



Pye Green Academy

# Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Menu for week commencing  
09/05/2023 showing on last page  
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## Message from Mrs Yates

Next week will see our Y6 pupils sitting their SATs. This afternoon, I shared this poem with them.



SATs don't measure sports,  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.  
SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons  
You were put upon this earth.  
SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly  
You can run a mile.  
SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.  
So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember you are the best.



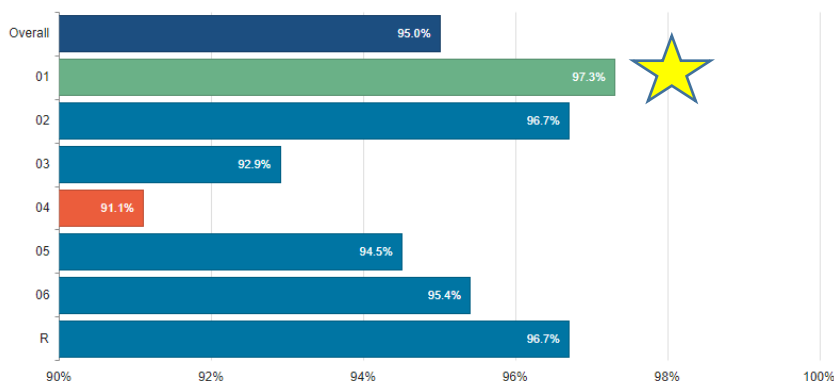
We are extremely proud of how resilient all of our pupils have been during the last few years.

Y6 have worked extremely hard and are ready and raring to go next week.  
I would urge all Year 6 parents to read this poem to the children again over the extended weekend just to remind them.

**Y6 pupils are to arrive at their usual time on Monday and will be provided with breakfast each day next week.**

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 1** for having the best attendance during this week at **97.3%**. Overall school attendance stands at **95%** this week, which is unfortunately below the National average of **96.4%**.



Achieving 90% in an exam or test is a fantastic result, but if your child is at school for only 90% of the school year then they will have missed 19 days – this is almost four whole weeks of school and **100 hours** of missed learning.

Any child with attendance less than 90% is classed as being **persistently absent**.

## Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we held our Celebration Assembly with Years 4 and 5 coming together to share the successes of their classmates.

Congratulations to: - Lucas, Sienna, Tommy, Alfie, Annie, Erin, Ethan and William



## Pye Green Academy Parental Questionnaire

As a school, we always like to fully communicate with parents and our local community. This has led to very strong relationships between staff, children and parents. In order to gather information from parents, our Learning Partnership (Greenheart Learning Partnership GLP) are asking us to share a parental questionnaire with parents across all of our 10 schools. I would appreciate it if as many parents as possible would be able to spend some time completing this over the next few weeks for our school. The survey will close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, but will be available at any time before this date.

To access the questions, please cut and paste the link below into your browser.

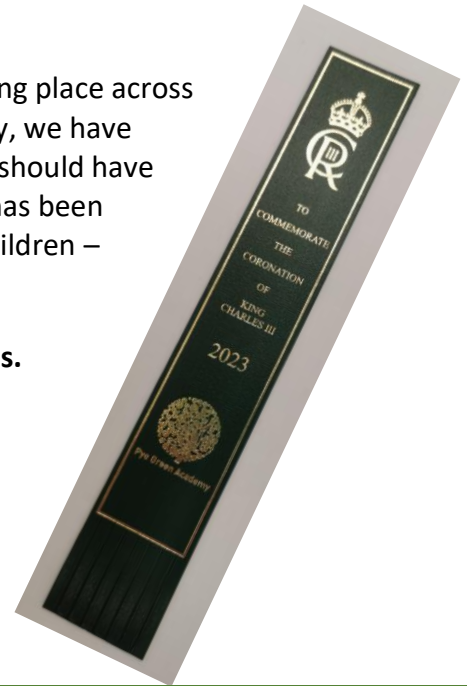
[edurio.com/poll/gO4Uef](https://edurio.com/poll/gO4Uef)



## The Coronation of His Majesty The King

King Charles is set to be crowned tomorrow, with celebrations taking place across the weekend to mark the new reign. Here at Pye Green Academy, we have celebrated today with a day full of fun and excitement. Each child should have come home today with a Coronation souvenir bookmark which has been purchased by our PTFA. We are very grateful for this gift for our children – thank you.

**Please check our Twitter account for pictures of today's events.**



## Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop

During the week beginning Monday 12th June 2023, all children in Year 1 must undergo a statutory Phonic Screening Check assessment. To find out more about the assessment and how you can support your child at home we would like to invite you into school for an informal meeting. The meeting will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday, 9th May** for all parents and carers of Y1 children at **2.40 pm** and will last around 20 minutes.

A letter has been sent home for parents to complete if they would like to attend this session.



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snail in the rain

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make a cake

## Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health week starts on Monday 15th May 2023. This is something we feel very strong about at Pye Green Academy.



Children can join in on 15/05/2023 by **wearing something green for the day**. Please don't buy anything for this day, as children can wear their green jumpers/cardigans. *No money is required.* The children will take part in a range of activities during the afternoon.

Here are some mental health top tips:-

- Go out for a walk or a run.
- Play your favourite songs.
- Write a list of things that make you happy.
- Talk to a friend or someone you feel comfortable talking to.
- Ring 111 and ask for help/advice.
- Bake a cake, paint, colour or draw do something to distract yourself.
- The Samaritans are available for you to talk to 24 hours a day – call them free on 116 123.

### Safeguarding

As a school, we continually strive to keep all pupils safe. It has come to our attention that several of our younger pupils are being dropped off early on both the Rosehill car park and playground before our doors open at 8.45am. These areas are not staffed prior to the doors opening and pupils should therefore remain in the care of their parent/guardian until they can safely enter school.



### Household Fund

As a school, we are on the approved referrers list to be able to identify households that are facing financial hardship and those who are most in need.

Particularly those who may not be eligible for other government support that has been made available. Each household will benefit from a £65.00 supermarket voucher and £20.00 per additional dependent child or person they care for.

If you feel you may qualify for the household Fund, or are suffering financial hardship in these challenging times, please email [cdowning@pga.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:cdowning@pga.greenheartlearning.org)

### Glasses

Please ensure that any glasses children wear to school have been prescribed for them by an optician. Some children are wearing glasses that belong to other family members.



### Come Dine with Me – Year 1



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, we are pleased to announce our next 'Come Dine with Me' lunchtime experience for pupils in Year 1.

A letter should have been sent out regarding this. If you do not have one, please speak to Year 1 staff.



**Parents, please be aware the £3.00 cost of the parent meal must be paid for in full before we can serve the meal. This should be paid on My Child at School (MCAS). Any problems with your account, please contact the school office.**

**Please note we are no longer able to accept cash for these meals.**

### How do I help my child stay safe on games and apps?

It's natural to worry about the dangers of games and apps. But you can help your child learn to keep themselves safe. Take some time to **learn what they enjoy**. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends. This will **keep communication open** between you and your child. It will also help you to understand more about how appropriate different games or apps are.

Young Minds has advice on how young people would like parents to [talk to them about gaming](#).

Teach your child why they should **avoid giving out personal information**. Details about their life can give away more than they might realise. This includes their name, address, and telephone number. But it can also include where they go to school or images of them in uniform. Make sure that your child is playing **age-appropriate games**. Learn more by reading about [video games age restrictions](#).

All modern video game consoles, smartphones and tablets provide tools for parents and carers.

Games often have **parental control** options built in.

You can control how children interact with other people, what they spend money on and what content they can access. If you can, set these up with your child and agree how much time they're allowed to spend playing.



Work with your child **to agree a list of websites** they can visit. Most social media channels have an **age limit of 13**. You can find guidance for the most popular websites and apps on [Internet Matters](#).

**Set some boundaries.** Establish **time limits** for activities such as using the internet and gaming. Set aside time for 'unplugged' family time. Social media apps can affect self-esteem. It can help to take some time with your child or teenager to think about when social media is a helpful or hurtful influence. Introduce these ideas by [chatting together](#).

Let your child know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet or in their games. Try to **listen without judgment or anger**. With older children, explain your worries so they can see the reasoning behind any rules you set. Talk to them about issues such as cyberbullying and online grooming. This will help them know how to **recognise the risks** and how to cope if anything happens.

If your child is older, read more about on helping [teenagers stay safe online](#). If you're worried your child is being groomed online or inappropriate communication is taking place, you can:

- Contact [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection).
- Call the non-emergency police line 101.
- Speak to your child's school.
- Take steps to protect your child, such as limiting app access.

Other services that can help include the [NSPCC](#), [Internet Matters](#) and [Family Lives](#).

### Summer Term Dates

4th May – New Nursery intake home visits

25th and 26th May – New Reception pupils home visits

19th - 23rd June Sports days

19th June - Open evening – New EYFS parents

21st June - Y6 Parent Lunch @ 11.30am

4th and 6th July – New Reception parent drop ins

5th and 12th July – Whole school transition afternoons

12<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 Bikeability Level 1 (further details will be sent out soon)

7th July - Reports to be sent out to all pupils

12th July - Meet the teacher evening (all pupils)

14th July – Whole school Family picnic starting at 1pm

17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Bikeability Level 2 (further details will be sent out soon)

18th July - Y6 Leaving Assembly

19th July - Y6 Prom

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 Bikeability Level 2 (further details will be sent out soon)

**All timings will be confirmed in coming weeks**

## School Year 2022 to 2023

### Summer Term 2023

Bank holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – school will be closed to all pupils.

**Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 - Last day of school year for children

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children

Term starts: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Term ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Inset day, school closed to children (**provisional tbc**)

### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Inset day, school closed to children (**provisional tbc**)

Term Starts: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term : Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Inset day, school closed to children (**provisional tbc**)

**Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Week Two Date W/C 08/05/2023**

Primary Menu Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course (Red)	School Closed	Build Your Burger Beef burger, cheese slice. Tomato	Sausage	Chicken Curry served with naan bread	Fish Fingers served with sweet chilli mayo
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)		Pasta Neapolitan served with garlic bread	Vegetarian Sausage	Quorn Dippers served with tomato ketchup	Pizza Cheese & Tomato
Yellow		No Jacket Potato Option	No Jacket Potato Option	No Jacket Potato Option	No Jacket Potato Option
Vegetables		Potato Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans	Chips Broccoli, Carrots Baked Beans	Rice Herby Dices Potatoes Sweetcorn Peas	Rice, Chips, Cauliflower Popcorn, Baked Beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)		Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert		Apple Swirl & Custard	Ice-Cream Tub	Cornflake Tart & Custard	Selection of Cookies & Traybakes,