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Inspiring workshop with Rupinder Kaur Waraich

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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks at Hydesville have been busy and filled with many positive moments across the school. It has been wonderful to see pupils engaging fully in the wide range of opportunities available to them.

We began by celebrating World Book Day, with pupils arriving in a fantastic variety of costumes inspired by their favourite literary characters. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were a joy to see and a wonderful reminder of the importance of reading in developing imagination and curiosity.

Congratulations also go to all pupils who recently completed their LAMDA examinations. These qualifications require dedication, confidence and preparation, and pupils should be very proud of their achievements.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the Badminton Championships, which provided a great opportunity to watch elite sport and be inspired by high-level performance.

We were also delighted to host another successful Open Day. I was particularly proud to see so many of our pupils acting as ambassadors for the school, speaking confidently about their experiences and representing Hydesville so well to visiting families.

Meanwhile, Years 3–5 had a fantastic residential visit, where pupils took part in activities designed to develop teamwork, independence and resilience. These experiences play an important role in supporting pupils' personal development beyond the classroom.

For International Women's Day, it was lovely to hear pupils speak about the women who inspire them both within our school and in the wider world. It was a meaningful opportunity to recognise the encouragement and guidance pupils receive from their teachers.

Today has also been a wonderful community occasion as we supported Comic Relief, while also helping pupils understand the importance of wellbeing, including healthy sleep habits.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mrs Samra



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th March

Settling in morning for new starters

Wednesday 18th March

Year 2 Maths Workshop

Reception & Year 1 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Friday 20th March

Nursery Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Competition
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Monday 23rd March

Reception & Key Stage 1 Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 26th March

Preschool Trip to Solihull Play Town

Friday 27th March

Upper Prep Musical Production

NURSERY



Nursery Pupils Meet Real-Life Heroes

Nursery children enjoyed an exciting and memorable surprise as part of our People Who Help Us topic, when the West Midlands Blue Watch Fire Brigade paid a visit to the school.

The firefighters spoke to the children about their vital role in the community, helping them understand how they keep people safe by putting out fires, attending car accidents, and even rescuing animals, such as cats stranded in trees.

The children listened attentively and eagerly asked questions about the firefighters' equipment and daily duties, enhancing their communication and language skills through discussion and careful listening. They were also treated to a hands-on demonstration of the tools and equipment used by firefighters, offering a fascinating insight into real-life roles.



A particular highlight of the visit was the opportunity for the children to handle a fire hose and spray water at a target. This thrilling activity not only provided plenty of fun but also helped develop their gross motor skills as they aimed and controlled the powerful stream of water.

Throughout the visit, the children displayed great confidence in meeting new people, followed instructions carefully, and demonstrated excellent turn-taking and respect for others. It was a truly hands-on experience that sparked excitement and meaningful conversations, deepening their learning through a real-life encounter with everyday heroes.



NURSERY

Nursery Meets Police Heroes

Nursery children were thrilled to welcome two police officers from West Midlands Police into school as part of our People Who Help Us topic. The officers spoke to the children about their vital role in the community and how they help keep people safe.

The visit also included important road safety messages, reminding the children to hold an adult's hand when crossing the road, to stop, look and listen for traffic, and to use safe crossing places.

The children were full of curiosity, listening attentively and asking thoughtful questions about the officers' uniforms and equipment. Some even shared their own experiences of seeing police officers out in the community, making the session lively and interactive.



This visit supported key areas of learning in the EYFS, particularly Understanding the World, Communication and Language, and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. It was a valuable real-life experience, helping children develop a greater understanding of safety and the important role that police officers play in our everyday lives.



NURSERY

A Heartfelt Mother's Day Moment

As Mother's Day draws near, one of our pupils, Reign, shared a truly touching reflection on the love and appreciation children feel for their families. She spoke warmly about the everyday acts of care, kindness, and support that mothers provide – a heartfelt reminder of the extraordinary role they play.

Inspired by these sentiments, the children channelled their creativity into crafting a beautiful Mother's Day card and recording a special voice message for their mothers.

Moments like these remind us of the importance of celebrating the people who nurture and support us. We are immensely proud of the thoughtfulness and imagination our pupils have shown as they prepare to make Mother's Day an extra special occasion for their families.



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY



PREP

Hydesville Prep Pupils' Fantastic Adventure at Frank Chapman!

Hydesville pupils had an exciting and unforgettable residential trip to Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre. From the moment they set off, the children were full of enthusiasm, with bags packed and big smiles all round as they looked forward to several days of adventure, teamwork and new experiences.

The pupils arrived safely and quickly threw themselves into the activities in true Hydesville spirit. There was plenty of excitement on arrival and it was not long before everyone was getting involved, showing wonderful enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience.

After the initial excitement of arriving, the children got stuck into their first activities, including some fantastic team-building challenges. It was wonderful to see them working together, encouraging one another and demonstrating great cooperation, determination and positivity throughout the experience.

Staff were incredibly proud of the way the children approached every challenge, supporting their friends and making the most of every opportunity. The trip was filled with laughter, learning and memorable moments, and it was certainly a highlight of the school year for everyone involved.

The experience helped the children to build confidence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories during their time at Frank Chapman.



PREP



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Creative Flair on Display: Enrichment Group Design Aprons

This term, Mrs Rees's Enrichment group has been putting their artistic talents to work by designing and decorating aprons for practical use during creative activities.

The project began with pupils sketching out their ideas, taking inspiration from suggestions on the classroom whiteboard. Once they were happy with their designs, they carefully transferred them onto aprons and brought them to life using fabric pens and paints. The process encouraged creativity, planning and attention to detail, giving students a chance to experiment with colour, patterns and personal expression.



Although not all aprons are completely finished yet, the results so far are truly impressive. Each apron is unique, vibrant and full of personality, reflecting the individuality of the students and their dedication to the project.

It has been wonderful to see the group immerse themselves in this hands-on activity, combining fun with artistic skill. Their creations are a brilliant reminder of the creativity and talent flourishing within our school.



PREP

Bringing Stories to Life: World Book Day 2026

Pupils and staff enjoyed a wonderful celebration of reading as the school marked World Book Day 2026 with a day full of stories, creativity and imagination.

The day began with a lively assembly led by Class 5A, who shared some of their favourite books and introduced the Year of Reading, a government-backed initiative encouraging everyone to develop a love of reading. Throughout the day, teachers swapped classes so pupils could enjoy stories read by different members of staff. This gave children the chance to hear a variety of books and discover new favourites.

As always, the costumes were a highlight. Pupils arrived dressed as a fantastic range of book characters, bringing beloved stories to life around the school. Prizes were awarded not only for the most creative costumes, but also for pupils who could best explain their chosen character and why they had selected them.

It was a joyful celebration of books and storytelling, and we thank families for their support in helping make the day so special.



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STAR OF THE WEEK



Since starting in Nursery, Huma has come on leaps and bounds. Her confidence has grown beautifully and she is much more emotionally secure, with her bright personality shining through. Well done, Huma!



Samaira has been named Star of the Week for her excellent listening and the fantastic progress she has been making across all areas of learning. Well done, Samaira!



This week, we're cheering for Reign, who shines in everything she does! With her kind heart and gentle spirit, she's a wonderful friend to all and brings extra joy to our nursery every single day. Keep sparkling, Reign!



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



Adam-Elahi A has been named Star of the Week for his fantastic contribution to class discussions and for consistently working hard in lessons. Keep up the great effort—well done!



Aria Z

Aria Z has been named Star of the Week for her super artwork and the creativity she has shown. Fantastic effort—well done!

Congratulations



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HOUSE POINTS



100

Laidan F
Veeran T
Amitoj K
Klaudia P
Arjun A



150

Jeeya J
Samaira S
Ayaan B
Nya-Rose N
Subhan Z
Idris K



200

Kamsi M
Aariyan K



EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



Jeeya – Karate
Certificate

Congratulations

SENIOR

World Book Day 2026: Pupils Find Their Voice Through Poetry

“The powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?” – Dead Poets’ Society, Nancy H. Kleinbaum

World Book Day 2026 brought the magic of poetry to life across the school. In Key Stage 3, pupils explored their identities by writing individual lines that were combined to create collaborative group poems. The activity celebrated both personal voices and shared experiences, culminating in proud performances, including a dramatic recreation of the iconic “O Captain! My Captain!” scene.

Year 11 and selected pupils joined an inspiring workshop with spoken-word poet Rupinder Kaur Waraich, learning how to turn ideas into vivid imagery and powerful metaphors. Pupils then crafted their own deeply personal pieces, filling the room with reflective thought, bold imagery, and courageous honesty.

Adding to the day’s excitement, Mrs Booth appeared as Christina Rossetti and Miss Fletcher brought An Ode to the Female Poet to life. The creativity, confidence, and originality of our pupils’ poetry was truly inspiring, encouraging them to keep reading bravely, writing authentically, and sharing their voices.



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Key Stage 4 World Book Day Workshop Brings Poetry to Life

On Tuesday 3rd March 2026, Year 11 and a group of selected pupils stepped into the powerful world of poetry during an inspiring workshop with Rupinder Kaur Waraich.

A true multi-disciplinary artist, Rupinder blends acting, spoken word poetry and theatre to bring stories to life. The session centred around her second poetry collection, *Tigress with Wings*, which explores themes of culture, heritage and the journey through adolescence.

Pupils were captivated as Rupinder performed a selection of her poems, offering a behind-the-scenes glimpse into her creative process. From the spark of an idea to the crafting of vivid imagery and powerful metaphors, pupils discovered what it really means to write from the heart.

Inspired and energised, our pupils then put pen to paper to explore their own identities. The room quickly filled with thoughtful reflection, striking imagery and courageous honesty. It was wonderful to see students embrace vulnerability, celebrate their cultural influences and express themselves with such confidence and creativity.

A huge thank you to Rupinder for an unforgettable workshop that reminded us all of the power of words and the strength found in sharing our stories.



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World Sleep Day: Sleep Well, Live Better

On Friday 13th March the school marked World Sleep Day 2026, under the theme “Sleep Well, Live Better”. The initiative highlighted the crucial role that quality sleep plays in pupils’ physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Pupils spent the final lesson of the day exploring relaxation techniques and healthy sleep habits. Earlier in the week, Mrs Johal’s form delivered an assembly on sleep and well-being, followed by a quiz and a school-wide survey to help understand how the school can continue supporting healthy routines.

Many pupils left school slightly earlier at 2.50pm to enjoy fresh air, exercise or a short restorative nap – all activities known to support deeper and more refreshing sleep.

The school also shared guidance for parents, including tips on maintaining consistent routines, reducing screen time, encouraging relaxation and providing a calm sleep environment. Guidance on foods that may support sleep – such as bananas, warm milk, oats, nuts and cherries – was also offered, alongside advice on avoiding heavy meals, caffeine and sugary snacks before bedtime

World Sleep Day 2026 reminded everyone that good sleep is essential for growth, learning, emotional regulation and overall well-being, particularly during the teenage years when natural body clock changes occur.



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Careers Week Launches with Focus on Post-16 Pathways

Careers Week began with Year 9 pupils taking part in an informative visit to Walsall College, offering pupils an early opportunity to explore future pathways and begin thinking about their next steps.

Following the recent GCSE Options Evening, pupils toured a range of subject areas, including mechanics, aviation, textiles and media. They also learned about apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, gaining a clearer understanding of the different routes available after school.

During the visit, pupils attended a talk on making informed GCSE choices, encouraging them to reflect on their interests, strengths and ambitions. Pupils were particularly impressed by the college's high-quality facilities and the wide range of opportunities available.

Careers Week will continue over the coming weeks with visits from BMet, a Year 10 trip to local grammar schools, and one-to-one guidance sessions with an external careers adviser. These activities aim to support pupils in exploring both post-16 and post-18 options and understanding the steps needed to achieve their future goals.

Preparing for Post-16: What Pupils Can Do Now

Pupils can begin preparing for their next steps by researching post-16 options such as sixth form, college courses, T Levels and apprenticeships. Attending open days and information events can also help them learn more about courses and entry requirements.

Speaking with teachers and careers advisers about subjects that match their interests and strengths is another important step. Pupils are also encouraged to keep track of achievements, skills and activities that may support future CVs or applications.



Developing key skills such as communication, teamwork and problem-solving through clubs, volunteering or part-time work can also help students build confidence and experience for the future.

Careers Week marks just the beginning of this journey, and we look forward to supporting our pupils as they explore their interests and plan for the exciting opportunities ahead.



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Year 11 Rise to the Challenge Ahead of GCSEs

Year 11 pupils at Hydesville Tower School have been demonstrating exceptional dedication in recent weeks as they prepare for their mock examinations. With the GCSE examination period drawing ever closer, the cohort has approached this important stage of their education with determination, focus and a commendable sense of purpose.

Alongside completing the final elements of their course content across a range of subjects, pupils have been engaged in purposeful and structured revision. Many have made full use of additional intervention sessions and the guidance offered by their teachers, ensuring they are as well prepared as possible for the demands of their forthcoming examinations following the Easter break.

What has been particularly striking is the spirit in which the year group has faced the pressures of Year 11. The pupils have shown maturity and resilience, while maintaining a positive outlook and a sense of humour that has helped sustain morale during what is naturally a demanding period. Equally impressive has been the strong culture of mutual encouragement within the cohort, with pupils supporting one another as they work towards a shared goal.

As the summer examination season approaches, the Year 11 pupils can take real confidence in the commitment and perseverance they have shown throughout their studies. Their dedication over the past two years has laid a strong foundation, and the entire school community is immensely proud of the effort they have invested in reaching this point.

We wish them every success in their forthcoming GCSE examinations and look forward to celebrating the achievements that their hard work so richly deserves



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Exploring Future Pathways: Year 9 Visit Walsall College

Following the recent GCSE Options Evening, Year 9 pupils visited Walsall College to help them begin thinking about their next steps and the opportunities available beyond school.

During the trip, pupils enjoyed a guided tour of several subject areas, including mechanics, aviation, textiles and media. The visit offered a valuable insight into the wide range of courses and training pathways available, including apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.

Pupils also attended a talk focused on making informed GCSE choices. They were encouraged to reflect on their interests, strengths and ambitions, and to consider how the subjects they choose now could influence their future study and career options.



Pupils were impressed by the college's high-quality facilities and the breadth of opportunities on offer. With such an outstanding institution nearby, the visit proved both informative and inspiring, helping pupils to feel more confident as they begin making important decisions about their future.



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Celebrating Women's History Month

March marks Women's History Month, which coincides with International Women's Day (IWD) and this year's theme, "Give to Gain". The message is simple but powerful: when women and girls are supported with opportunities and resources, everyone benefits. As the saying goes, "When women thrive, we all rise."

Across the Senior School, pupils have been exploring the achievements of influential women through a personality quiz linking them to figures such as Queen Victoria, Malala Yousafzai, Katherine Johnson, and Emmeline Pankhurst. Each represents a different story of courage, leadership and determination, encouraging pupils to reflect on the qualities they share with these remarkable women.

Now it is your turn. Take the quiz in this edition to discover which famous woman's personality most closely matches your own—and what it might reveal about your strengths and character.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we also recognise the many women who enrich our school community every day – our pupils, staff, parents, carers and volunteers. Your leadership, creativity and dedication continue to inspire us all. Hydesville Tower School proudly embraces the spirit of #GiveToGain.

Which inspirational woman from History are you most like?

How do you approach a challenge?

A. I stay calm, steady and think things through carefully. **B.** I speak up boldly when something is unfair. **C.** I use logic, evidence or problem solving skills. **D.** I organise people and take action to make change happen.



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Which inspirational woman from History are you most like? (Continued)

What's your ideal way to spend a free afternoon?

- A. Visiting a museum, garden or historic place.
- B. Helping others or joining a community project.
- C. Solving puzzles, doing maths or learning something new.
- D. Planning a campaign or working with a team.

Which motto feels most like you?

- A. "Lead with dignity."
- B. "Raise your voice."
- C. "Figure it out."
- D. "Fight for change."

How would your friends describe you?

- A. Responsible and dependable.
- B. Brave and determined.
- C. Clever and curious.
- D. Passionate and persuasive.

What kind of leader would you be?

- A. A calm guide who brings stability.
- B. A courageous activist who inspires others.
- C. A problem-solver who uses facts and logic.
- D. A campaigner who pushes for fairness.

Which setting sounds most exciting?

- A. A royal court during a time of great change.
- B. A global stage where your voice can make a difference.
- C. A space centre preparing for a mission.
- D. A rally or movement fighting for equality.

Mostly A = Queen Victoria, Mostly B = Malala Yousafzai, Mostly C = Katherine Johnson, Mostly D = Emmeline Pankhurst.



SENIOR SPORT



Year 7 and 8 Enjoy Thrilling Visit to International Badminton Championships

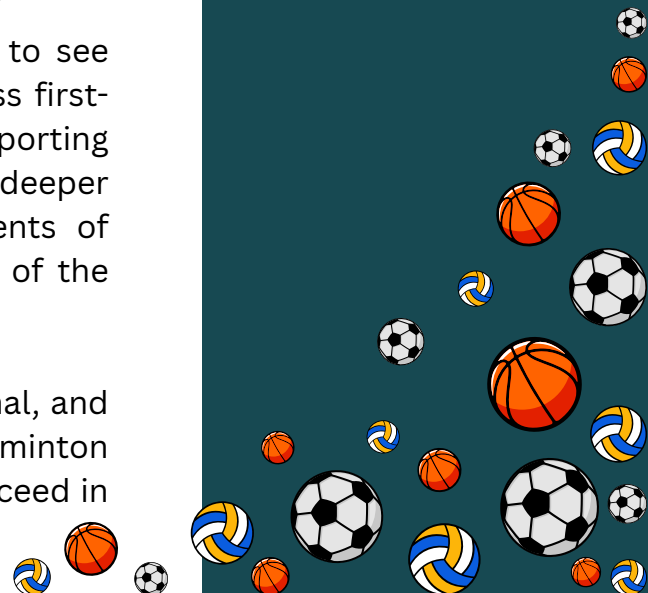
Year 7 and 8 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and memorable visit to the Utilita Arena Birmingham, where they attended the prestigious Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships, one of the most renowned tournaments in the international badminton calendar.

During the visit, pupils had the opportunity to watch a number of high-level matches, including both singles and doubles events. From the stands of the packed arena, they were able to observe the speed, precision and athleticism required to compete at the very highest level of the sport. The experience offered a valuable insight into professional badminton, as players from around the world demonstrated exceptional skill, strategy and sportsmanship on court.



For many pupils, the trip provided a rare chance to see international athletes competing live and to witness first-hand the intensity and excitement of a major sporting championship. The event also gave pupils a deeper appreciation of the technical and tactical elements of badminton, complementing their own experiences of the sport in school.

The visit proved to be both inspiring and educational, and pupils returned with a renewed enthusiasm for badminton and a greater understanding of what it takes to succeed in elite sport.



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ART AWARD

Congratulations to our Artists of the Week, recognised for their fantastic support of the Art Department during Open Morning. Their creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to help made a brilliant impression on our visitors – we are very proud of you!



MUSIC AWARD

Simran has been named Musician of the Week for helping in the Music Room during Open Day and singing beautifully for visitors.



SPORT AWARD

Avaani has been named Sports Person of the Week for outstanding lifesaving in swimming lessons, showing great confidence in identifying a casualty and performing an effective rescue.



HYDESVILLE
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BOOKING
VIA
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AND
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EASTER FUN CLUB

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April

Monday 13th - Friday 17th April

**OPEN TO ALL NURSERY, PRESCHOOL, RECEPTION, YEAR 1
AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN.**

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

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH - NO NUTS

For more information please see Mrs Willis