Family Newsletter

> Autumn Term



### HYDESVILLE Tower School





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#### **World Nursery Rhyme Week**

Our pupils enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including a 'Rhyme a Day Challenge' and a whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

### SPORT



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### WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through the second half of the autumn term, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a positive and purposeful start. It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families to our Senior School event, where we showcased the breadth of opportunities and the strong sense of community that define our school.

Anti-Bullying Week began with a vibrant display of individuality, as pupils and staff alike wore odd socks to celebrate kindness and inclusion. Pupils then took part in an engaging anti-bullying workshop, which encouraged them to reflect on the importance of respect, empathy, and standing up for others.

Our Senior pupils have also had a busy and enriching few weeks. The Army led a morning of team-building exercises, helping pupils to develop leadership and communication skills. Meanwhile, Year 11 pupils visited the NEC to explore future careers and the skills essential for their next steps.

We held a thoughtful and moving Remembrance Service, during which pupils spoke with great eloquence and maturity as we honoured those who have served and sacrificed.

Finally, we ended the week by joining together to support Children in Need, demonstrating once again the generosity and community spirit that make our school so special.

With best wishes. Mrs Samra

#### **Upcoming Events**

Monday 17th November

Road Safety Week

Year 11 Mock Exams begin

Wednesday 19th **November** Y8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Reception and Prep Pantomime Trip

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 8 and Year 9 Science & English Trip to London

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 9th December Nursery & Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th December Christmas Fair

# **Nursery**

### WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK

This week, our Nursery joined in the fun for World Nursery Rhyme Week—a wonderful celebration of the songs, stories, and silliness that make early childhood so magical!

From the twinkling stars above to Humpty Dumpty's great fall, our little learners have been singing, dancing, and imagining their way through a world of rhyme and rhythm.

Throughout the week, the children have been: \*\* Singing their favourite rhymes each day and proudly completing the Rhyme-a-Day Challenge

Acting out stories with movements and gestures to bring their rhymes to life



- Creating colourful art inspired by their favourite nursery rhyme characters
- Playing games that turned classic rhymes into laughter-filled adventures
- Nursery rhymes aren't just fun—they're fantastic for building language skills, memory, and creativity. They connect children to a long-loved tradition that's been shared across generations.
- We'd love for families to keep the fun going at home! Sing together, act out your favourite rhymes, or even make up your own silly verses.
- Our Nursery children have truly made World Nursery Rhyme Week a joyful celebration of music, language, and imagination—one that's sure to be remembered with smiles and songs!









# Nursery

### **ODD SOCKS BIG SMILES**

On Monday 10th November, our nursery was filled with colour and laughter as children came in wearing odd socks to celebrate Odd Sock Day—part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities.

They gathered together in a big, cheerful circle, buzzing with excitement as they proudly showed off their wonderfully mismatched socks. There were bright stripes teamed with polka dots, funky patterns next to cartoon characters, and even a few wild combinations that had everyone giggling!

This fun and simple act of wearing odd socks became a powerful reminder of kindness, friendship, and the joy of celebrating what makes each of us unique. It was a heart-warming day full of smiles, laughter, and colourful toes!



### REMEMBRANCE DAY REFLECTIONS

This week, our Nursery children took part in meaningful activities to learn about Remembrance Day. Together, we talked about why this special day is observed and the significance of wearing a poppy to honour those who have served and sacrificed.

The children loved getting creative with poppymaking, experimenting with different materials, colours, and techniques to make their very own beautiful poppies.

During circle time, we held a one-minute silence to show our respect. The children showed incredible focus and understanding, sitting quietly with their fingers on their lips—such a thoughtful moment of reflection from our youngest learners.









# Prep

### ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOP

#### Anti-Bullying Week: Using Our "Power for Good"!

This week, our Prep pupils got inspired during Anti-Bullying Week, diving into the theme "Power for Good." With the help of the amazing team from Open View, they explored how small acts of kindness can spark big change!

Through games, discussions, and real-life examples, pupils discovered how speaking up, standing together, and supporting one another can make school a happier, safer place for everyone. The key takeaway? Every one of us has the power to make a difference — and our pupils are ready to use theirs!











# Prep

### **ODD SOCKS DAY**

#### Odd Socks Day - Celebrating Uniqueness!

Our school was bursting with colour and creativity on Odd Socks Day! Pupils proudly showed off their brightest, silliest, and most wonderfully mismatched socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique. The day is part of Anti-Bullying Week and reminds us that kindness, respect, and individuality are things to be celebrated every day.

Children enjoyed thoughtful discussions and fun activities all about inclusion and celebrating differences — and the sea of colourful socks around the school was the perfect reminder that being yourself never goes out of style!











## Prep

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Children in Need: Spreading Kindness and Smiles! What a fantastic day we had for Children in Need! Our pupils came to school in their own clothes, showing off their style while raising money for this amazing cause. Even better, the day coincided with Anti-Bullying Week, giving everyone a chance to celebrate kindness.

Our pupils eagerly took on the "25 Acts of Kindness" challenge, finding simple yet powerful ways to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

A huge thank you to all our parents and families for your generosity and support—you help our children see just how much power they have to spread kindness and make the world a brighter place!









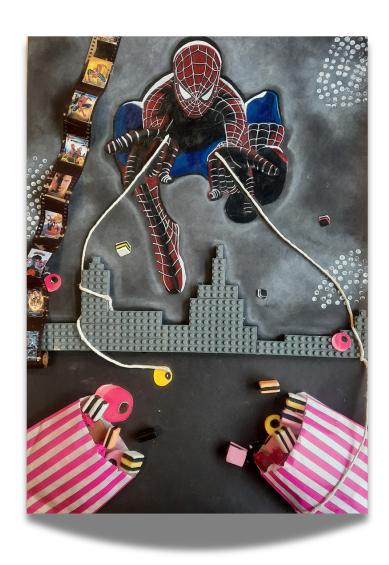
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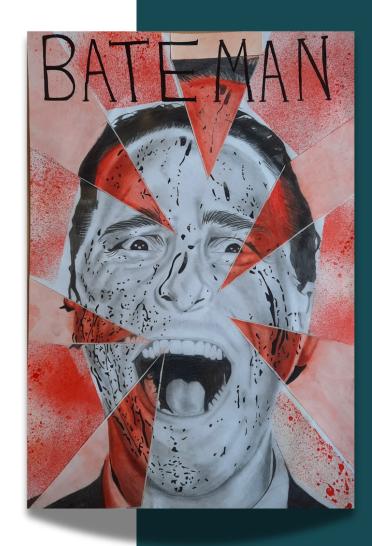
#### **Celebrating Our Young Creatives!**

What a phenomenal year it has been for our GCSE Art pupils! From daring brushstrokes to breath-taking concepts, this year's cohort has truly impressed us with their creativity, passion, and dedication.

The final pieces from the externally set task are nothing short of spectacular — each one a unique explosion of imagination, skill, and artistic flair. Every artwork tells its own story, reflecting the individuality and growth of our talented pupils.





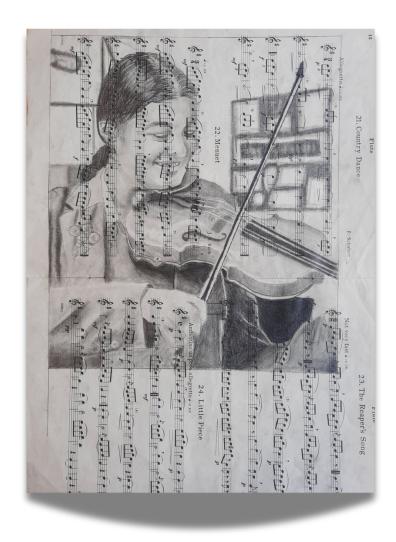


#### **GCSE ART EXTRAVAGANZA**

A special congratulations to Shona and Jaya, who both achieved the top Grade 9 — a truly remarkable accomplishment! We're thrilled that they will continue their artistic journeys in A Level Art. We cannot wait to see their talents flourish even further.

To all our GCSE Art pupils: you have inspired us with your creativity, commitment and sheer love for art. You've made our department shine brighter than ever! Keep dreaming boldly, creating fearlessly, and colouring the world with your imagination. The future of art looks brighter than ever because of you!







### MISS PARKER'S 'AUTUMN HARMONIES'

### A Magical Evening at Miss Parker's 'Autumn Harmonies' Concert

On Sunday 9th November, our school community came together for Miss Parker's much-loved annual singing concert, 'Autumn Harmonies.' It was an enchanting evening brimming with talent, passion and music that truly touched the heart.

We were incredibly proud to see three of our pupils take to the stage, showcasing their hard work, confidence, and love for singing:

- Jasmine captivated the audience with a moving performance of "Not the Only One."
- Sneha impressed everyone with her heartfelt rendition of "Try Everything."
- Evleen delivered a powerful and emotional performance of "Dead Mom," leaving the audience spellbound.

Each performance highlighted not only the dedication and talent of our young singers, but also the patient guidance and encouragement of Miss Parker. Her commitment to nurturing our pupils' voices continues to inspire us all.

A huge congratulations to Jasmine, Sneha, Evleen, and everyone involved for making Autumn Harmonies such a memorable, uplifting, and joy-filled occasion. It was truly a night to remember!









#### **CAREERS AND SKILLS TRIP**

Year 11 pupils Explore Their Futures at the National School & College Leaver Festival.

Our Year 11 pupils took an exciting step towards shaping their futures this week with a visit to the National School & College Leaver Festival at the NEC, Birmingham—the UK's largest national careers and skills event for young people in Years 11–13.

The festival provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to explore a wide range of post-16 and post-18 pathways, including employment, apprenticeships, vocational training, and higher education. With over 100 employers, training providers, colleges, universities, and industry organisations in attendance, pupils had the chance to engage directly with experts, ask questions, and gather valuable information about their next steps.

The event proved both inspiring and informative, helping pupils to broaden their horizons and consider the many possibilities available to them beyond school. We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school—showing curiosity, confidence, and ambition throughout the day. The future truly is theirs to shape!









### REMEMBRANCE DAY



#### **Honouring Remembrance Day 2025**

Today, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day 2025, reflecting on and honouring the extraordinary courage of those who gave their tomorrow for our today.

Staff and pupils joined in a moving service filled with reflection, respect, and gratitude, paying tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of countless individuals who have served our country.

















In a particularly poignant moment, our Headteacher, Mrs Samra, laid a wreath at the National Memorial Arboretum in Lichfield, just hours after The Princess of Wales' own visit, underscoring the significance of this day.

Earlier in the week, our Prep School pupils also commemorated the occasion with their own thoughtful Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, 7th November, showing that even our youngest community members understand the importance of remembering and reflecting.

Lest we forget. 🦑













### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL VS ST GEORGE'S

#### Tough Battle on the Field Against St George's!

It was a challenging match against a very talented St George's team. While Hydesville showed flashes of brilliance with some incredible individual skills, teamwork just didn't quite click this time.

Mahaan and Vian gave it their all, and Mahaan's determination shone through with two fantastic goals! Despite their best efforts, the Hydesville defence faced relentless pressure and couldn't quite hold off the St George's attack.

Final Score: St George's 6 - Hydesville 2

Goal Scorer: Mahaan

Player of the Match: Mahaan - a well-deserved

recognition for his hard work and skill!

Hydesville will surely bounce back stronger in the next match – keep cheering for our team!











### YEAR 9 FOOTBALL AND NETBALL MATCHES VS HIGHCLARE

#### **Netball Team**

What a nail-biter! Hydesville faced an incredibly close match, with both teams showing incredible skill and determination. Despite an exceptional effort, the team narrowly missed out, losing by just one goal.

Result: Lost Score: 6-5

**Player of the Match:** Zara – a true defensive powerhouse, making crucial interceptions and keeping the team in the game right until the final whistle!

#### Football Team A

Hydesville dominated the pitch in a thrilling encounter! Brilliant passing sequences set up some dazzling individual moments, with Jay C's stunning free kick stealing the show. Solid defensive work from Samuel G and Jay C ensured the win was firmly in Hydesville's hands.

Result: Win Score: 4-1

Scorers: Karam B x2, Jay C x1, Jusreiss C x1 Player of the Match: Samuel G – a rock at the

back, proving that defence wins games!









### YEAR 9 FOOTBALL AND NETBALL MATCHES VS HIGHCLARE

#### Football Team B

A friendly with fierce competition saw both teams shine, but Hydesville's teamwork and determination came through. Standout moments included brilliant coordination between Salahuddin and Aryan, clinical finishing by Hanson, and some incredible saves from Aleksander.

Result: Win Score: 2-0

Scorers: Hanson (2)

**Player of the Match:** Aleksander – the guardian of the goal, making crucial saves and keeping

the opposition at bay!











Anand from yellow group has shown a great positive attitude towards boundaries, learning and routine since he started. He is forever helpful and kind. Anand has a witty, humerus personality that shines through. Well done Anand.



Aurora is growing in confidence and always gives her best in everything she does. She sets a wonderful example for others with her positive attitude and determination!







Hargun has been named as Star of the Week for his excellent effort and absolutely super progress in reading and writing.



Kushi is Star of Week because of the super effort she has shown in lessons and for her excellent manners



























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# SENIOR AWARDS







# SCHOOL VALUES







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Simran in Year 7 has produced an extremely high standard of work; including her excellent Christmas card design.

Jasmine has been helping with auditions for the upper prep play.

Aleksander the guardian of the goal, making crucial saves and keeping the opposition at bay!

