



# HYDEVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDEVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the holidays – the school has been full of energy and enthusiasm over the past fortnight!

It's already been a very busy start to the half term, with a wide range of exciting activities taking place. From our engaging parental workshops and lively VE Day celebrations to the fantastic efforts seen in the Hydeville Challenge, there's been so much to celebrate. A special mention must also go to our Year 11 pupils, who have begun their GCSEs this week – we are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination.

This half term may be short, but it's certainly packed with events and learning opportunities. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things happening across the school in this edition of our newsletter.

Upcoming  
Events!

#### Dates

**GCSE exams begin**

**12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork  
(Carding Mill Valley)**

**14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 Maths Workshop**

**15<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 Woodlands Adventure**

**16<sup>th</sup> May - Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic**

*Mrs Samra*

# SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

YEAR 2 - YEAR 6

## HOLIDAY CLUB

PERFORMING ARTS & SPORTS

£35 A DAY

EARLY BIRD OFFER: £150 FOR THE WEEK

\*Lunch not included



14th July -  
18th July



8.30am -  
3.30pm



25 Broadway North, Walsall  
WS1 2QG

BOOKINGS OPEN 31ST MARCH

LIMITED SPACES - DON'T MISS OUT



# MAY HALF TERM FUN CLUB



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

## SUMMER HALF TERM FUN CLUB

TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 - FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

9AM - 4PM (COLLECTION NO LATER THAN 4PM)

£30 A DAY - BOOKING VIA PARENTPAY

ARTS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

AVAILABLE TO NURSERY, PRESCHOOL,  
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHILDREN

PLEASE BRING A HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH (WITH  
NO NUTS - WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL)

# COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE VE DAY – VICTORY IN EUROPE

May 8th, we stand with the nation in remembering and honouring the incredible courage, sacrifice, and strength of all who served—both at home and on the front lines.

We give thanks for their unwavering dedication and reflect on those who gave their lives for our freedom.

We will never forget.





# PREPARING FOR THE 11+ PARENT WORKSHOPS YEAR 3

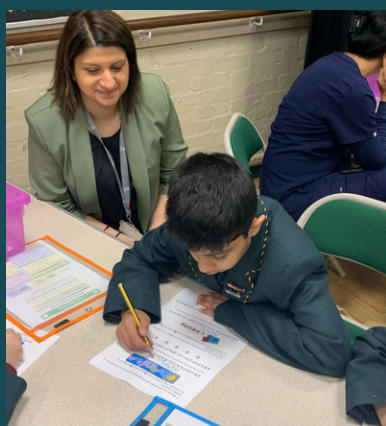
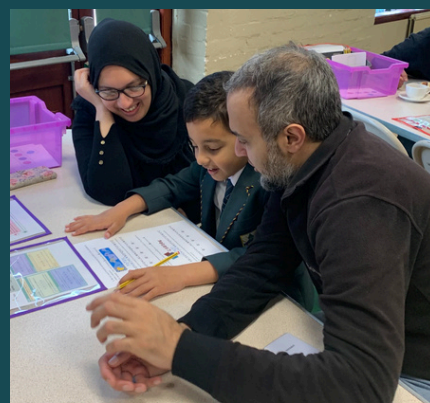
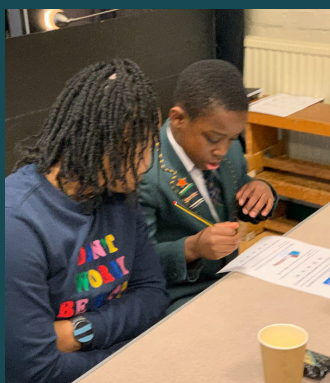
Our recent Year 3 workshop focused on how we develop key habits and skills that lay the groundwork for future 11+ success.



We explored ways to build strong routines, encourage wide reading, and strengthen core maths, reasoning, and problem-solving skills.

Parents saw how engaging activities – like puzzles, logic games, and digital projects – help children practise pattern-spotting, vocabulary, and logical thinking in fun, meaningful ways.

The key message: small, steady practice and building on children's interests are the best foundations for confident, independent learners.

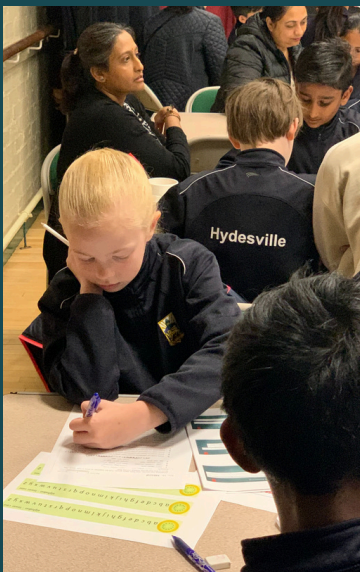


# PREPARING FOR THE 11+ PARENT WORKSHOPS YEAR 5

Year 5 parents and pupils attended an 11+ Information Event on Thursday, which provided valuable guidance on the application process, practical support, and strategies for managing time and exam stress. As part of the event, parents joined their children in completing a series of timed activities—experiencing first-hand the challenge and pace of 11+ assessments.

The session also included teaching input from Year 5 staff and offered insights into how families can support both the academic and emotional demands of the 11+ journey. The event received very positive feedback, and pupils will continue their preparation with focused teaching, planned activities, and adjusted schedules designed to build both confidence and competence.

Thank you to all who took part and embraced the challenge with such enthusiasm!





# DIGITAL SAFETY WORKSHOP



*Protect your children online, learn how to safely monitor devices and apps to stay ahead of digital risks.*

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our recent Digital Safety Workshop. We explored practical ways to help children stay safe online, from setting healthy screen time boundaries to using parental controls and encouraging open conversations about their digital lives.

For those who could not attend – or anyone who would like a refresher – you can find the slides and key resources linked in this newsletter.



Click on the icons to access weblinks and slides

Digital Workshop Slides



Digital Workshop Slides



Parent/Carers Guide



App control parent guide



Family Agreement



Digital Dialogue



# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



This week, we are proud to take part in Deaf Awareness Week, a time to shine a light on the challenges faced by Deaf individuals and those with hearing loss. It's an important opportunity to reflect on how we can build a more inclusive and understanding society. In Nursery, we've been exploring ways to communicate more inclusively and celebrating the rich culture of the Deaf Community. The children have enjoyed learning nursery rhymes using sign language and even had a go at signing their own names! Together, we're taking small but meaningful steps toward greater awareness, inclusion, and appreciation of diversity.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



Ayaan Commented  
"The baby needs an  
injection to make  
him better."



## Discovering how our bodies work!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the doctor's surgery during their child-initiated play, taking on the roles of doctors, nurses, and patients. This engaging activity has sparked plenty of curiosity, creativity, and fun! Role play experiences like this one play an important part in early development. They help build confidence, support physical development, and encourage problem-solving. The children also have the chance to strengthen their speaking and listening skills as they interact with one another.

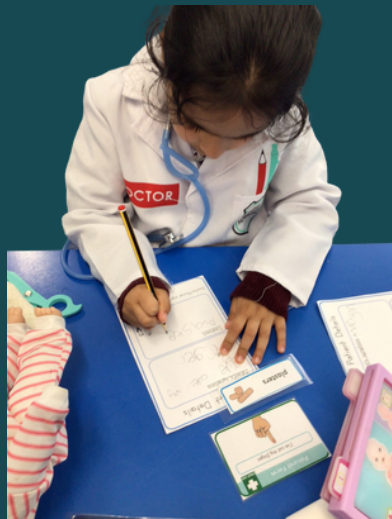
Beyond the fun, this activity encourages children to reflect on real-life experiences, deepen their understanding of familiar topics, and bring their imagination to life as they step into character and explore the world around them.



Maryam  
Commented "Your  
heart is beating  
fast you have done  
lots of exercise."



Anamta commented "I  
went to the hospital and  
the doctor put a camera  
in my mouth and told me  
I can't eat gluten, I have  
Coeliac disease."



Aesun commented "Victory  
has hurt her arm, I will  
make it better."

He then said  
"We have to eat lots of fruit  
and vegetables for our  
bones and tummy."

# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## YEAR 4 - EGYPTIAN DAY

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting and interactive workshop to kickstart their new topic on Ancient Egypt. The day was packed with hands-on activities and fascinating discoveries.

Pupils began by creating a timeline of Egyptian history, helping them understand the vast span of this ancient civilisation. They explored the creatures of the Nile, uncovering how important animals were to Egyptian life and mythology.

The workshop also delved into the lives of Egyptian kings and queens, including famous pharaohs like Tutankhamun and Cleopatra. Children learned about the process of mummification, learning about all the gory details.

Exploring Egyptian art, the class observed traditional patterns and symbols, and studied the role of gods and goddesses in everyday life.

It was a fantastic start to the topic, sparking curiosity and excitement for all the learning ahead!





# AWARDS



## Star of the week



Nursery - Omar for demonstrating independence and growing in confidence.



Nursery - Gurleen for settling in well and being a positive role model to her peers.



Reception - Khushie for her excellent manners and progress in literacy and mathematics.

# AWARDS



## *Headteacher's Commendation*





# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations!



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# HOUSE POINTS



100

Kiswah Q - R  
Ocean A - R  
Idris K - Y1  
Rumbidzai C - Y2  
Chloe M - Y2  
Umar M-M - Y5

150

Kushie S - R  
Kamsi M - Y1  
Jaden T-M - Y1  
Joshua H - Y1  
Arjun B - Y2  
Sara P - Y2  
Kaveer C - Y4

200

Glory O - Y4  
Sophia S - Y5  
Nadal R - Y5

250

Sahib P - Y1  
Navan R - Y2  
Zaydan R - Y4

300

Charlotte H - Y5  
Maya P Y2





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## STUDY TIPS FOR YOUR END OF YEAR EXAMS

Preparing for your end of year exams can be a daunting prospect but the sooner you start, the more confident and exam ready you will be.

We all know the importance of revision and preparation for assessment and exam success, but how much do we know about what makes for **effective revision**? There are some very popular strategies that you will spend A LOT of time doing, yet they are proven to have little impact.

3 commonly used and poor revision techniques are:

- Highlighting
- Rereading texts
- Copying out notes



The reason these are so ineffective, is that they do not require much THINKING... and it is THINKING about things that make us remember them.

Here are some tips to ensure you achieve effective revision in preparation for exams:



- Create a realistic revision timetable, breaking subjects into manageable chunks and mixing topics to keep things fresh.
- Use active revision techniques like flashcards, mind maps, or teaching someone else—these help retain information better than passive reading. It's also important to schedule regular breaks and include time for physical activity, which boosts concentration.
- Managing stress is just as vital as academic preparation. Engage in open conversations with your friends and family about how you are feeling, ensure you get enough sleep, and enjoy a healthy diet.
- Your **effort** is more important than perfection.

Remember exams are just one part of your journey. With effective preparation you will be confident and enjoy success.

### The basics

Simply, make sure you eat, sleep and take time out!



Limit distractions



Find a nice space to revise in



The more you put in the more you get out!



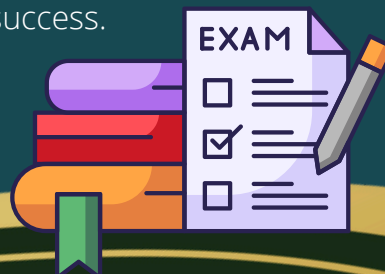
Create and use a revision planner



Set an alarm and start early!



Revise, Repeat, Remember



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## “Think, Repair, Recycle: Year 8 Explores E-Waste Solutions”

Year 8 Investigate the Impact of E-Waste

Our Year 8 pupils have been busy diving into the important topic of electronic waste (E-waste) through a recent group research project. They explored what e-waste is, how it's created, and its increasing environmental impact. As part of their inquiry, pupils looked into practical solutions such as recycling, repairing old devices, and making more sustainable technology choices. The project inspired thoughtful discussions around personal responsibility and environmental care. A big well done to all our Year 8s for their hard work and insight!





# SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Emily J and Lucy F have been nominated by Miss Fletcher for writing Romantic Poetry in their native languages. We translated them collaboratively. Their work was excellent, and demonstrated clear knowledge of the power of nature, emotion and individualism used within this genre.



Jay C has been nominated by Mrs Dhadda for taking the opportunity to lead an extra-curricular club this half term. His lesson plans were detailed and involved some careful consideration. Well done!



Well done to all of our Senior pupils for showing respect and kindness this week. Pupils were commended for their exemplary manners during the fire drill and minute silence for VE day.

# SENIOR PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



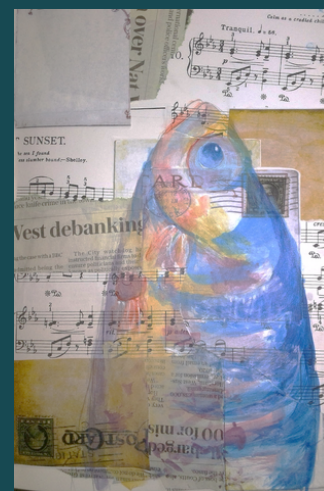
## MUSIC

Priya S - 500 continuous days of practise and commitment to performing outside school



## ART

Emily J for her amazing  
Giles Ward painting



## SPORTS

Jay C for displaying excellent leadership through delivering a lunchtime fitness club to his peers.





# SUMMER CALENDAR

Date 2025		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	28-Apr	<b>INSET</b>		
Tues	29-Apr	<b>Back to School</b>		
Wed	30-Apr	Curriculum Plans issued to parents		
Fri	2-May		Curriculum Plans issued to parents Y6 Enterprise Presentations (Hydesville Challenge)	Curriculum Plans issued to parents
Mon	5-May	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week
Tues	6-May			French GCSE speaking exam
Wed	7-May		Y3 Preparation for 11+ Workshop	
Thurs	8-May		Y5 11+ Information Event	
Fri	9-May		Y6 Sponsored Walk (Hydesville Challenge)	GCSE examinations begin
Mon	12-May			
Tues	13-May		Y1 & Y2 Sandwell Valley RSPB TBC	
Wed	14-May		Y2 Maths Workshop	
Thurs	15-May		Y6 Woodlands Adventure (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	16-May	Teddy Bear's Picnic (afternoon)		
Mon	19-May	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week	
Tues	20-May			
Wed	21-May	Nursery Learning Walk 1pm		Y10 examination week Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Thurs	22-May			Y10 examination week
Fri	23-May		Y6 Cannock Chase Walk (Hydesville Challenge)	Y10 examination week Y7 Full Report Issued to Parents
Mon	26-May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		
Tues	27-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Wed	28-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Thurs	29-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Fri	30-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Mon	2-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Tues	3-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Wed	4-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Thurs	5-Jun		World Environment/Eco Day Y1 GL Tests	Y7-10 Examination Week
Fri	6-Jun		Y6 Ninja Warrior (Hydesville Challenge) Y1 GL Tests	Y7-10 Examination Week
Mon	9-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Tues	10-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests Y5 & Y6 Puberty Talk (school nurses)	Y10 1-1 Careers Meetings

# SUMMER CALENDAR

Wed	11-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Thurs	12-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	Yr9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition
Fri	13-Jun	Preschool Wellbeing workshop (afternoon)	Assessment Week & GL Tests Y5 Blists Hill Trip TBC Reception Trip to Potsy Pamsy	Yr9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition
Mon	16-Jun		Y6 Sealife Centre (Hydesville Challenge)	Y10 ESB Assessments
Tues	17-Jun	Nursery Parents Consultations school cloud	Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (a.m.)	Y10 1-1 Careers Meetings
Wed	18-Jun			Y10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Thurs	19-Jun		Y3-Y6 Sports Day (am)	
Fri	20-Jun	Beach Party(afternoon) Make Music Day	Make Music Day	Make Music Day
Mon	23-Jun		Reports to Parents	Y10-Y11 Sports Day
Tues	24-Jun			Y7-Y9 Sports Day (pm) Y10 1-1 Careers meeting
Wed	25-Jun	EY Sports Day 2pm Astro	Prep Parents' Evening Y6 Condover Hall Residential Reception Sports Day	KS3 Bushcraft TBC
Thurs	26-Jun	Preschool Trip to National Farm Adventure Park	Y6 Condover Hall Residential	KS3 Bushcraft TBC
Fri	27-Jun		Y6 Condover Hall Residential	KS3 Bushcraft TBC Y9 Written Report issued to Parents
Mon	30-Jun	Assessment & Moderation Week		
Tues	1-Jul			Y10 King Edwards Foundation A-level tasters
Wed	2-Jul	Preschool & R Prize Giving (Morning)	N & R Prize Giving	
Thurs	3-Jul		Prep Prize Giving	
Fri	4-Jul		Times Table Challenge Y3-Y6 Disco	Senior Prize Giving and Y11 Prom
Sun	6-Jul			
Mon	7-Jul		Y6 Leavers Assembly	Y7-10 report cards issued
Tues	8-Jul	Moving up day/settling in morning	Moving Up Day/ Meet the Teacher	Y7 New Starter Induction Day
Wed	9-Jul		Y1-Y4 EOY Trip (TBC) Y5 & Y6 WM Safari Park	
Thurs	10-Jul	End of Term (Normal Finish)		
Fri	11-Jul	Planning and Preparation Day (Inset Day)		