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# #HYDESVILLE FAMILY WEEKLY

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## A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting and jam-packed newsletter! As you can see, every pupil has been working hard and demonstrating ambition and opportunity.

Across the school pupils have experienced a variety of educational and enriching activities, including: an immersive mobile planetarium, competitive maths quizzes, phonics workshops, the Hydesville Challenge, as well as national Earth Day!

The pupils have been given numerous opportunities to participate, and they have all done so with great enthusiasm.

Several guests who have visited us this week have all remarked on how courteous and considerate our pupils are. To hear such kind words about our children fills me with pride.

Enjoy a great weekend.

Mrs Samra

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# AWARDS

Congratulations to the *Star of the week*

## Nursery

19th April



For exceptional behaviour  
and always willing to be a  
super helper around  
Nursery

19th April



For being extremely  
hardworking and strives to do  
his best in all activities

26th April



For settling into Pre-school  
life so brilliantly and being  
so polite.

## Reception

*Well done!*



19th April



26th April

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# AWARDS

## Headteacher's Commendation

W/C 19/04/2024



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## Headteacher's Commendation

W/C 26/04/2024



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# AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards w/e 19/04/24

Jayden T (Rec)		
		Umar M (Y4)
Tegh M (Y6)		

# AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards w/e 26/04/24

Jorah (Y2)		INALA UK Art in Nature certificate	
Gold Gymnastics Proficiency		Anaya S (Y3)	
4th place at KES Maths competition		Amaya Patel (Y5) Arjun Patel (Y5) Vihan B (Y5) Jasmine K (Y5)	
	 15M	 Maya P (Y1)	



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Congratulations!



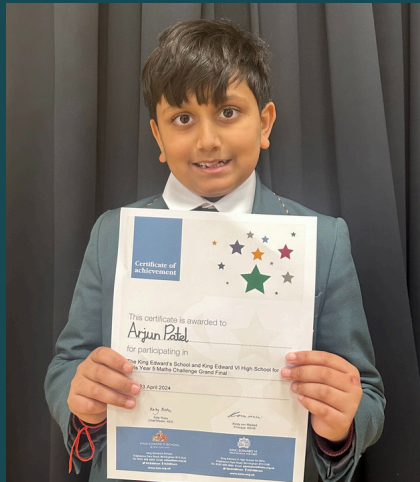
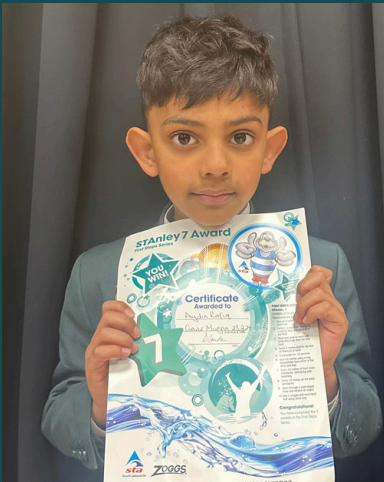
Congratulations!





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Congratulations!



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# HOUSE POINTS



Dhian B- 50  
Jemima- 50



50

Briana- 100  
Guneet- 100  
Jared- 100  
Nihal A - 100  
Umar M M - 100  
Nadal R- 100  
James C - 100



100

Arjun- 150  
Idris K -150  
Hannah N - 150

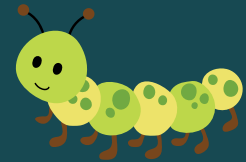


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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Nursery

### Planting



We have been planting and creating our own caterpillar grass heads.

The children have used trowels to fill up tights with soil before sprinkling grass seeds on top of the soil. They then added elastic bands to create the body before adding eyes and antenna's. The children will then be able to observe and note changes and talk about how the caterpillars hair is growing.

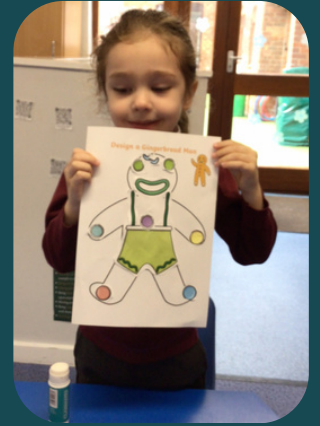
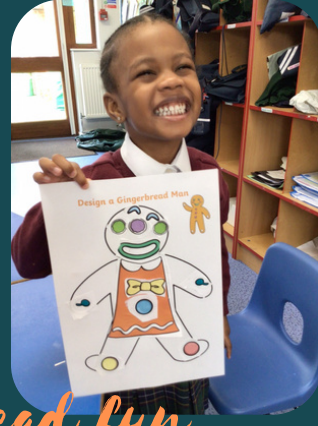
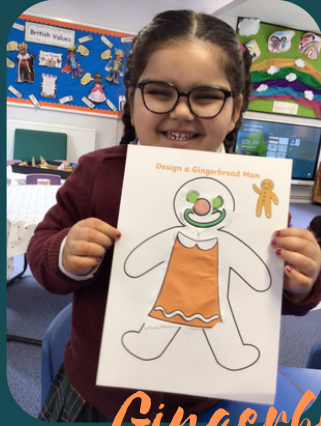
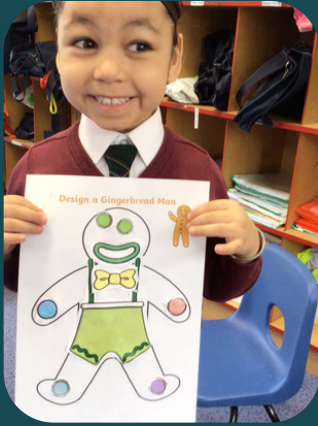
From completing this growing activity enabled the children to engage and use a range of senses and helps the children to develop and recognise them without realising. They were able to feel the texture of the soil and seeds and smell the different scents. It also helps to develop hand-eye coordination and builds physical strength.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Nursery



### Gingerbread fun

We have looked at the story of the Gingerbread man before looking at different shapes and features that we can use to decorate our own gingerbread man / lady.

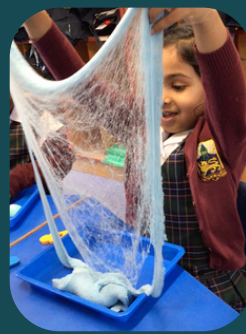
Following on from this we then spoke about the story discussing their favourite part.

Lorenzo commented “ I like it when he said run, run as fast as you can you can’t catch me I’m the gingerbread man.”

Laidan commented “I like when the fox eats the gingerbread man up.”

Malaya commented “ I like the little lady she’s like my mommy and makes and cooks gingerbread men.”

Kiswah commented “I like the gingerbread man when he runs away from everyone chasing him.”



### Sensory

The children have also enjoyed exploring the sensory activities provided which included puffy sand, where the children were able to talk about the texture – soft, stretchy, fluffy.

Cloud dirt where the children were able to use cars and trucks to make tracks and follow the numbered cones around, and the sand foam where the children mixed sand and shaving foam together and made ice creams for their peers.

It was nice to see the children interacting and talking with their peers about the different textures, it showed that they were all thinking and being creative.

# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Prep

### Reception

This week in Reception, the children enjoyed a visit from an NHS dental nurse, who spoke about the importance of good dental hygiene. The children took part in a discussion about how best to care of our teeth and then engaged in a range of activities linked to the practice of dental hygiene.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep*

## TIMES TABLES BADGES

It has been another fantastic round of the Times Tables Challenge, with lots of badges being awarded and 3 new entries into the Times Tables Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to all of our times tables superstars and a reminder that the next challenge will be towards the end of this term, so time to get practising!

The requirements for each badge are:

Bronze-50 questions in 6 minutes, 2, 5 and 10 x tables

Silver-50 questions in 5 minutes-2,5,10,3,4,6, 9 x tables

Gold-100 questions in 10 minutes- all times tables up to 12x12

Diamond-100 questions in 7 minutes-up to 12x12 and including related facts (e.g 30x60,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 56,  $0.3 \times 0.4$ ,  $\sqrt{49}$ )

Hall of Fame-50 questions at Diamond level against the clock-5 seconds are added for every error.

Remember you have to get all of the questions right (Bronze-Diamond).

You are allowed up to 2 mistakes for a call-back, but you must then answer correctly.

Good luck and enjoy times tabling!



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep*

## TIMES TABLES BADGES

			
Harneave 3 Praveen 4 Layla 4 Kavi 2 Sophia 3 Arvind 4	Anaya 3 Maven 4 Roshan 3 Jacob 4 Avaani 3 Praveen 4 Minnie 6 Kartar 3	Jayden 4 Saranya 3 Guneet 4 Nadal 4 Siddak 5 Anaya 5 Sneha 3 Jared 4 Sophia 4	Vihan 5 Agamdeep 6 Avaani 6 Kadii 5 Karmandeep 6 Arjun 4 Jaeveer 5 Veer 5 Avi 4

## Hall of Fame



1. Shriya
2. Mahima and Viren
3. Avnie Mae
4. Karanveer and Jasmine K-1 min - NEW ENTRY!
5. Nitin
6. Gursim
7. Dylan K-1 min 12s - NEW ENTRY!
8. Gavish
9. Simran K
10. Jasmine P- 1 min 30s - NEW ENTRY!



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep*

## MATHS COMPETITION

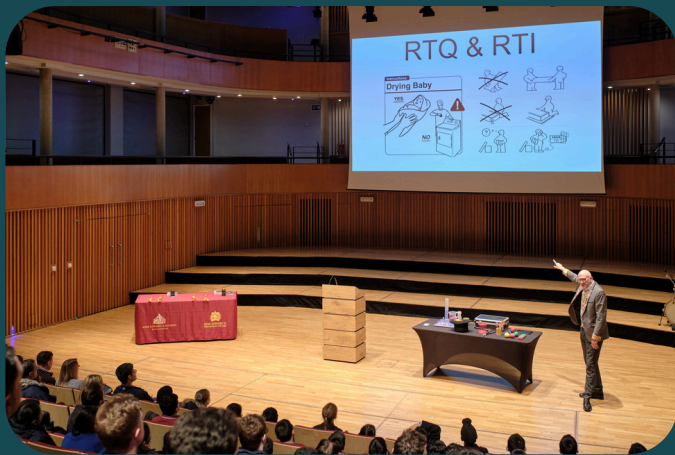


On Tuesday, four of our fantastic Year 5 mathematicians represented HTS at a maths competition organised by King Edward's School, Edgbaston.

They competed against a number of different schools and achieved a very creditable 4th place.

Following the competition, they were lucky enough to enjoy a lesson taught by the KES staff and then watch a presentation lead by Dr Ken Farquhar from the Inspirational Science Theatre Company.

It was a wonderful day, full of mathematical fun and learning. Well done to our own 'mathemagicians', Amaya, Jasmine, Arjun and Vihan!!







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*Prep*

## BIG MATHS QUIZ



It was fantastic to welcome Mayfield Prep and The Shrubbery School to Hydesville for the Big Maths Quiz 2024!

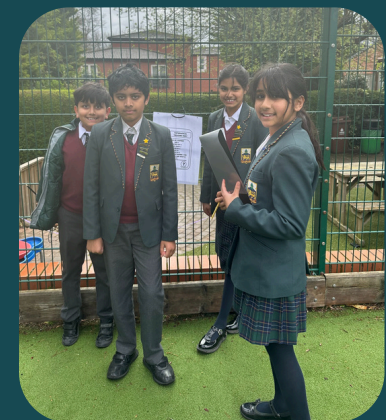
The pupils completed a morning of maths challenges, including an outdoor treasure trail on the astroturf.

Well done to The Shrubbery and Mayfield who were awarded for Best Teamwork and Most Polite Team.

A huge congratulations to Hydesville and The Shrubbery who came first and second, respectively.

**WINNERS!**

*Well done!*



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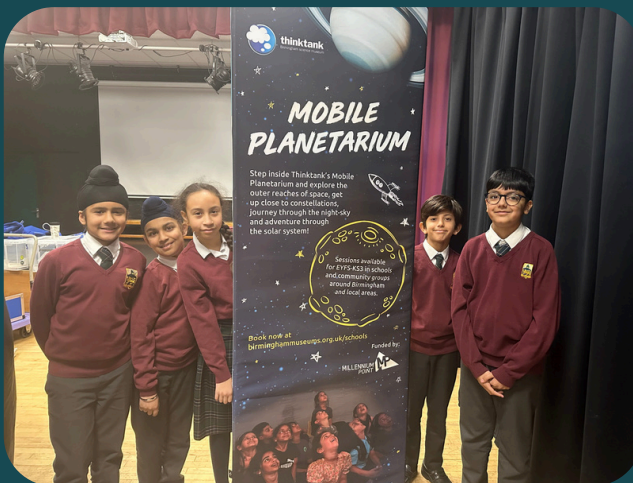
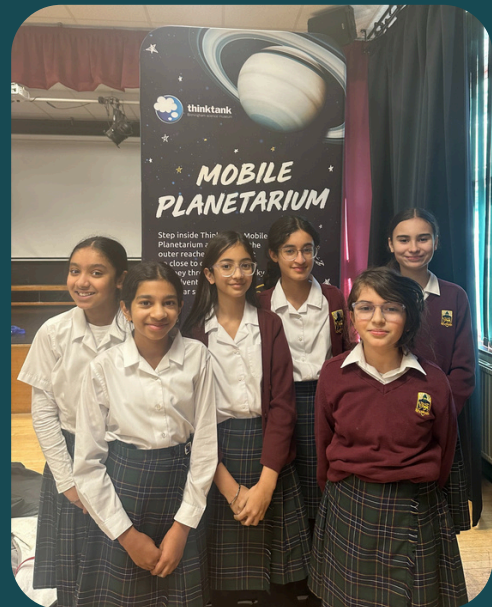
# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Prep & Senior

### PLANETARIUM



Our Prep and Senior pupils embarked on a stellar journey this week! They participated in an immersive planetarium experience, expanding their knowledge of celestial bodies, constellations, and our solar system. The experience even included a virtual lunar exploration! This engaging learning opportunity truly sparked curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the universe.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep & Senior*



## PLANETARIUM

The inflatable dome is powered by an electric fan and features immersive projections of stars, space, and planets, all facilitated by a 360-degree projector.

The captivating experience transported pupils into the depths of space!



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# HYDESVILLE CHALLENGE - SPONSORED WALK

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils conquered the next leg of the Hydesville Challenge with a Sponsored Walk for Acorns Children's Hospice, a fantastic charity supporting families in our community.

We are so proud of the incredible teamwork and spirit displayed by our pupils! With each 900m circuit of the Arboretum, many completed an amazing 26 laps to walk 23.4km or 14.5 miles for the charity. We have some very sore feet!

If you would like to show your support for our amazing pupils and this most-deserving cause - donations are still open! All funds raised will be presented to Acorns Children's Hospice in a future assembly





# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep*



On Monday 22nd April, our Prep School pupils celebrated Earth Day with a burst of creativity and environmental awareness.

They crafted stunning nature-inspired artwork using recycled materials, showcasing their commitment to sustainability. From vibrant collages to imaginative sculptures, the artistic expressions highlighted the beauty of nature and the importance of reusing resources.

The school's Eco-Committee will announce the winners of the competition in an upcoming assembly, recognising the pupils' dedication to making our school a greener place.

Well done to all who participated!





# WEEKLY ROUND UP

# EARTH DAY



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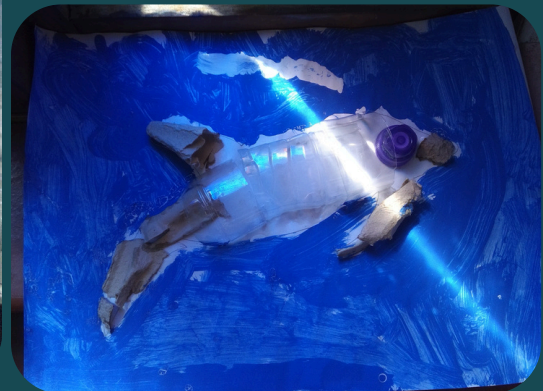
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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Prep*

## EARTH DAY



Over in Year 1 some of the children read a book to the class called 'Turtle in a Tangle', The tale revolved around a turtle entangled in ocean debris, a result of irresponsible waste disposal.

However, it concluded on a hopeful note, depicting efforts by individuals to clean up the beach and ocean, specifically targeting plastic for recycling.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Senior*

# EARTH DAY



On Monday and Tuesday members of the Senior School Eco-committee led our Earth Day assembly. This year's focus is on use of plastic in our everyday lives.

Shaan and Oliver gave some staggering statistics to our pupils, such as, over a million single use plastic water bottles are purchased every minute worldwide, and five trillion plastic bags are used every year.

The Eco-committee would like all pupils and their families to consider using reusable water bottles in the future to cut down on plastic waste and the amount of plastic made in the future, as well as using bags-for-life when out shopping.

If we all do a little it amounts to a lot!

# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Senior

### VILLA PARK



Last week saw a thrilling football experience for our year 7 & 8 pupils, as they embarked on a memorable visit to Villa Park. The day kicked off with eager anticipation as they stepped into the iconic stadium, immersing themselves in the atmosphere of football history. The pupils were also treated to an exclusive training session led by the skilled Villa coaches within the esteemed grounds. Engaging in drills and exercises under the guidance of professionals added a layer of excitement and learning to their day.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Senior

### Art



*by Zoya S*

The Arboretum is 150 years old next month, which certainly evokes a sense of nostalgia.

However, Pupils were encouraged to look into the future, and to produce a picture or piece of creative writing which imagined how the Arboretum might look by 2174.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Arboretum gallery garden.

In the year 2174, let's imagine the Arboretum of the Future,  
Where Walsall's beauty will surely nurture.  
With changes aplenty, it will be a sight to behold,  
A place where nature's wonders will unfold.

2. Trees will grow tall, reaching for the sky,  
Their branches swaying as the wind passes by.  
Flowers of vibrant colours will bloom all around,  
Filling the air with a sweet, fragrant sound.

3. Paths will wind through the lush greenery,  
Inviting visitors to explore with glee.  
Benches will be scattered, offering a place to rest,  
As people admire nature's very best.

4. Playgrounds will be filled with laughter and cheer,  
Children running and playing without any fear.  
Picnic areas will be perfect for a family feast,  
Sharing stories and enjoying a moment of peace.

5. The Arboretum of the Future will be a place of innovation,  
With sustainable features and conservation.  
Solar panels will power the lights at night,  
Keeping the park aglow with a warm, gentle light.

6. Interactive exhibits will educate and inspire,  
Teaching us about nature's wonders and its entire empire.  
A place where we can learn and appreciate,  
The importance of preserving our natural state.

7. So let's dream of the Arboretum of the Future,  
A place where nature's beauty will nurture.  
In 2174, it will be a sight to behold,  
A sanctuary of green, where stories are told.

*by Ester (Y7)*

# Senior Awards



Senior Artist of the week



Key Stage 4 Pupils of the week



Senior Performer of the week



Key Stage 3 Pupil of the week



# Senior Awards

*Congrats!*



**IBRAHEEM K**

Key Stage 4 Pupils of  
the week

*Congrats!*



**VARYA B**

Key Stage 4 Pupils of  
the week

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# Senior Head of Year Spring nominations

	Ambition	Opportunity	Respect
Y7	<p>Shaan D</p> <p>This pupil has received the award for ambition this term as he always works to his best ability and consistently challenges himself. Congratulations to Shaan D.</p>	<p>Ryan S</p> <p>The next pupil has grown in confidence both inside and outside of the classroom. As Maths Scholar he has supported the Maths department at Open Morning and religiously completed his scholar tasks, demonstrating commitment to his role. Well done to Ryan S.</p>	<p>Laila U</p> <p>I have chosen this pupil to receive the award for respect as she is always polite and well mannered. She has supported at whole school events as an ambassador for the school. Well done to Laila U.</p>
Y8	<p>Zoya S</p> <p>The pupil who will receive the award for ambition in Y8 is a pupil who continually goes above and beyond in her studies. Her work ethic is admirable and she is role model to her peers. Congratulations to Zoya S.</p>	<p>Leo B</p> <p>This pupil has been chosen to receive the award for opportunity as he has grown in confidence this academic year. He has been regularly involved in Music performance as part of the Rock Band. Well done to Leo B.</p>	<p>Lily F</p> <p>This pupil demonstrates respect in all that she does. She is kind and polite to her peers and all members within the Hydesville community. She is an excellent ambassador for the school. Well done to Lily F.</p>
Y9	<p>Haris T</p> <p>I have nominated this pupil to receive this award as despite challenges this term he has gone above and beyond with his studies and been determined to succeed. He has demonstrated resilience, perseverance and positivity. Congratulations to Haris T.</p>	<p>Harleen B</p> <p>The pupil who will receive the award for opportunity is a pupil who demonstrates confidence and acts as a role model to the peers in her year group and in younger year groups. Well done to Harleen B.</p>	<p>Samraaj C</p> <p>I have chosen this pupil for receive the prize for respect as he is always kind, includes everyone and is extremely polite to everyone in the Hydesville Community. Congratulations to Samraaj C.</p>
Y10	<p>Safa M</p> <p>This pupil stands out for her exceptional dedication and commitment, consistently surpassing expectations not only in her academic pursuits but also in her additional responsibilities. Well done, Safa M!</p>	<p>Harveen H</p> <p>This pupil has been an invaluable support in organising and presenting our wellbeing assembly this term. She contributed significantly to both reating and delivering the assembly. A big congratulations to Harveen H for her efforts!</p>	<p>Kishan P</p> <p>This pupil is consistently recognised for his excellent behaviour and respectful manner in lessons and around school. He sets a good example for his peers and is considered a role model. Congratulations to Kishan P.</p>
Y11	<p>Zach W</p> <p>The pupil who will receive the award for ambition is a pupil who has always taken his responsibilities within the school seriously and strived to do his best. He recently delivered an impactful speech at open morning and was actively praised by the senior leadership team and prospective parents. Well done to Zach Ward.</p>	<p>Ayesha K</p> <p>The pupil who will receive the award for opportunity is a pupil who has demonstrated a proactive attitude this term in a pursuit to ensure her peers leave the school with a memorable send off. She has liaised with external agencies and school staff to try to arrange the school prom and has really lived up to her role as a prefect of social events. Well done to Ayesha Khan.</p>	<p>Nabeeha</p> <p>The pupil who will receive the award for respect isa pupil who is always recognised for her excellent behaviour. She tries her best at everything she does and always conducts herself in a respectful manner. Well done to Nabeeha.</p>



# SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

## Prep School Assembly Schedule

Below is the timetable for our **Friday\* assemblies** so you can see when your child is taking part. The assemblies will take place in the **school hall at 9.00am** and parents are welcome to join the coffee morning session the day their child is performing in the dining hall at **8.45am, before their performance**. However, during the GCSE exam period, 10<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June, we will be alternating the awards ceremonies between the different key stages which will take place in the **dining hall**.

Date:	19/04/24	26/04/24	03/05/24	10/05/24 24/05/24	17/05/24 07/06/24	14/06/24	21/06/24	28/06/24	03/07/24	04/07/24	08/07/24	11/07/24
Class	Mrs Samra	Mrs Chand	Mr Staffiere	Mrs Samra/ Mrs Chand	Mrs Samra/ Mrs Chand	No Assembly	Mrs Brown/ Mrs Taylor	Mrs Downen/ Mrs Jones	Mrs Downen/ Mrs Jones	Years 1 to 6 (off site)	Mr Burnham	Mrs Samra/ Mrs Chand
Theme	Mutual Respect	St George's Day	May Day Celebrations	<b>R &amp; KS1 Awards</b> in dining hall due to GCSE exams	<b>KS2 Awards</b> in dining hall due to GCSE exams	GCSE Exam	Make Music Day	Helping Others & Teamwork	Nursery & Reception Prize Giving	Prep School Prize Giving (no Friday assembly this week)	Year 6 Celebration Assembly (Monday)	Awards and EOT celebrations

\*Some performances may take place on days other than Friday, see schedule for details.

Mon	29-Apr			
Tues	30-Apr		Y5 11+ Information Meeting	French GCSE Speaking Examinations PD
Wed	01-May			
Thurs	02-May		Y4 Mummy's Head Workshop (TBC)	Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Fri	03-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Mon	06-May	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week
Tues	07-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Wed	08-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Thurs	09-May		Y6 Woodlands Adventure (Hydesville Challenge)	Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10) GCSE Examinations commence - School Hall
Fri	10-May			
Mon	13-May			HPV Year 8 vaccinations 9.00am-3.00pm
Tues	14-May		Y1 and Y2 Sandwell Valley RSPB	Y10 Trip to National Museum of computing- IH TBC

Wed	15-May			
Thurs	16-May		Y4 Egypt Workshop/Vesak Day/Y6 Cannock Chase (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	17-May	Teddy Bear's Picnic (afternoon)		
Mon	20-May	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week
Tues	21-May		Y3 Trip (TBC)	Y9 Ninja Warrior PM Games DF
Wed	22-May			Y7-10 France Trip Parents Meeting 4.00-5.00pm
Thurs	23-May		Y6 First Aid Course (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	24-May		GCSE (Summer 1)	Year 7 Full Report Issued to Parents
Mon	27-May	Bank Holiday	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Tues	28-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Wed	29-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Thurs	30-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays

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Fri	31-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Mon	03-Jun			Loudmouth Year 7 My Mate Fancies You (morning) AM ES, SH & DF
Tues	04-Jun			
Wed	05-Jun			
Thurs	06-Jun		Y6 Ninja Warriors (Hydesville Challenge)	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
Fri	07-Jun			
Mon	10-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	Y10 QMHS Visit 9am-11am DF
Tues	11-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Wed	12-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	All Catchup vaccinations R-Y11 9.00am-3.00pm
Thurs	13-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
			Reception Trip to Patsy Cripps	
Fri	14-Jun	Mark making workshop (afternoon)	Assessment Week & GL Tests	

				Y5 Blotts Hill Trip	
Sat	15-Jun				Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions - Cannock Chase
Sun	16-Jun				Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions - Cannock Chase
Mon	17-Jun				
Tues	18-Jun	N Parents Consultations		Y3 to Y6 Sports Day (a.m.)	
Wed	19-Jun				Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	20-Jun			Y1 & Y2 Scooter Day	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
Fri	21-Jun	Beach Party(afternoon)/Make Music Day		Make Music Day	
Mon	24-Jun			Reports to Parents/Y6 Condoval Hall Residential/ Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (am)	
Tues	25-Jun			Y6 Residential Condoval Hall (Hydesville Challenge)	Y7-10 Senior School Sports Day PM
Wed	26-Jun	EY Sports Day 2pm Astro		Prep Parents' Evening/Y6 Condoval Hall Residential	Y10 Careers Day BMET Sutton Coldfield DF
Thurs	27-Jun				1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings

Fri	28-Jun	Trip to Wonderland Park		Year 9 Written Report issued to Parents
Mon	01-Jul			Loudmouth Year 9 Trust Me AM ES, SH & DF
Tues	02-Jul			
Wed	03-Jul	N & R Prize Giving (Morning)	N & R Prize Giving (a.m.)	
Thurs	04-Jul		Prep Prize Giving (a.m.)	Senior Prize Giving (PM)
Fri	05-Jul		Y1 - Y4 Drayton Manor Trip	Year 7 to 11 Progress Report issued to Parents. Year 10 Written Report issued to Parents
Sun	07-Jul			Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10
Mon	08-Jul			Paris Normandy Trip Y7-11
Tues	09-Jul	Moving up day/settling in morning	Moving Up Day/ Meet the Teacher	Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10 Y7&New Starters' Induction Day
Wed	10-Jul		Y5/Y6 WM Safari Park	Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10
Thurs	11-Jul		End of Term	
Fri	12-Jul		Planning and Preparation Day (Inset Day)	