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Newsletter

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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



Young Voices

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Young Voices 2026



A Welcome from the Headteacher

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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of the Hydesville Newsletter. As always, it has been a busy and enriching fortnight across our Nursery, Prep and Senior School, and this newsletter captures just a snapshot of the many moments that make our school community so special.

I would like to begin by saying how incredibly proud I was of our pupils who represented Hydesville at Young Voices. To be part of a 5,000-strong choir is a wonderful achievement, and our pupils performed with confidence and enthusiasm. A huge well done to everyone involved, and sincere thanks to our dedicated staff – particularly Mrs Wilson for her commitment to rehearsals and Mrs Harding for her excellent organisation.

Our recent Year 3 and Year 4 parent workshops have also been extremely valuable. These sessions provided parents with a clearer understanding of the 11+ journey – not only how the school supports each child, but also how parents can work in partnership with us to support learning, confidence and wellbeing at home. Thank you to all who attended and engaged so positively.

For our Year 9 pupils, the Options Evening marked a key point in their educational journey. The evening provided valuable insight into GCSE pathways and reinforced our commitment to guiding pupils towards choices that reflect their strengths, interests and future aspirations.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented Hydesville Tower School at the Walsall Schools Swimming Gala. Their teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship were exemplary and a true reflection of our school values.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and seeing the many ways in which our pupils continue to grow, achieve and represent Hydesville with pride.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Samra



Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 3rd
February**
Reception
Information Event

Year 10 & 11
Macbeth Stage
Combat (school
hall)

Year 9 Visit to
Walsall College -
post 16

**Wednesday 4th
February**
Year 7 Parents
Evening

Friday 6th February
NSPCC Number
Day

**Thursday 12th
February**
STEM Parent
Workshop

**Friday 13th
February**
Nursery Maths
Workshop

Friday 27th March
Upper Prep Musical

**Saturday 7th
March**
Open Morning

Nursery

PLAY LED BY CURIOUS MINDS: LEARNING THROUGH IMAGINATION

Our youngest pupils have been exploring People Who Help Us through lively, child-initiated play that has brought learning to life across the classroom. Through imaginative role play, children have developed confidence, communication skills and a growing understanding of the world around them.



As firefighters, pupils worked together to tackle imaginary emergencies, learning about teamwork and safety. "I put fire out," said Iphile proudly, as children discussed how firefighters help keep us safe.



The supermarket proved a popular stop, with pupils practising turn-taking, counting and healthy choices. Naryan said, "I have milk and carrots; milk is good for my teeth, my body, and bones," while chatting to the shopkeeper.

Creativity shone in the hair and beauty salon, where children styled hair and expressed themselves with confidence. Meanwhile, budding police officers explored rules and fairness through fingerprinting and role play, with Izaiah announcing, "I take the bad guys to jail."

Through play, our pupils are discovering the important roles people play in helping our communities – learning with enthusiasm, imagination and joy.



In the hospital role-play area, care and kindness were on display as children became doctors and nurses, using medical equipment to look after friends and toy babies. Beatrice explained, "I put the stethoscope on the baby and Musa's heart to see if it is beeping."

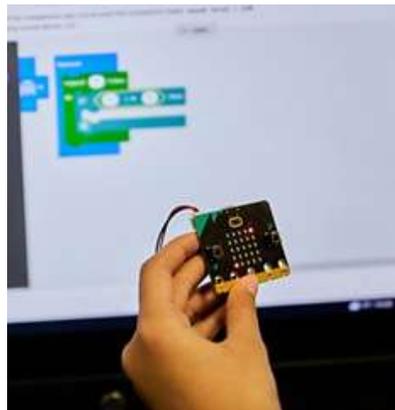
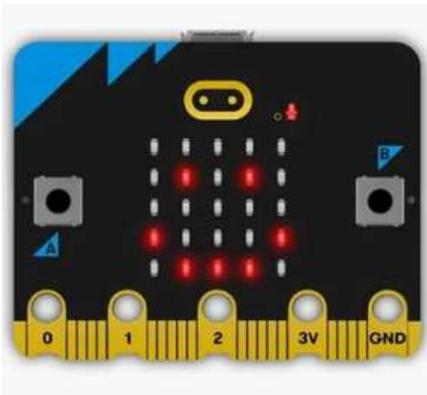


Prep

CODE, CREATE, AND EXPERIMENT! A HIGH-TECH WORKSHOP COMES TO HYDESVILLE TOWER



Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will soon have the opportunity to step into the world of coding and real-world science as we host a Micro:bit Coding Workshop on Thursday 26th February 2026.



The workshop, delivered during the school day, has been designed to support the school's STEM curriculum by giving pupils practical, hands-on experience with coding and physical computing. Each child will use their own Cyntech Science kit, linking it to a Micro:bit device to create interactive projects that bring programming to life.

By combining code with physical components such as lights and sensors, pupils will develop key skills in problem-solving, logical thinking and creativity, while gaining a clearer understanding of how technology is used in the real world.

Opportunities of this kind are rare to offer in school, making this a particularly exciting addition to pupils' learning.

The workshop represents excellent value and a memorable learning experience, and families are encouraged to sign up promptly to ensure their child can take part in this exciting and innovative event.



Prep

PREP SCHOOL PUPILS JOIN NATIONWIDE 'WICKED' SING-ALONG

Prep School pupils enjoyed a truly memorable musical experience last week when they took part in a nationwide sing-along featuring songs from the popular musical Wicked.

On Thursday 22nd January, pupils joined thousands of children from schools across the country as part of the Young Voices event, singing simultaneously with participants gathered at the O2 Arena in London. The shared performance created a sense of connection and excitement, as young singers took part in the same musical celebration at the same time.

The event offered pupils far more than a chance to sing. Through rehearsing and performing together, they developed confidence, teamwork and performance skills, while enjoying the joy of music on a truly large scale. The hall was filled with energy, enthusiasm and plenty of smiles as pupils sang their hearts out.

Staff praised the pupils for their commitment and positive attitude, noting the pride felt across the school as they represented their community in a national event. The experience proved to be both inspiring and uplifting, leaving lasting memories for all involved.

It was, by all accounts, a wickedly wonderful day – and one that our young performers will not soon forget



Prep



HYDESVILLE TOWER PUPILS SHINE AT YOUNG VOICES 2026

On 27 January 2026, 34 pupils from Hydesville Tower School proudly represented the school at the Young Voices Concert, a landmark event celebrating the 30th anniversary of one of the world's largest children's choir projects.

Performing at the BP Pulse Arena, our pupils joined an extraordinary 5,934-strong choir, singing with confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the evening. Their hard work and commitment were evident as they took to the stage alongside special guest performers Connie Talbot and Aneesa Folds, contributing to a truly electrifying atmosphere.

The concert brought together primary schools from across the UK, offering pupils a unique opportunity to be part of something exceptional. Events such as Young Voices play an important role in helping children develop confidence, teamwork and a lifelong love of music.

It was an unforgettable evening and a remarkable achievement for all involved. Our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for Hydesville Tower School, and we could not be prouder of them.



SPORT

HYDESVILLE TOWER SHINES AT WALSALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils made us proud as they represented Hydesville Tower at this year's Walsall Schools Swimming Gala. The event was filled with energy, determination, and fantastic displays of teamwork and sportsmanship across every race.

While our swimmers did not claim first place this time, every competitor gave their best and demonstrated real courage in the pool. Their effort and commitment are something to celebrate, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Special congratulations go to:

- Nyran N – 3rd Place, Breaststroke
- Briana C – 4th Place, Frontstroke
- Charlotte H – 3rd Place, Backstroke
- Dylan K – 3rd Place, Backstroke
- Avaani K – 4th Place, Backstroke
- Zaydan – 3rd Place, Breaststroke
- Saranya – 4th Place, Breaststroke
- Jared D – 5th Place, Frontstroke

Each swimmer showcased determination, resilience, and the true spirit of Hydesville Tower. Their dedication is an inspiration to fellow pupils and a wonderful reminder that teamwork and perseverance are just as important as winning.

Well done to all our swimmers – you have made your school community proud!



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



Kacper is growing in confidence and enthusiasm. He is actively joining in with activities, trying new things, and confidently sharing his ideas with both friends and teachers.



Eliya has demonstrated wonderful courage and growing confidence. She has settled well into class, confidently follows our routines, and comes in each day with a big smile.



Iphile is making fantastic progress in his communication. He is becoming increasingly confident in sharing his ideas and engaging in conversations with others.



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



Jeeya continues to make good progress and is showing increasing independence in her learning during lessons.



Amitoj has made lovely progress in building his self-confidence and has been practising his reading with enthusiasm.



Congratulations



AWARDS

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



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CONGRATULATIONS HOUSE POINTS



50

KISWAH Q
JADEN TM-
FAITH H
YUSUF I
HASSAN Z

100

HOORAIN Z
VICTORY O
ARIA Z
JEEYA J
HARGUN B
JIYA A
IDRIS K
MAHEERA I

HASSAN Z
SHYLA G-J
AYDIN R
NUSAYBAH Y
NYA-ROSE N
VEERAN T
CHLOE M
ABDUL Q
NOOR Z

150

KAMSI M
KUVAN J
JAYAN B
AVRAAJ T

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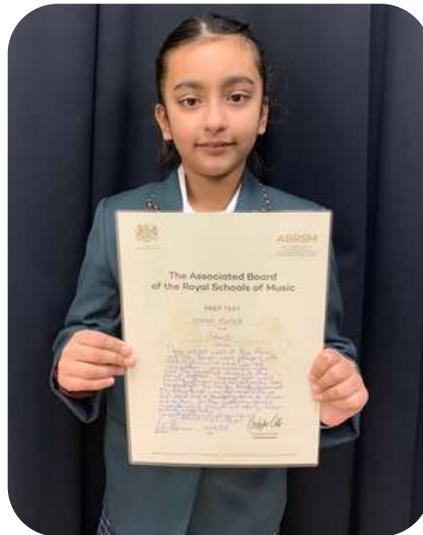


CONGRATULATIONS

EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



Congratulations





HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

£30 a day
Booking
via Blenheim
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SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB

February 16th - February 20th

Open to all Nursery,
Preschool, Reception, Year
1 and Year 2 children.

9Am - 4PM
(Collection no later
than 4pm)
Healthy packed
Lunch - NO NUTS

Arts and crafts,
Face Painting, Outdoor fun,
and many more fun
activities!

For more
information please
see Mrs Willis



Senior

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: LIGHTING THE DARKNESS TOGETHER

Holocaust Memorial Day was marked on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, providing a powerful moment for our school community to remember the six million Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust, alongside victims of Nazi persecution and more recent genocides. It was also a time to reflect on the relevance of these events in today's world.

In school, pupils engaged deeply with this year's theme, Bridging Generations. Year 9 pupils began their in-depth study of the Holocaust as part of the History curriculum and, on Thursday 22 January, took part in a moving live webinar with Holocaust survivor Paul Sved. Hearing his testimony first-hand brought history to life and helped pupils understand the real human impact behind the events they study.

Senior School History Ambassadors also delivered a thoughtful assembly, linking Holocaust Memorial Day to our school value of Opportunity. Pupils were encouraged to reflect on the power of choices and words, and on their responsibility to challenge prejudice and build a more inclusive world.

We were especially proud to see a former pupil and a current pupil featured on the official Holocaust Memorial Day website, with their photographs highlighting how remembrance continues across generations within our school community.

The day concluded with families, pupils and staff joining the national Light the Darkness initiative at 8pm, lighting candles at home and standing together in remembrance, reflection and hope.



Senior

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT BUZZING WITH DISCOVERY

This term, the Science Department has been a hive of curiosity and activity, with pupils delving into a wide range of fascinating topics.



Meanwhile, Year 8 have turned their attention to Earth's natural resources and the vital role of recycling. Lessons have encouraged pupils to consider where materials come from, why our resources are limited, and how recycling contributes to protecting the planet for future generations.

At the upper end of the school, Year 11 pupils have been immersed in Ecology, studying ecosystems, food chains, and the effects of human activity on the environment. This topic not only links closely to their forthcoming exams but has also inspired critical thinking about sustainability and conservation in the real world.



Year 7 pupils have been exploring the world of forces and speed. In a series of hands-on experiments, pupils worked in groups to investigate how fast objects can travel, putting the speed equation into action. Pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork as they recorded data, analysed results, and honed both their scientific and mathematical skills in the process.

It has been a joy to witness pupils engaging so enthusiastically with both practical experiments and theoretical study this term. Their curiosity, teamwork, and dedication continue to make the Science Department a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.

Senior

BUSY TERM FOR BUSINESS STUDIES AS PUPILS PUT THEORY INTO PRACTICE

It has been a productive and engaging term for pupils who are doing GCSE Business Studies, with pupils across Years 9, 10 and 11 gaining valuable insight into how businesses operate in the real world.

Year 9 pupils have enjoyed a series of GCSE Business taster sessions, giving them a practical introduction to the subject. As part of the project, pupils were challenged to plan a food stall for a park festival, encouraging them to think like entrepreneurs. They explored key business considerations including location, marketing strategies and the calculation of potential profit, providing a clear and engaging insight into what studying GCSE Business involves.

Meanwhile, Year 10 pupils have been building on their learning through Unit 2: Marketing, applying their knowledge to the businesses they developed in the previous unit. This has helped pupils understand how effective marketing decisions can influence customer behaviour and directly impact the success of a business.

For Year 11, the focus has shifted towards consolidation and preparation. Having nearly completed the syllabus, pupils are now beginning structured exam revision, strengthening their understanding of key topics and practising exam-style questions in readiness for the summer examinations.

Together, these activities reflect a strong and purposeful approach to Business Studies, helping pupils develop commercial awareness, analytical skills and confidence as they progress through the course.



Senior

SCHOOL GOES 'ALL IN' FOR 2026 AS YEAR OF READING GETS UNDER WAY

The new term has begun with a strong focus on literacy, as pupils across Key Stage 3 have launched 2026: The Year of Reading, a whole-school initiative aimed at inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

The programme was introduced through a dedicated launch lesson, with pupils receiving personalised reading logs to support and track their progress. By going 'all in' on reading, the school is taking an active stand against the national decline in reading for pleasure among young people.

Staff emphasise that reading for enjoyment brings wide-ranging benefits, from improved vocabulary and academic achievement to greater confidence and creativity. The initiative reflects a clear commitment to encouraging pupils to become enthusiastic, independent readers both in and beyond the classroom.

Leading the campaign are the school's English Ambassadors – Gia, Jasmine, Ismael and Zara – who are acting as reading advocates and role models for their peers. This term, they are representing the school by contributing entries to a range of Independent Schools Association (ISA) competitions, showcasing both talent and dedication.

The school extends its best wishes to all pupils who have entered the Public Speaking, Shakespeare Monologue and Handwriting competitions, and looks forward to celebrating their achievements as the Year of Reading continues to gather momentum.

With books at the heart of school life, 2026 promises to be a year of imagination, challenge and discovery.



Senior

YEAR 7 GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Year 7 have continued to impress this term, establishing themselves as a confident, positive and hard-working cohort. Their enthusiasm for learning, strong sense of community and maturity—remarkable for students in their first year of secondary school—have been evident across the school.

Students consistently support one another, engage fully in lessons and approach enrichment with energy and curiosity. This positive culture has been a defining feature of the year group and is something they should be immensely proud of.

There have been many highlights. Baking enrichment has proved a particular favourite, described by students as “really nice and chill”, combining teamwork with the chance to develop new skills. Sporting activities have also shone, with football and badminton enrichment showcasing commitment, teamwork and some impressive unbeaten performances. Our History Ambassadors represented the school with distinction during a wreath-laying visit, which students found meaningful and memorable. Music has been another standout, with pupils enjoying the inclusive atmosphere, wide range of opportunities and the chance to learn instruments such as the trumpet.

As we move into the summer term, Year 7 are encouraged to continue building confidence, supporting one another and embracing new challenges. Mrs Harding very much looks forward to seeing how this outstanding year group continues to grow.

Well done, Year 7.



SPORT

RACKETS READY! YEAR 9 BADMINTON TOURNAMENT ENDS IN THRILLING HOUSE DRAW

The sports hall was alive with energy this week as Year 9 pupils took to the courts for the much-anticipated House Badminton Tournament – and it did not disappoint.

Each house entered four determined doubles pairs, all eager to represent their teams and battle for house glory. From the first serve to the final point, the afternoon was packed with fast footwork, sharp smashes and some impressively long rallies that kept players and spectators on the edge of their seats.

The competition proved to be fiercely contested, with every match played in great spirit and with excellent sportsmanship. As the scores were tallied, excitement built – and the final result could not have been closer. In a dramatic finish, Hatherton and Bradford were declared joint winners, tying for first place after an outstanding display of teamwork and consistency throughout the tournament.

Dilke fought hard in every match and, despite narrowly missing out on the top spots, showed resilience and determination to secure third place.

Well done to all Year 9 pupils who took part. The tournament was a fantastic celebration of skill, teamwork and house pride, and a brilliant reminder that school sport is as much about effort, enthusiasm and enjoyment as it is about winning. A thrilling afternoon – and one that will be remembered for all the right reasons.



SPORT

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK



Sports person of the week is Samraaj in Year 11 for exceptional prowess Rock Climbing as part of his GCSE PE practical. He also achieved the highest score of the year, with 100% in the final end of unit test!

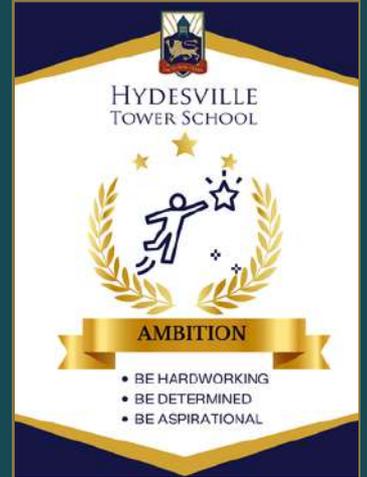


Congratulations

SENIOR AWARDS



SCHOOL VALUES



SENIOR AWARDS



**ZOYA, KIRATDEEP,
SUKHMANDEEP**

This recognition is awarded for the beautiful drawings produced for their Identity project, reflecting individuality, creativity, and careful attention to detail.



SIMRAN M

Simran M in Year 7 is being celebrated for successfully passing her Grade 1 Piano. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her hard work and commitment to practising.



AMREEN

Amreen in Year 9 is our Sportsperson of the Week for her exceptional performance in Judo. Through consistent training and determination, she has demonstrated impressive skill and resilience, making us incredibly proud.



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL

Open Morning
Saturday 7th March 2026

10am - 12noon



We are a leading non-selective independent school for boys and girls aged 2 -16, located in Walsall. Come to our Open Day to find out more.

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