



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



#HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 31ST JANUARY 2025

A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Wednesday 5th February - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th February - Stem Parental Challenge day

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the days getting lighter—longer days always bring a fresh perspective! Over the past fortnight, our pupils have been busy with a wide range of activities, making it a vibrant and exciting time in school.

We have enjoyed celebrating the Chinese New Year, with pupils engaging in various activities to learn about this important cultural event. A huge thank you to our wonderful catering team for preparing fantastic food to mark the occasion!

The History Department has been focusing on Holocaust education, ensuring our pupils understand its significance and the important lessons we can learn from history.

Meanwhile, Year 9 pupils are at a crucial stage in their education. It was great to meet so many of you at the options evening as we supported them in making informed choices about their GCSE subjects.

A special thank you to our Year 1 parents for attending the Year 1 workshop. It was so lovely to see you engaging with and understanding the world of phonics—your support makes a huge difference in your children's learning.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another busy and productive fortnight ahead.

Mrs Samra

WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

Growth and new life

As part of Nursery's 'Growth and New Life' topic, children have been reflecting on when they were babies. They enjoyed looking at baby photos and inviting their friends to guess who was who!

Can you spot the resemblance?



Red Group had a wonderful time designing their own daffodil paintings, showcasing great focus, listening, and determination.

Painting activities in the early years offer a range of benefits—not only do they nurture creativity and imagination, but they also help develop physical and social skills. Well done to all our young artists!



WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

Chinese New Year



As a group, we explored the traditions children follow to prepare for Chinese New Year, such as cleaning the house, buying new clothes, and making good luck signs and lanterns.

Pupils took part in a range of exciting activities, from creating their own paper lanterns to engaging with themed tuff spot trays filled with rice, glitter, saucepans, and chopsticks. They also practiced writing Chinese numbers using paintbrushes and wet soil, making for a fun and immersive learning experience!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

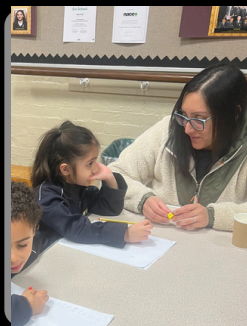
🌟 Year 1 Phonics Workshop: Learning Together! 🌟

Our Year 1 parents and children had a fantastic time at our Phonics Workshop, exploring the building blocks of reading and spelling in a fun, interactive way! 🇧🇷



Through hands-on activities and expert guidance, families gained valuable insights into phonics, boosting confidence and strengthening home learning. The enthusiasm and engagement from everyone highlighted the power of working together to support our young learners.

A huge thank you to all who attended—let's continue building a love for reading, one sound at a time!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

☀️ Year 2 Chinese New Year! ☀️

Year 2 have been busy learning about some of the traditions associated with Chinese New Year. In Art, the children made dragons with Mrs Reece. The dragon is the only legendary creature. It symbolizes power, good fortune, and strength and is associated with auspicious traits like intelligence, ambition and charisma.

2025 is the year of the snake. most commonly associated with intelligence, resilience and love. Year 2 also made their own Chinese lanterns. The lanterns symbolise people letting go of the past year and welcoming the new year with good fortune.



AWARDS



Star of the week



Amber for being an enthusiastic learner and showing eagerness when accessing available resources. Well done, Amber!



Reign for being an amazing addition to Nursery and settling well into Nursery life. Well done, Reign!



Saroop S – For consistently putting in excellent effort across all lessons and making impressive progress in handwriting. A true example of ambition!

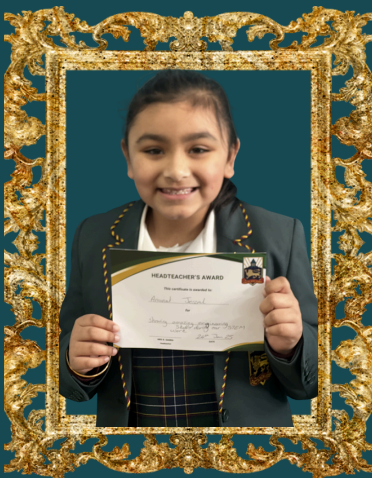


Ekam S for his outstanding effort in reading and his dedication to improving letter formation. Keep up the hard work and ambition!

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Headteacher's Commendation



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HOUSE POINTS



50

Talia T
Noor Z
Seerat K
Alexi D-A
Nusaybah Y
Glory O
Kuvan J

Kaveer C
Dhian B
James C
Jared D
Guneet G
Umar M-M
Sophia S
Tracy N



Veer R
Aydin R
Isla K
Jeevan M
Zaydan R
Idrees K
Avaani K
Kartar L
Glory O
Nirvair N
Saranya S

Anaya S
Brian C
Jacob J
Karamveer K
Avi K
Sophia S
Gia K
Daawud I
Kasim S
Hannah L
Amar R

100



150

Asir E
Arjun P
Dev-Rishi A
Daawud I
Jasmine K





CONGRATULATIONS



	Ayva S	Rainbows badges
	Amanat J	Swimming 20m
	Khushie S	Best behaved Kickboxer
	Amaya J	Stanley 4 Award for swimming
	Alfie S-S	Swimming 5 meters






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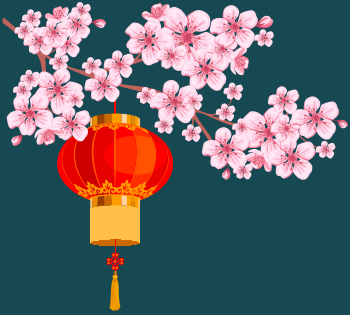
	Jayden B	Grade 1 Piano
	Jayden B	Karate black belt
	Jayden B	1500m & 1 mile swimming
	Umar M-M	Multiple swimming badges up to 400m
	Jacob J	Football trophies

CONGRATULATIONS



	Maven N-H	Ambition Award for pre-programming a Micro bit
	Eva J	Skiing Award
	Karamveer K	Stage Coach Award
	Kavi P	Hockey Kombat Federation - black & white stripe belt
	Kavi P	Hockey - Player of the week

WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR MFL



For Chinese New Year, our Year 8 Language Leaders have been busy creating beautiful lanterns and festive displays to celebrate the occasion!

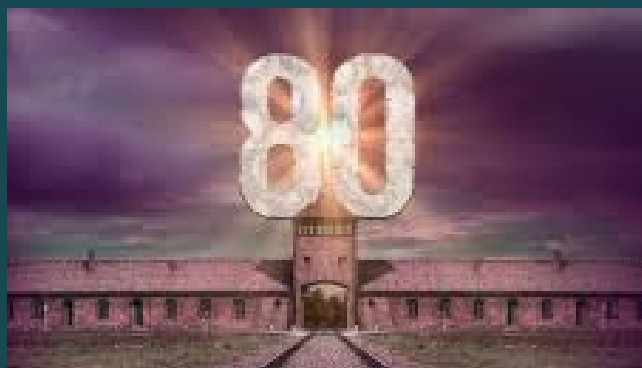


WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR HISTORY

Year 9 are studying the profound horrors of the Holocaust, building on the enlightening live webcast they participated in with Eve Kugler during the Autumn term. The timing of this study is particularly significant as we commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) on 27th January, which this year marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—the largest Nazi concentration camp complex—and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.



Sadly, 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, we have witnessed a troubling rise in antisemitism. We hope that HMD 2025 will serve as an opportunity for reflection, education, and collective action towards a better future for all. Pupils were to take part in the 'Light the Darkness' initiative at 8pm on 27th January, lighting candles in windows to honour those who were murdered and to stand firmly against prejudice and hatred today.



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR HISTORY



During the Christmas break, our Year 7 pupils embraced the challenge of building impressive Motte and Bailey castle models, showcasing their resilience and resourcefulness.

The results are fantastic, with each model featuring key defensive elements. Well done to all Year 7 pupils for their hard work and creativity!

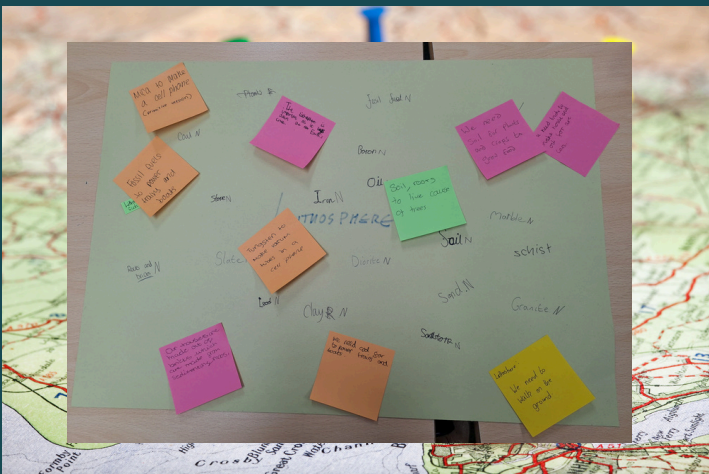


WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR GEOGRAPHY



This term has been both diverse and engaging for our pupils in Geography!

- Years 10 & 11 are diligently preparing for their GCSE exams, focusing on The Changing Economic World. Their current studies explore the UK economy and the significant changes it has undergone over the past 50 years.
- Year 9 have been researching ways individuals can help combat climate change. Their creative ideas include innovative solutions like covering the Sahara Desert with solar panels to generate electricity instead of relying on fossil fuels.
- Year 8 have been exploring global development, comparing how different countries progress through various stages. They have also examined inequalities within UK cities, gaining a deeper understanding of regional disparities.
- Year 7 have been investigating where our resources come from and their impact on the planet's ecosystems. Recently, they took part in a Marketplace activity, debating which of the Earth's spheres—Atmosphere, Biosphere, Hydrosphere, or Lithosphere—is the most essential. Below, you'll find some fantastic photos showcasing their ideas!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR SPORT

This week, our Year 7 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable football experience with a visit to Villa Park. From the moment they stepped into the iconic stadium, they were immersed in its rich football history.

As part of the visit, pupils took part in an exclusive training session led by skilled Villa coaches. Engaging in drills and exercises under professional guidance made for an exciting and educational day. A fantastic experience for all involved!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR YEAR 7 & 8

Head of Year Update

It has been a pleasure to see our Year 7 and 8 pupils continue to flourish both academically and personally. Year 7 students have shown remarkable resilience as they settle into secondary school life. Now a full term in, they have embraced new challenges and are building strong foundations for their academic journey. A special mention to Agamdeep and Maya for their dedication in preparing for Young Voices and their fantastic support of our younger prep pupils—well done!

Meanwhile, Year 8 pupils are developing into confident, kind, and independent young individuals, taking on new roles and responsibilities within our school community. Congratulations to Jay ChD, Kieran, Lucy, Zara, and Sufyaan for their outstanding contributions to the Character Development competition on 'Diversity'. Their ability to articulate complex ideas in a simple and engaging way was truly impressive!

I'd also like to encourage all pupils to take part in extracurricular activities, which are invaluable for confidence and well-being. One great opportunity is the after-school girls' football sessions on Tuesdays—a fantastic way to stay active, make friends, and develop teamwork skills.

Regardless of experience level, all girls are welcome to join in a fun and supportive environment.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our Bushcraft trip in June for both Year 7 and 8. This outdoor adventure will be a fantastic chance for pupils to build confidence, learn new skills, and strengthen friendships. If you'd like your child to participate, please book their place as soon as possible by paying the deposit via Cognita Connect.

I'm incredibly proud of both year groups and look forward to their continued growth this year. Thank you, parents, for your ongoing support—it truly makes a difference!

Mrs Khan

WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR GCSE OPTIONS



We had a fantastic Year 9 Options Evening, where pupils and parents came together to explore subject choices for the year ahead. Current Year 10 students shared their experiences, offering valuable insights and advice.

REMINDER

Please ensure your options form is submitted by 10th February.



SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Annaya H for speaking confidently to Year 9 pupils and parents at Options Evening this week.



Key Stage 4 Pupil of the Week is awarded to Evleen K for supporting younger students in extra-curricular drama - a great role model!



Key Stage 3 pupil of the week is awarded to Eshpreet for her kind and considerate manner during her role as Reading Mentor with the prep school pupils.

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

February				
Mon	3-Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	Children's Mental Health Week	Apprenticeship Week Children's Mental Health Week
Wed	5-Feb		<i>Reminder</i> →	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	<i>Reminder</i> →	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
March				
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)	
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		