



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Upcoming  
Events!

*Wednesday 26th February  
Prep Parents' Evening  
KS3 Parent Workshop*

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic half term it has been! I am incredibly proud of our pupils for their hard work and achievements. A special well done to those who performed for their peers on mental health and online safety - the assemblies were truly outstanding.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents at our school events. The STEM competition really brought out everyone's competitive side, and our Nursery Healthy Eating Workshop was a great success, encouraging healthy habits from an early age.

Our senior pupils have been exploring apprenticeships in careers as part of Apprenticeship Week, gaining valuable insight into how these structured training programs provide hands-on experience, industry qualifications, and direct pathways into various professions. We also want to celebrate the fantastic charity work that took place on Numbers Day, with pupils coming together to support a great cause while engaging with maths in a fun and meaningful way.

As we come to the end of this half term, we say a fond farewell to Mr. Dhadda, who is moving on to pastures new, and extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Johal, who joins our maths team.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your ongoing support—it truly makes a difference to our school community. A huge thank you to our staff as well, for their commitment and hard work.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 24th February.

*Mrs Samra*

# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY

## Happy Valentine's Day

Spreading Love with Kind Words and Actions

"I love you with all my heart! Even ten little fingers couldn't count all the ways I love you."

This week, Green Group has been sharing love and kindness through thoughtful words and actions. Here's what some of the children had to say:

♥ Jeeya: "I love my mommy because she is so, so kind to me."

♥ Kushi: "I love mommy because she looks after me."

♥ Omar: "I love my daddy because he does lots of things."

♥ Sephy: "I love my Jellie and all of my family—they are my best friends in all the world."

♥ Nya-Rose: "I love all my family because they do kind things."

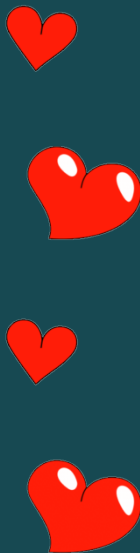
♥ Hargun: "I love mommy, she gives me sweeties."

Through kind hands and kind hearts, Green Group has been celebrating love in the sweetest ways! ♥





# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



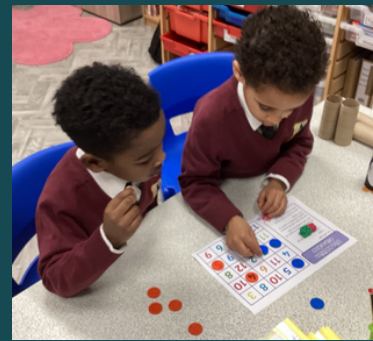
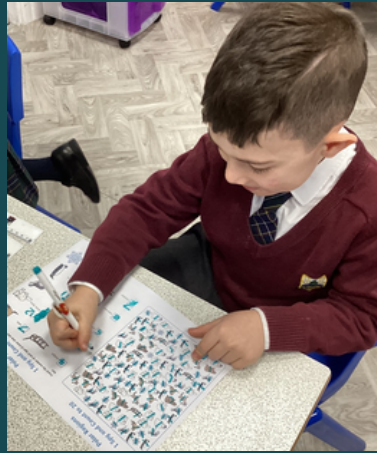
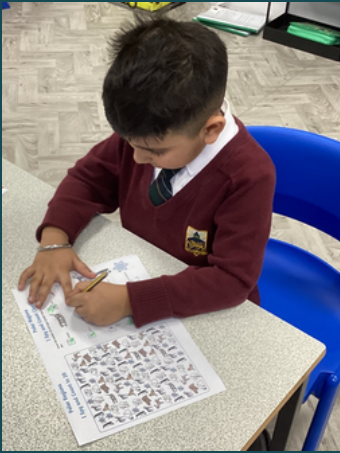
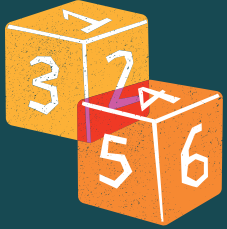
## Green Group Spreads the Love!

This week, Green Group has been taking part in Valentine's-themed activities designed to support a variety of learning experiences. In particular, these activities have focused on Personal, Social & Emotional Development, helping children build friendships, foster independence, and develop a strong sense of self-confidence.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## NUMBERS DAY





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Young Voice pupils joined 2000 schools worldwide to celebrate Bob Marley's 80th birthday.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

This week, Musical theatre club got creative with puppetry and drama!

💖 We crafted Japanese paper puppets and brought them to life by acting out different scenarios—our puppets even went ice skating, gliding gracefully as we moved their limbs into different positions.

💖 Next, we designed and created masks inspired by characters of our choice.

💖 Finally, in small groups, we worked together to create and perform our own plays, acting out exciting dialogues between three characters.

It was a fantastic week of imagination, storytelling, and teamwork! 🎭 ✨





# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## YEAR 3

### English – Dragon Discoveries

This week, Year 3 have been preparing to write their own non-chronological reports about their imagined dragons. Using spidergrams to organise their ideas, they carefully colour-coded their subheadings and added pictures and icons to bring their creative creatures to life. Their imagination is truly shining through in their planning!



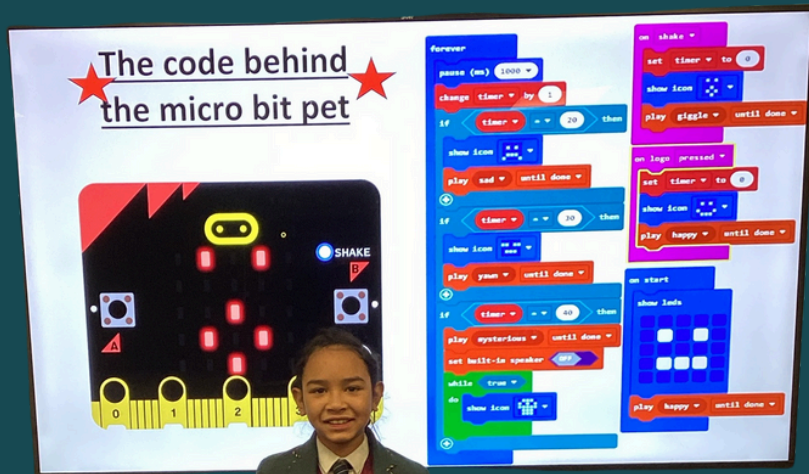
### Topic – Creative Warriors!

Year 3 have been busy crafting Viking shields and Anglo-Saxon brooches as part of their art project. Their brooch designs were inspired by the fascinating Staffordshire Hoard, and their shields make them look like true warriors!



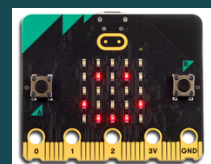
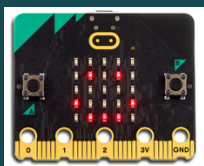
# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## PREP DIGITAL CHAMPIONS



### Maven and His Micro:bit

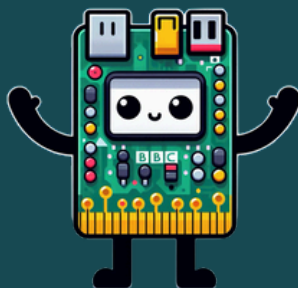
Maven maximised his opportunity to explore the Micro:bit, teaching himself how to code it and creating some fantastic projects. He embraced the challenge with ambition and curiosity, demonstrating great determination. Not only has he developed his skills, but he has also built his own robot and programmed it using the Micro:bit. Maven has truly taken his coding to the next level, inspiring others with his exciting projects. Well done, Maven, for your impressive work and dedication!





# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## PREP DIGITAL CHAMPIONS



### Enrichment

#### Coding and Micro:bit Club

The first group of children in our Coding and Micro:bit enrichment club have made an impressive start! They've quickly grasped the basics of coding and have already created their own digital dice using the Micro:bit. Their enthusiasm and ability to pick up new skills so quickly are remarkable.



#### Canva - Creative Digital Designers at Hydesville

Children at Hydesville have recently been introduced to using Canva, and Year 3 students Bethany and Jaachi have really impressed with their design skills. They've become so confident in using Canva that they even worked with the senior students to help them get started! Bethany and Jaachi's excellent digital skills are inspiring.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## ONLINE SAFETY DAY

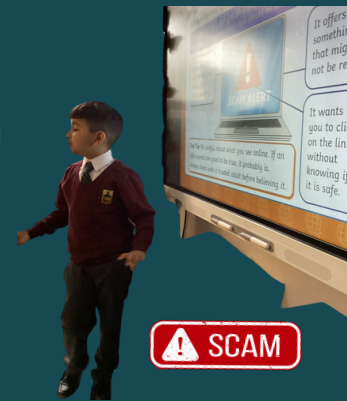


### Online Safety Day at Hydesville

Well done to Year 4 for delivering a fantastic and informative assembly on staying safe online. They shared valuable tips on how to protect personal information, spot potential risks, and use the internet responsibly.

Across the school, children took part in discussions and activities to reinforce the importance of online safety. This year's focus built on raising awareness of online threats, including scams, while also exploring the impact of emerging technologies like AI.

**Online Safety Day was a great reminder that we all play a part in making the internet a safer place!**



Sahib confidently explained how to protect against scams, showing excellent understanding. Well done, Sahib!

**For more information on scams please follow these links:**



internet  
matters.org

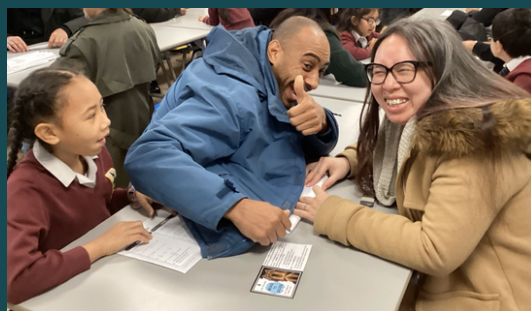




# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

STEM Challenge 2025: A Bridge to Success! 🌉

What an incredible day at Hydesville Tower School! Parents, carers, and pupils teamed up to take on the A Bridge to Success challenge, putting their engineering and maths skills to the test. With a 50-point budget, teams had to decide how to spend wisely—on paper, sticky tape, or paper clips—to build the strongest possible bridge. The results? Incredible, with some of the bridges supporting over 20kg of weight! A huge thank you to everyone who attended and joined in the fun. Your creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork made the event a fantastic success! 🎉



# AWARDS



## Star of the week



Nya- Rose for being consistent in her approach to working hard and putting 100% effort into challenges that come her way.



Jovan for demonstrating kindness and empathy to all of his peers.

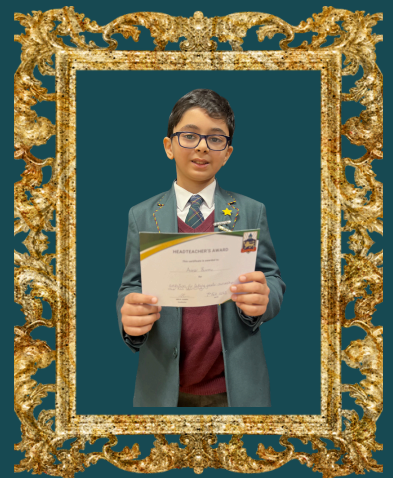




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## *Headteacher's Commendation*



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# HOUSE POINTS



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Kiswah Q - Reception  
Arjun B - Year 2  
Amanat J - Year 2  
Aria H - Year 2  
Sohan S - Year 2  
Avraaj T - Year 2  
Muizz I - Year 4  
Jemima S - Year 5  
Amaya P - Year 6  
Kadii NgH - Year 6



Lorenzo B - Reception  
Alfie SS - Reception  
Joshua H - Year 1  
Kamsi M - Year 1  
Navan R - Year 2  
Jeevan M - Year 3  
jaachi M - Year 3  
Aydin R - Year 3  
Kuvan J - Year 4  
Lilianne F - Year 4  
Arjun K - Year 5  
Maven NgH - Year 5  
Veer B - Year 6

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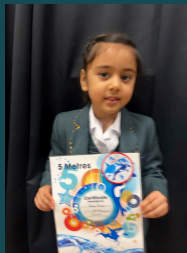
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Sahib P - Year 1  
Dylan M - Year 3  
Zikora N - Year 3  
Bethany H - Year 3  
Kavi P - Year 3  
Jorah D - Year 3  
Isla K - Year 3  
Roshan D - Year 4  
Jaeveer D - Year 6

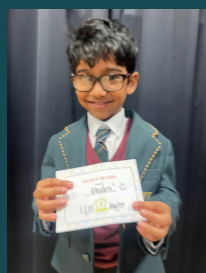
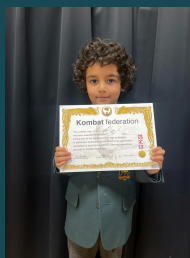
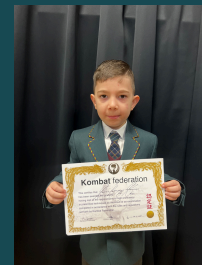
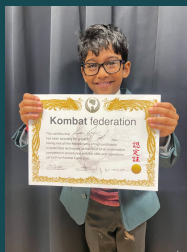
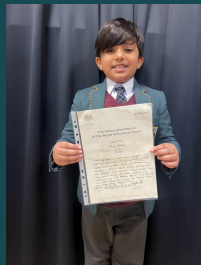
Navan R - Year 2  
Maya P - Year 2

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# CONGRATULATIONS



*Congratulations!*





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# AWARDS

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## Digital Awards

Maven NgH Y5

Outstanding coding and robotics skills  
and for demonstrating great ambition in  
your work.

Bethany H Y3

Using your opportunity to develop your  
digital skills and supporting others.

Jaachi M Y3

Using your opportunity to develop your  
digital skills and supporting others.



# CONGRATULATIONS



Reading Certificates	Top 3 reader award- most words read
Year 1	Sahib P (19581) Idris K (12281) Andrei PA (9989)
Year 2	Chloe M (48435) Maya P (46562) Shyla GJ (46466)
Year 3	Bethany H (519796) Jaachi M (117086) Kavi P (51462)
Year 4	Glory O (264339) Kartar L (185811) Roshan D (183589)
Year 5	Charlotte H (971757) Dhiyan M (362374) Karamveer K (269973)
Year 6	Jasmine K (1314520) Kadii NgH (548511) Arjun P (499404)
Other	1 million words read since September: Jasmine K Accelerated Reader awards: Super Reader: Bethany, Jaachi Advanced Reader: Glory, Idrees, Avaani, Roshan Star Reader: Briana, Jacob, Dylan, Charlotte



# CONGRATULATIONS



## STEM Challenge 2025 Awards

(Y1-4)

(Y5 & 6)

Lilianne F, Y4 (3.9kg)

Hannah L, Y6 (23kg)



Amanat J, Y2 (3.69kg)

2) Kadii and Maven NgH,  
Y5,Y6 (11kg)



3) Joshua H, Y1 (3.2kg)

Amar L, Y6 (7kg)





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## Outstanding Success in the UK Bebras Coding Challenge!

We are thrilled to announce that our talented Year 10 and Year 11 pupils recently participated in the UK Bebras Coding Challenge, an esteemed annual competition organised by the Raspberry Pi Foundation in partnership with the University of Oxford. This challenge puts problem-solving and computational thinking skills to the test, offering pupils a fantastic opportunity to enhance their coding expertise.

Our pupils performed exceptionally well, earning Distinction, Merit, and Participation certificates. A special congratulations to Harshith and Radin, who achieved the highest scores among all our participants and were awarded the Best in School Certificate—a truly remarkable accomplishment!

Well done to everyone who took part! We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to even more success in future competitions.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## Terrific Tempest Performances by Year 8

Year 8 pupils recently took to the stage with exuberant and highly entertaining series of comedic performances from William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Their dedication, creativity, and confidence were on full display as they brought to life the humour and wit embedded within the classic text.

Pupils explored the comedic potential of the play's dynamic characters and lively wordplay. From the mischievous antics of Trinculo and Stephano to the endearing foolishness of Caliban, each scene was performed with remarkable energy and enthusiasm. Pupils embraced physical comedy, exaggerated expressions, and clever timing, ensuring that their peers were entertained. Pupils were respectful and considerate when providing constructive feedback.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

🎵 A Huge Thank You to Kieran! 🎵

Thank you, Kieran, for representing Hydesville Tower School at the ISA  
Young Musician National Final.

We are incredibly proud of you and your fantastic performance of Maple  
Leaf Rag.

Well, done! 🌟👏🌟





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



## Children's Mental Health Week: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself

Children's Mental Health Week is a vital annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of mental well-being in children and young people. It encourages open conversations about emotions, mental health challenges, and the role of supportive environments in fostering resilience.

This year's theme, Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, highlights the importance of self-awareness—understanding what makes us who we are, our strengths, fears, dreams, and emotions. By recognizing and expressing our feelings, we build resilience and personal growth.

To kick off the week, 7S led an inspiring assembly introducing the theme and setting the tone for meaningful discussions ahead in form time.

## TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's  
**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**

- 1 Encourage journalling**  
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**  
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.  
Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**  
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**  
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**  
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## **Safer Internet Day: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

On Safer Internet Day, pupils in Years 7-11 had the opportunity to take part in an insightful webinar organised by Cognita, where they joined over 20 schools from across the UK. The session was led by AI expert and former police officer, Henry Platten, who shared his expertise on the ever-evolving role of AI in our digital lives.

Henry explained how AI is not only revolutionising industries but is also being used in scams that target unsuspecting individuals. Pupils were introduced to practical strategies to safeguard themselves online using the "ABC" rule: Assume nothing, Believe nothing, Confirm everything. This simple yet effective approach helps pupils stay vigilant and make informed decisions in an increasingly complex digital landscape.

It was an invaluable session that empowered pupils to stay safe while navigating the internet, equipping them with the knowledge to spot online threats and defend their personal information. Here's to building a safer, smarter digital future!





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## YEAR 8 LANGUAGE LEADER - CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS

OUR YEAR 8 LANGUAGE LEADERS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT  
THE CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025 WHICH FOR THIS YEAR IS THE  
WOODSNAKE.

THEY HAVE ENJOYED MAKING SOME LANTERNS IN  
CELEBRATION OF THIS. THEY ALSO JOINED WITH OUR YEAR 5  
LINGUISTS TO LEARN AND SAY TOGETHER SOME CHINESE  
SAYINGS.

蛇年快乐 SHÉNIÁN KUÀILÈ HAPPY NEW YEAR OF THE SNAKE

学业有成 XUÉYÈYŌUCHÉNG ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



Our school community has once again demonstrated its generosity and enthusiasm for a great cause. As part of this year's World Number Day celebrations, held on 7th February 2025 and organised by the NSPCC, two of our remarkable pupils, Abdur Abbasi and Karina Poonia, led a fantastic fundraising initiative.

Abdur and Karina, pictured alongside the delighted raffle prize winners, took the lead in selling tickets across the entire school. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they raised an impressive total of £123. This generous contribution will be sent directly to the NSPCC to support the essential work they do for children and families.

The raffle offered some wonderful mathematical prizes, including scientific calculators, which sparked excitement among the participants. Alongside the raffle, pupils across the school embraced the mathematical theme of the day with energy and creativity. In particular, our Year 7 class, featured in the accompanying photograph, proudly showcased some of the impressive mathematical work they completed as part of the celebrations.

A huge thank you to Abdur and Karina for their efforts, and to everyone who purchased tickets and participated in the day's activities. Your support truly makes a difference.

We look forward to continuing our school's tradition of supporting charitable causes and promoting the joy of mathematics.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## Public Speaking and Debating Club

Our most recent debate took the form of the statement: This House believes that Britain is becoming more dishonest and we accept lying now more than ever before.

Congratulations to all of those who took part in our Big Debate last week, arguing with panache! The opposition team won by questioning the assumptions made by the proposition team and we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of 'points of information' next term.

We look forward to the next Big Debate!





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

National Apprenticeship this Week and there are lots of opportunities to explore your options coming up.



There are two apprenticeship exhibitions, one at Walsall College and another at the Mander Centre in Wolverhampton. This is your chance to meet employers in person and see what opportunities they have.

A poster for the Walsall works Apprenticeship Show. The top features a collage of photos showing people in various work settings. Below the photos is the 'Walsall works' logo. The main heading is 'Apprenticeship Show Unlock Your Future!'. The text describes the show as a chance to meet employers and take a first step towards a rewarding career. It explains that apprenticeships combine real work with training and study. The event is on Thursday 13 March 2025, from 4pm to 7pm, at The Hub @ Walsall College, Littleton Street West, WS2 8ES. A QR code is provided for booking, with 'SCAN HERE' text on either side. Booking information includes the website 'ApprenticeshipShow2025.eventbrite.co.uk' and the phone number '01922 654353'. At the bottom, logos for 'Funded by UK Government', 'West Midlands Combined Authority', and 'Walsall Council' are displayed.

There are lots of online events to choose from on the National Apprenticeship Week Website. Employers include JLR, Mace, Network Rail, Babcock, Aldi, IBM and PwC.

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/naw/>

Pupils have been learning all about t-levels and apprenticeship opportunities out there for them during their PSHE lessons.



# PUPIL LEADERSHIP ROLES

## Year 10 - Steps for the future

As we approach the summer term, our Year 10 pupils will soon begin their journey into Year 11.

This term brings a variety of leadership roles and responsibilities, offering pupils a chance to stand out in their sixth form applications, which are due at the end of the year.


Upcoming roles available next term:

Head Prefects

Prefects

Ambassadors

In addition to these exciting opportunities, our Year 10 pupils have been working incredibly hard in their chosen subjects. With end-of-year exams approaching in May, we encourage them to make the most of the holiday period by starting their revision early.



# SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Key Stage 4 Pupil of the Week is awarded to Alice D for supporting younger pupils with the Baking Enrichment. Miss Eynon was impressed with her leadership skills. Well done Alice!



Key Stage 3 Pupil of the Week is awarded to Emily J for supporting with the Chinese New Year message which was recorded by Year 8 and Year 5 pupils for the Global School Alliance competition.



Karam B impressed Mrs Dhadda with his confidence and listening skills during his role as Reading Mentor with the prep school pupils. Keep up the good work!



# SENIOR PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



## MUSIC

Maya C and Agamdeep Singh for being senior leaders at Young Voices



## ART



## SPORTS



# 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

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	<i>Reminder</i>	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			



# 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)	
<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>		