It was an inspiring day that encouraged our pupils to think about their future!



SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Priya S - Nominated by Mrs Wilson for auditioning at this year's Walsall Young Music Star. She has been successfully selected for the final on 27th March!



Simran K-S - Nominated by Miss Everett for doing really well in RS. Consistently practising exam questions every week and consequently improving her scores and technique.



Gurdeep S - Nominated by Mrs Makan for having excellent manners. Holding door open and always saying thank you/you're welcome.

SENIOR PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



MUSIC

Emily J - Year 8



ART

Gursimran B - Year 7
Dexter W - Year 9



SPORTS

Aleena - Year 9



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

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			

Reminder →

UPDATES

Year 5 national space centre trip has now been confirmed

World sleep day activities have been moved to 21st march

SPRING CALENDAR

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)	
April				
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	Last Day of Term - Normal Finish		