

Newsletter

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Menu for week commencing 22/05/2023 showing on last page newsletter

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Well Done Year2!



This week saw our Year 2 pupils sit their SATs. We are so proud of how they all approached these tests. They were so eager and excited to show what that know and understand.



This afternoon, just like Y6 last week, they also relaxed with a 'Pot of Joy'.

Message From Mrs Yates

With next week being the last week of this half term, I have been reflecting on all of the successes we have had as a school in the last few weeks. Every single Y2 and Y6 pupil smashed his or her SATs! Behaviour across school is excellent and commented on by outside visitors; a Headteacher from one of our Partnership schools said to me, 'It is so lovely to walk around your school; there is such a calm atmosphere'. I am extremely proud to be Head of School at Pye Green Academy ©

We have all deserved a well-earned rest at the end of next week and I for one will be spending some time relaxing with family and friends. Thank you to everyone in the Pye Green community for making it a special place to work.



Staff Car Park

Please remember that the staff car park is **not a pedestrian access**. All visitors arriving on foot, must not walk across the car park to access the main Reception.

This applies to all times of the day.



Uniform

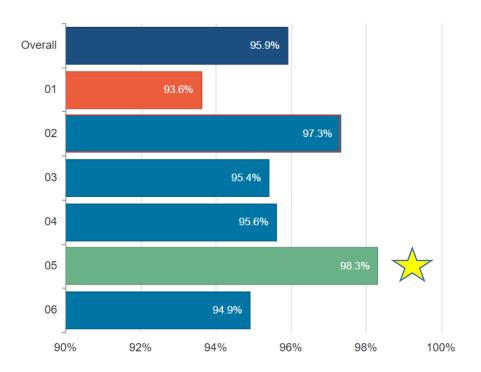
Please ensure that your child is bringing the correct kit to school for PE. This should consist of a plain, coloured top of their house (red, blue, green or yellow) and dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Children should also have suitable trainers for sports, not fashion trainers with thick soles etc.

Children **should not** wear belly tops to school for any occasion.

Please also note that chewing gum is **not allowed** in school.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 5** for having the best attendance during this week with a fantastic **98.3%.**Overall school attendance stands at **95.9%** this week, which is just 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.**

Sports Days



Date	Year Group		
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Year 4 in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm		
Wednesday 21 st June 2023	Year 1 in the morning starting at 9.30am		
	Year 5 in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm		
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Year 2 in the morning starting at 9.30am		
	Year 3 in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm		
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Reception in the morning starting at 9.30am		
	Year 6 in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm		
Thursday 29 th June 2023	Nursery in the afternoon starting at 2pm		

Chase Creatures



The Eco-Committee and Art Ambassadors are very excited to tell you all about an exciting project they have been working on. The children helped design the Chase Creatures characters; these are based on the 12 messages of the Cannock Chase Code, which are simple messages to help protect Cannock Chase. You will be able to walk along the route and search for the Chase Creatures in a 'Pokémon Go' style game.

We now need help in testing out the challenge before it is available to the general public. As they are using cutting edge technology, they need to assess certain elements of the challenge such as phone coverage, signals, ease of collection etc. Any feedback you can give is greatly appreciated.

We hope you enjoy the challenge and learn more about how to look after Cannock Chase.

WHEN: Saturday 20th May 12 - 3pm

Where: Marquis Drive Visitor Centre - Cannock Chase Forest Hednesford - WS12 4PW

IMPORTANT - To undertake the Chase Creatures AR Test Challenge, you will need a smart phone with data, charged to at least 50% and if an iPhone it must be on version IOS 15.

How to access the challenge:

Before you visit the site:

- 1. Download the Cannock Chase Can App (available on Android/ IOS). Here's a short animation that shows you how, click here.
- 2. Set-up an account and answer your 'Wellness Wheel' questions.
- 3. The Chase Creatures Challenge can be found under the 'Move Well' section.
- 4. To access the challenge, you need to watch the introduction video on the Move Well section.
- 5. Once you have watched the video, you are ready to take on the challenge.
- 6. Please also read the feedback form provided, so you are aware of the information we would like to collect from our testers when completing the challenge.

On site:

- 1. Staff will be based at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre on the testing day, if you have any questions.
- 2. The challenge begins at the RAF Hednesford Commemoration Stone at Marquis Drive.
- 3. Open up the Cannock Chase Can App and return to the Move Well section.
- 4. Open up the Chase Creatures AR Trail and 'commit to challenge'
- 5. Press 'start collecting' and agree to the prompts that show on your screen.
- 6. You can use the map on the screen to see where the creatures are located. The creatures are located along a circular route that leads back to the café at Marquis Drive.
- 7. Use your phone to 'collect the creatures', there are 12 to collect.
- 8. You will not need to leave the pathway to collect the creatures.
- 9. Can you collect all 12?

After the challenge:

1. Please complete the feedback form (available at the Visitor Centre) and let us know what you thought of the challenge and your experience.





Digital Media Detectives

Misinformation & disinformation online and offline can affect us all. They are becoming increasingly difficult to spot and children don't always have the ability to question what they read, hear, see and experience online.

We are delighted to let you know that from March 2023, teachers and children in years 3 & 4 will have access to free locally-produced, Government-funded resources. These can be accessed via the link below.

https://www.thedmd.co.uk/families-resources



Summer Term Dates

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

19th - 23rd June Sports days

19th June - Open evening - New EYFS parents 4.30pm

21st June - Y6 Parent Lunch @ 11.30am

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

5th and 12th July – Whole school transition afternoons

12th 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 Y1-Y6 4.30-4.55pm or 5.00-5.25pm

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

17th and 19th July – Y6 Bikeability Level 2

18th July - Y6 Leaving Assembly

19th July - Y6 Prom

16th and 17th 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

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023 Friday 21st July 2023 - Last day of school year for children

Monday 24th July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4) Tuesday 25th July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

New Academic Year Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 1) Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 2)

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Holiday: Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Friday 15th December - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 3)

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4)

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March

Holiday: Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Holiday: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

Holiday: Monday 22nd July - Friday 30th August

Week One Date W/C 22/05/2023

Primary	MONDAY				
Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Breaded Chicken Steak served with Katsu curry sauce	Beef Bolognaise	Roast Beef Served with Yorkshire pudding & gravy	BBQ Chicken Wrap served with Salad	Breaded Cod Bites served with tomato ketchup or sweet chilli mayo
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Pasta Neapolitan served with garlic bread	Cheese & Potato Pie	Quorn balls	Mac 'n' Cheese served with crusty bread	Pizza Cheese & tomato
Yellow	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans
Vegetables	Curly Fries, Sweetcorn, Carrots	Pasta, Garden Peas, Baked Beans	Roast & Mashed Potatoes Carrots Roasted Root Vegetables Cauliflower Cheese	Herby Diced potatoes, Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Chips, half jacket potato, Garden Peas, Baked beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Freshly-made Flapjacks	Syrup Sponge & Custard	Ice-Cream Tub	Chocolate Brownie, Chocolate Sauce	Freshly made Muffins