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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has truly been a fantastic fortnight across the school, with a wealth of enriching experiences and achievements to celebrate.

We began with our Easter Hat Parade, which was a wonderful showcase of creativity. The pupils impressed us all with their imaginative designs, many demonstrating real innovation and forward-thinking ideas. It was a delight to see such enthusiasm and individuality on display.

Our Year 2 Maths Workshop was another highlight, providing a valuable opportunity for parents to engage directly with their children's learning. It was particularly pleasing to see parents fully immersing themselves in the activities and putting their own maths skills to the test alongside the pupils.

Meanwhile, our Reception and Year 1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Black Country Museum, stepping back in time and bringing their learning to life through hands-on historical experiences.

In the Senior School, pupils have been equally busy. Year 9 students have been undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh training, developing resilience, teamwork, and independence. Year 11 pupils have been balancing focused revision with enrichment opportunities, including a theatre trip to see Jekyll and Hyde, which provided both cultural insight and a valuable break from exam preparation.

As we move closer to the examination period, our Year 11 students are now entering a crucial phase of their revision. Senior staff have organised a comprehensive programme of additional revision sessions, and we are pleased to see pupils engaging positively with these opportunities.

We concluded the fortnight with our Prep School musical, Let the Games Begin. The performance was exceptional, with pupils demonstrating confidence, talent, and real teamwork. It was a fitting end to a busy and successful period, and a testament to the dedication of both staff and pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely easter break.

Mrs Samra



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd April

Year 7 taster day
8.45am-3.45pm

Wednesday 29th April

Prep Information
Evening

Saturday 6th June

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday 13th June

Year 3 11+ Information
Evening

NURSERY

Easter Fun and Creativity in the Nursery

Recently, the Nursery was alive with excitement as children took part in a range of Easter-themed experiences.

The day began with a garden adventure, where the children worked together to follow clues left by the Easter Bunny. They showed great teamwork and problem-solving skills as they searched for each hidden surprise.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a variety of creative activities, exploring different materials and sharing ideas with their friends. They demonstrated enthusiasm, confidence and independence as they led their own play.



A special highlight was a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, which brought great joy and excitement to all.

In the afternoon, the children proudly took part in the Easter Hat Competition, showcasing their imaginative creations and talking about their designs. Our guest judges, Mrs Samra, Mrs Chand and Miss Mills, had the difficult task of choosing a winner from each group.

Well done to all the children for their fantastic efforts. Each child received a special prize, making it a truly memorable and enjoyable day.



NURSERY



Celebrating a Decade of Dedication: Farewell to Mrs Munir

After ten remarkable years at Hydesville Nursery, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Munir, whose dedication, kindness, and unwavering positivity have left an indelible mark on both the children and her colleagues. Throughout her time with us, she has been an integral part of our community, fostering a nurturing environment where young learners could thrive and staff could flourish.

Her warmth, generosity, and commitment have been felt in every corner of the nursery, making her presence both inspiring and deeply valued. As she embarks on the next chapter of her journey, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service and the lasting impact she has made on all who have had the pleasure of working alongside her.



Mrs Munir will always remain a cherished member of the Hydesville family, and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.



RECEPTION

Reception Pupils Celebrate, Share and Shine!

St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day provided our Reception children with a wonderful opportunity to learn about Ireland and discover how this special occasion is celebrated. The day was filled with excitement and creativity, offering a fun and meaningful way to develop fine motor skills through a range of hands-on activities, including cutting, crafting and colouring. The classroom was alive with enthusiasm as the children embraced the festivities with great joy.



Mathematics: Halving

In mathematics this week, Reception pupils have been exploring how to halve objects and quantities. Through engaging, practical activities, the children developed a clear understanding of what "half" means. One of the most popular tasks involved creating paper pizzas and carefully halving the toppings. The children counted items such as pepperoni and mushrooms before sharing them equally between the two halves. They also enjoyed sharing sweets with a partner, sparking thoughtful discussions about why some numbers can be divided into equal parts whilst others cannot.



Literacy: Smog the Alien Dog

In Literacy lessons, the children delighted in writing letters to Smog, the Alien Dog, who had hoped to visit our school. Throughout the week, Smog sent a series of letters, and the children enthusiastically replied, introducing themselves and describing the activities they had planned for his visit. Although Smog was ultimately called away to another planet, he kindly arranged for his best friend, Leo, to visit in his place—much to the children's excitement.



RECEPTION



Literacy: Smog the Alien Dog



PREP

Creativity on Parade: Prep Pupils Celebrate Easter in Style

Pupils in the Prep School embraced a joyful opportunity to showcase their creativity at this year's Easter Hat Parade, delighting parents, carers and staff with a vibrant and imaginative display.

A wide array of inventive designs filled the room, from bold and original creations—including a hat inspired by Batman—to eye-catching pieces adorned with flashing decorations, alongside traditional Easter themes featuring eggs, bunnies and springtime motifs. Each hat reflected the individuality and enthusiasm of its creator.

The parade was more than a visual spectacle; pupils also sang, danced and performed with confidence, proudly modelling their creations and bringing a sense of celebration to the occasion. Their energy and enjoyment were evident throughout, creating a warm and memorable atmosphere for all in attendance.

This much-loved event provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to express themselves creatively while building confidence in front of an audience. It was a truly uplifting celebration of imagination, community and the spirit of the season.



PREP

A Journey Through Time at the Black Country Living Museum

Pupils in Reception and Year 1 enjoyed an unforgettable educational visit to the Black Country Living Museum, where history was brought to life through immersive, hands-on experiences.

Year 1 pupils took a closer look at how daily life has evolved, exploring period homes and traditional shops spanning from the Victorian era to the 1960s. A particular highlight was a practical laundry session, where children discovered the effort required to wash clothes before the convenience of electricity. Laughter echoed as pupils embraced traditional playground games, offering a charming glimpse into childhoods of the past. Visits to a chapel, chemist and library, alongside a memorable journey on a vintage bus, added further depth to their historical understanding.

Meanwhile, Reception pupils delighted in a dedicated workshop exploring toys from bygone eras. Comparing these with their own favourites sparked curiosity and lively discussion. Their day continued with a range of engaging experiences, including a ride on a heritage bus, exploration of historic homes and participation in a traditional classroom lesson—complete with a taste of school life from years gone by. A visit to the old-fashioned cinema and the transport museum proved equally captivating.

Across both year groups, the trip offered a rich blend of discovery, excitement and learning. Pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout, representing the school with pride.



PREP



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A Spectacular Stage Success: Years 3–6 Bring Let The Games Begin! to Life

Recently, the Prep School was treated to an unforgettable theatrical experience as Years 3–6 took to the stage in their vibrant production of Let The Games Begin! The hall was alive with colour, energy and anticipation as pupils delivered a joyful celebration of creativity, teamwork and performance.

Each year group brought its own unique flair, combining to create a dynamic and engaging show that captivated the audience from beginning to end.

A special mention goes to our leading performers—Charlotte, Karamveer, Jayden, Avi, Praveen and Dhian—who each brought confidence, character and stage presence to their roles, guiding the story with impressive maturity and flair.

Year 3 opened the production with a high-energy dance performance, setting an exciting tone for the evening. Year 4 delighted audiences with imaginative costumes and lively ensemble work as dice and entourage characters, adding humour and visual impact to the stage.

Year 5 showcased impressive versatility, moving seamlessly between Cluedo characters, jail birds and animated chess pieces, while Year 6 delivered polished and assured performances in the Stationmaster and Monopoly scenes, demonstrating real confidence and professionalism.

The production was a true celebration of teamwork and talent. Congratulations to all pupils in Years 3–6 for their dedication and enthusiasm, and sincere thanks to staff and families for their invaluable support behind the scenes.

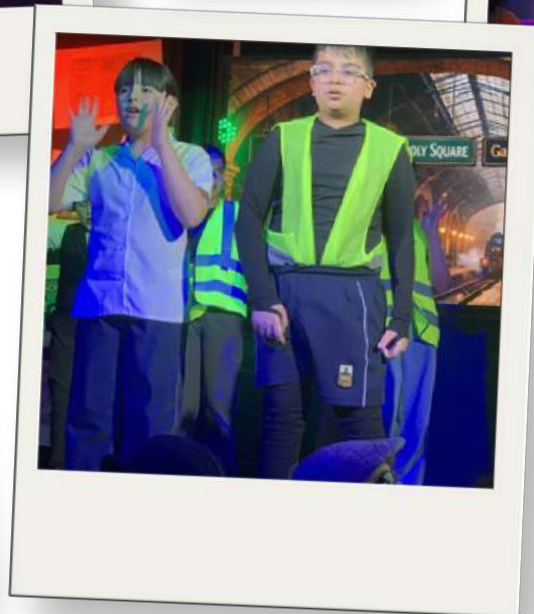
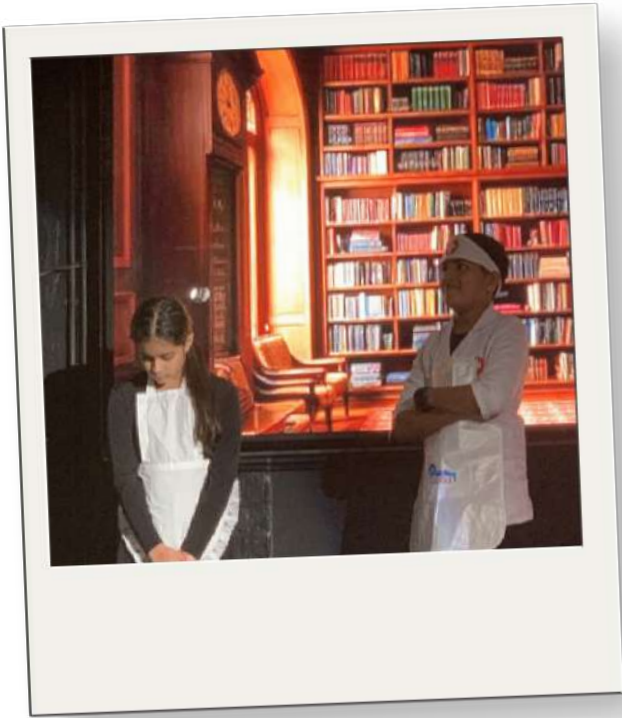
A truly memorable performance from start to finish.



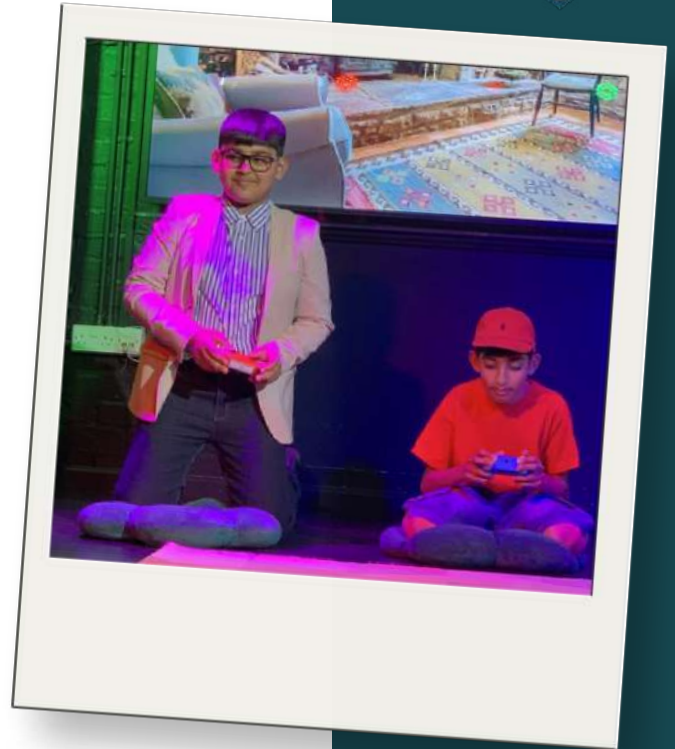
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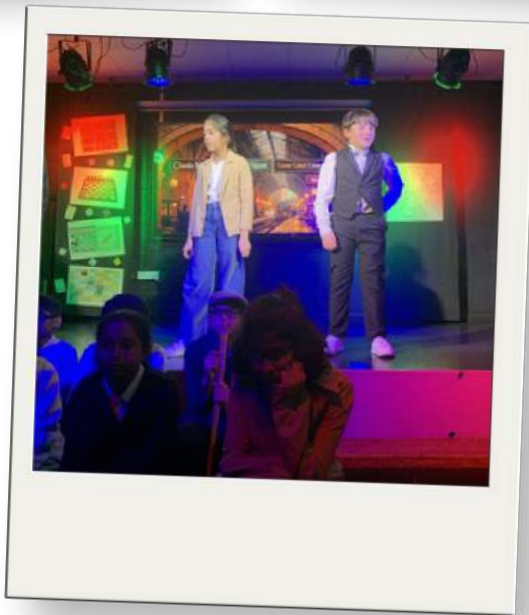
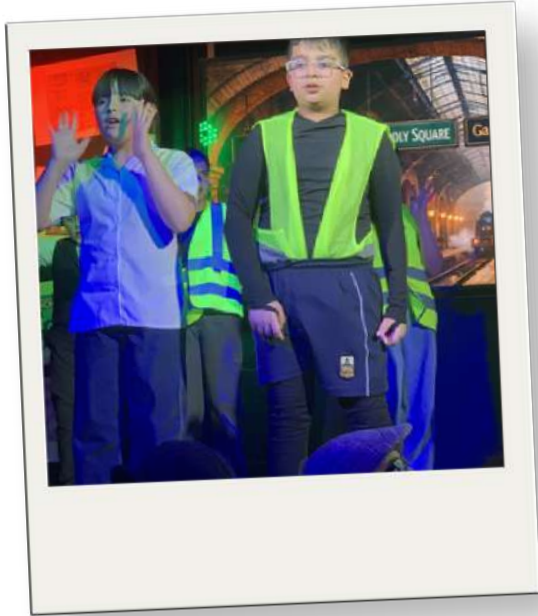
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A Magical Opportunity: Pupils Meet Literary Legend

It was a truly memorable opportunity for pupils from Hydesville, as Ayva and Tara enjoyed an unforgettable encounter with acclaimed author Julia Donaldson.

The pupils were captivated as she brought her much-loved stories to life on stage, including *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Superworm*. Seeing the author perform and read her own work made the experience especially engaging and inspiring.

Following the performance, Ayva and Tara had the privilege of meeting Julia Donaldson in person. She took time to speak with them and signed their books, creating a lasting memory that the pupils will treasure.

Julia Donaldson, a former Children's Laureate, is widely celebrated for her imaginative and rhythmic storytelling, which has delighted generations of young readers. This special opportunity has left a lasting impression, inspiring a continued love of reading across the school community, as excitement now builds for her forthcoming release, *Gruffalo Granny*.



MEETING
JULIA DONALDSON



PREP



Dancing to Success: Faith Shines in Competition

We are delighted to celebrate the achievement of Faith, a talented Hydesville pupil, who recently embraced an exciting opportunity to compete in a prestigious dance event organised by the British Theatre & Dance Association in Romford, Essex.

Performing as part of a large group, this marked the dancers' very first competition together. Despite this, they demonstrated remarkable confidence, unity and stage presence throughout their routine. Competing in the modern dance category, the group delivered a vibrant and expressive performance to "A Little Bit Naughty" from Matilda the Musical, captivating both judges and audience members alike.



In a competitive field, the group secured an impressive fourth place in their class—an outstanding accomplishment for a debut performance and a reflection of their hard work and commitment.

Faith's success is a wonderful example of how pupils can thrive when given the opportunity to pursue their passions beyond the classroom. The school community is incredibly proud of her achievement and looks forward to seeing her continue to develop her talents in the future.



PREP

Rising Star: Jared Strikes a Chord with Confident Performance

The Music Department is delighted to celebrate the success of Jared, a Year 6 pupil, who recently performed at a guitar workshop before an audience of approximately 65 people.

Jared delivered an accomplished rendition of “Another Dime” from the Rockschool grade repertoire, demonstrating impressive confidence, precision and musicality well beyond his years. His performance was met with warm appreciation from those in attendance, marking a significant milestone in his musical journey.



Opportunities such as this workshop provide young musicians with invaluable experience, enabling them to develop both their technical skills and their confidence as performers. Jared embraced the occasion with enthusiasm and professionalism, reflecting the dedication he has shown in his musical studies.

This is a wonderful achievement and a proud moment for the school community. We look forward to seeing Jared continue to flourish as a musician in the years ahead.



PREP

Let's Celebrate Earth Hour – Saturday 28th March!

Written by the Eco- and Pupil Voice Committees

Hi everyone! We're really excited to tell you about Earth Hour this Saturday from 8:30–9:30pm. It's when people all over the world switch off their lights and screens for one hour to help protect our planet.

Not only does it look after the Earth, but it's also fun and great for our well-being! Here are some ideas for things you can do with your family:

- Play board games
- Go for a night walk and look at the stars
- Have an indoor picnic
- Tell stories
- Build a den

Here's what some of us think:

- “We want to save electricity” – Idris
- “I am taking part because I want to protect the planet and look after it for the future” – Aydin
- “It is a fun event and we save electricity” – Dhian

We challenge you to switch off for one hour and spend it together as a family. Afterwards, tell us what you did or send a photo—we'd love to see!
Switch off. Give an hour for Earth!



EARTH HOUR
2026



PREP

Year 5's Elephant Parade Brings Art to Life

This term, Year 5 pupils have embarked on a wonderfully imaginative artistic journey, culminating in the creation of their very own decorative elephants.

The project began with pupils carefully sculpting newspaper into sections to form the elephants' bodies and heads. They then skilfully folded additional newspaper to construct sturdy legs, before assembling each piece into a complete structure. The classroom soon became a hive of activity—and, indeed, a little delightfully messy—as plaster bandage was applied to strengthen each sculpture and prepare it for the next stage.

Once dry, the elephants were brought to life with layers of grey paint, transforming them into striking three-dimensional forms. The real magic, however, lay in the final stage: decoration. With creativity in abundance, pupils adorned their elephants with vibrant patterns and intricate designs, each one reflecting a unique artistic vision.

The finished creations are a joyful celebration of colour, imagination and craftsmanship—truly fit for a grand parade.



PREP

A Joyful Celebration of Eid Across the School

Last week, our school was alive with conversation, creativity and celebration as pupils and staff came together to mark Eid. The occasion provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their own experiences, speaking enthusiastically about family traditions, delicious festive food and the special ways in which they celebrate at home. These conversations proved to be a true highlight of the week.

A particular thank you must go to Year 2 for their outstanding assembly, which brought the meaning and significance of Eid vividly to life for the whole school community. Their thoughtful presentation was both engaging and informative, and greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Meanwhile, Year 4 pupils embraced the spirit of the celebration through art, creating beautiful stained-glass-style pieces inspired by traditional Eid symbols. Their work has added a vibrant and colourful touch to classrooms, reflecting both creativity and cultural appreciation.

At our school, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of our community. We extend our warmest wishes to all families who celebrated—Eid Mubarak!



CELEBRATING
EID



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



GURLEEN

Congratulations to Gurleen, our Star of the Week, for being a fantastic role model to her friends. She always tries her best and shows kindness, enthusiasm and a positive attitude every day.



Maryam is our Star of the Week for her excellent listening and thoughtful questioning at the Black Country Living Museum—well done, Maryam!



AWARDS



KLAUDIA



LERAH



AVRAAJ



DYLAN



JAYDEN

HOUSE POINTS



100

Alfie S
Nihal N
Kaveer C

150

Klaudia P
Hassan Z
Glory O

200

Idris K
Ayva S
Maheera I
Jaden T

250

Aariyan K
Kamsi M

300

Karamveer K
Dhian B
Charlotte H
Jayden B

350

Rumbidzai C
Maya P
Navan R



EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



Congratulations

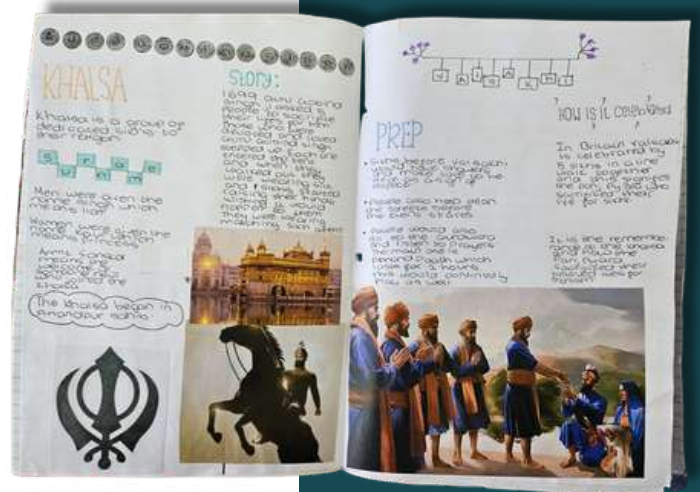
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Exploring Beliefs and Worldviews in Religious Studies

This term in Religious Studies at Hydesville Tower School, pupils have been engaging thoughtfully with a diverse range of religious and non-religious worldviews.

Year 7 have been studying Judaism, exploring its key beliefs and practices while also making meaningful connections with other Abrahamic faiths, including Christianity and Islam. Pupils have considered how religious belief shapes the daily lives, traditions and actions of believers.



Year 8 have focused on Humanism as a non-religious worldview. They have examined scientific explanations for the origins of life, including the Big Bang theory and evolution, and have debated important ethical questions such as whether morality can exist without belief in God. Discussions have also encouraged pupils to reflect on what motivates people to do good and whether reward-based actions can truly be considered moral.

Year 9 have been learning about Sikhi, developing their understanding of the Gurus and exploring the significance of the Golden Temple for Sikhs across the world.

It has been a term of thoughtful enquiry, lively discussion and growing understanding across all year groups.



SENIOR



Young Voice, Big Impact: Annaya Selected as Festival Critic

We are delighted to celebrate the achievement of Annaya, a Year 11 pupil, who has been selected as one of the Young Critics for the Lichfield Literary Festival this year. This prestigious opportunity recognises her enthusiasm for literature and her growing talent as a critical writer.

As part of the programme, Annaya has already attended her first author talk, which she found both engaging and enriching, complementing her GCSE studies in English Literature and History. She approached the event with confidence, asking thoughtful questions and embracing the opportunity to have her voice heard—an experience she greatly valued.

The Young Critics initiative invites aspiring writers and keen cultural enthusiasts aged 11–18 to review festival events, offering fresh and insightful perspectives on books, performances and discussions.

Participants are encouraged to think creatively, work to deadlines and share their opinions with a wider audience, helping to bring the festival to life for the local community.

Annaya's success is an inspiring example of where a passion for reading and writing can lead. We look forward to following her journey and reading her contributions to this year's festival.



LICHFIELD
FESTIVAL



SENIOR

Celebrating Excellence: Priya Crowned Walsall Young Music Star 2026

Last night, our very own Priya triumphed at the Walsall Young Music Star final, bringing home a well-deserved victory in the town's most prestigious annual music competition. Organised by the Walsall Music Education Service, the event showcases the finest young talent in the region, with finalists competing for the coveted titles of Up and Coming and Walsall Young Music Star.

The live final was a dazzling celebration of music, featuring performances not only from the current finalists but also from last year's winners, who set a high standard of excellence. Among the standout performances, Priya's captivated the judges and audience alike, displaying remarkable skill, poise, and artistry.

Mrs Shaw, our dedicated teacher who attended the event, shared her admiration for Priya's achievement:



"The competition last night was wonderful and Priya was amazing."

Priya's win is a testament to her dedication, hard work, and passion for music. Her success is a source of immense pride for our school community, inspiring both pupils and parents alike.

Many congratulations to Priya—we are all so proud of her extraordinary accomplishment!



SENIOR

Celebrating Neurodiversity Week: 16th–20th March 2026

This March, our school was proud to take part in Neurodiversity Week UK, a global initiative that celebrates the many different ways in which people think, learn and experience the world.

During Character Development lessons, pupils in Years 7 and 8 explored the meaning of neurodiversity. They developed their understanding of a range of neurodivergent conditions, including autism, ADHD and dyslexia, recognising these as natural and valuable aspects of human diversity.

A key focus of the week was the celebration of strengths. Pupils considered the many positive attributes often associated with neurodiversity, from creativity and innovative thinking to strong problem-solving skills and exceptional attention to detail. These discussions highlighted the important contributions neurodivergent individuals make to our communities.

To mark the occasion, pupils also engaged in a variety of creative activities, producing thoughtful and imaginative work that reflected both their growing awareness and their appreciation of neurodiversity.

It has been inspiring to see such positive engagement, with pupils demonstrating increasing empathy, understanding and respect for one another.

As a school community, we remain committed to celebrating difference and fostering an inclusive environment in which every individual can thrive.



SENIOR

Navigation Day Success for Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Participants

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award remains one of the most highly regarded youth programmes in the United Kingdom, valued by employers, sixth forms and further education institutions alike. Achieving the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award is a clear testament to a young person's determination, independence, resilience and the development of essential life skills.

This year, Year 9 pupils working towards their Bronze Award embarked on an exciting training visit to Cannock Chase, where they honed the skills required for their forthcoming expedition. Over the course of the day, pupils practised navigation, safe road crossing, emergency procedures and effective teamwork.

Blessed with fine weather, conditions were ideal for exploring the rolling hills and open moorland. Pupils were divided into three teams and, after carefully orientating their maps, set off to locate a series of checkpoints arranged by instructors from Pioneer Leadership.

The primary aim of the day was to build confidence in map reading and accurate countryside navigation. Despite a handful of minor detours along the way, all fifteen pupils successfully completed the challenge.



The day proved both enjoyable and rewarding, and pupils are now well prepared as they look ahead with enthusiasm to their full expedition in June.

SENIOR SPORT

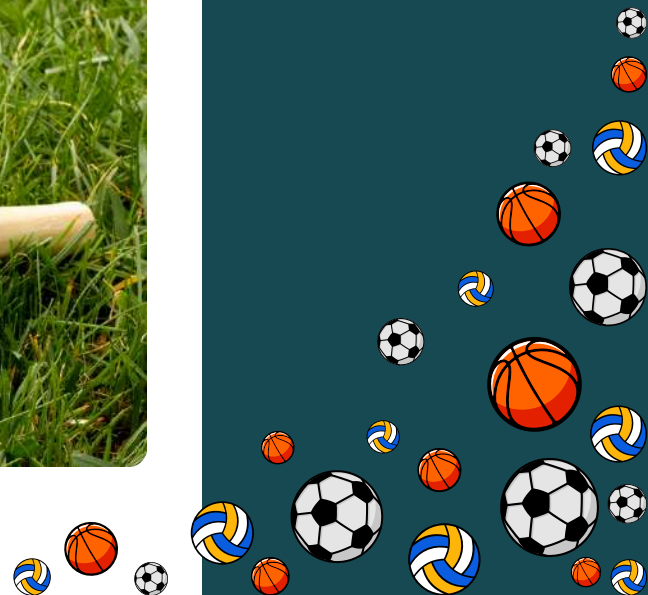


Hydesville Pupils Hit the Ground Running with Pre-Season Cricket Training

Pupils from a range of year groups at Hydesville have enjoyed an energetic start to the year with pre-season cricket training, laying the foundations for an exciting summer of sport. These early sessions are designed to develop skills, fitness, and teamwork, putting our teams in the best possible position as they prepare to face other schools in competitive fixtures.

Looking ahead to the Summer Term, we are equally excited for other sporting opportunities. Year 4 pupils will be taking to the pool for their swimming lessons, while Year 7 will be honing their skills on the courts with tennis lessons at Streetly Tennis Club. These activities provide pupils with the chance to challenge themselves, develop new abilities, and enjoy the many benefits of physical activity in a supportive and engaging environment.

We look forward to seeing all our pupils thrive in the summer term's sporting programme, representing Hydesville with skill, determination, and enthusiasm.



SENIOR HEAD OF YEAR 7 AWARDS



SENIOR HEAD OF YEAR 8 AWARDS



SENIOR HEAD OF YEAR 9 AWARDS



SENIOR HEAD OF YEAR 10 AWARDS



SENIOR HEAD OF YEAR 11 AWARDS



SENIOR AWARDS



ART AWARD

Congratulations to our Artists of the Week for their Holocaust Memorial Day artwork, They have shown exceptional talent and creativity!



MUSIC AWARD

Congratulations to Priya, our Musician of the Week, for her outstanding triumph at the Walsall Young Music Star final, showcasing remarkable talent, dedication, and artistry!

SENIOR AWARDS



Merits

Year 7:

- ▶ Bronze: Subhan H
- ▶ Silver: Radha S
- ▶ Gold: Gia K

Year 8:

- ▶ Bronze: Gursimran B
- ▶ Silver: Aarya A-R
- ▶ Gold: Avaani-K

Year 9:

- ▶ Bronze: Aleks P
- ▶ Silver: Kieran B
- ▶ Gold: Aleena A

Merits

Year 10:

- ▶ Bronze: Rathan S
- ▶ Silver: Maaya P
- ▶ Gold: Preet G

Year 11:

- ▶ Bronze: Samraaj C
- ▶ Silver: Evleen M
- ▶ Gold: Priya S



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL



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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)

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For more information please see Mrs Willis



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EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

30 MARCH - 2 APRIL & 7 - 10 APRIL | 9am - 3.30pm

Our tennis camp is an excellent way for children to spend fun time during the school holidays keeping active and fit, making new friends and improving their tennis skills.

CAMP DETAILS

- On court tennis coaching sessions
- For ages 5 - 12, grouped according to age, ability & friends
- Led by qualified and licensed coaches
- Wrap around care available from 8.30am or 4pm - £5 per 1/2 hour session
- Kids to bring packed lunch if required

TIMINGS

Full Day: 9am - 3.30pm
Half-Day AM: 9.00am - 12.30pm
Half-Day PM: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

PRICES

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Members | £22 per session
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Spotting

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Wednesday 22nd April
16:30 - 17:00



Delivered live online will be shared via email prior to the event.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!