



# Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

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## Menu for week

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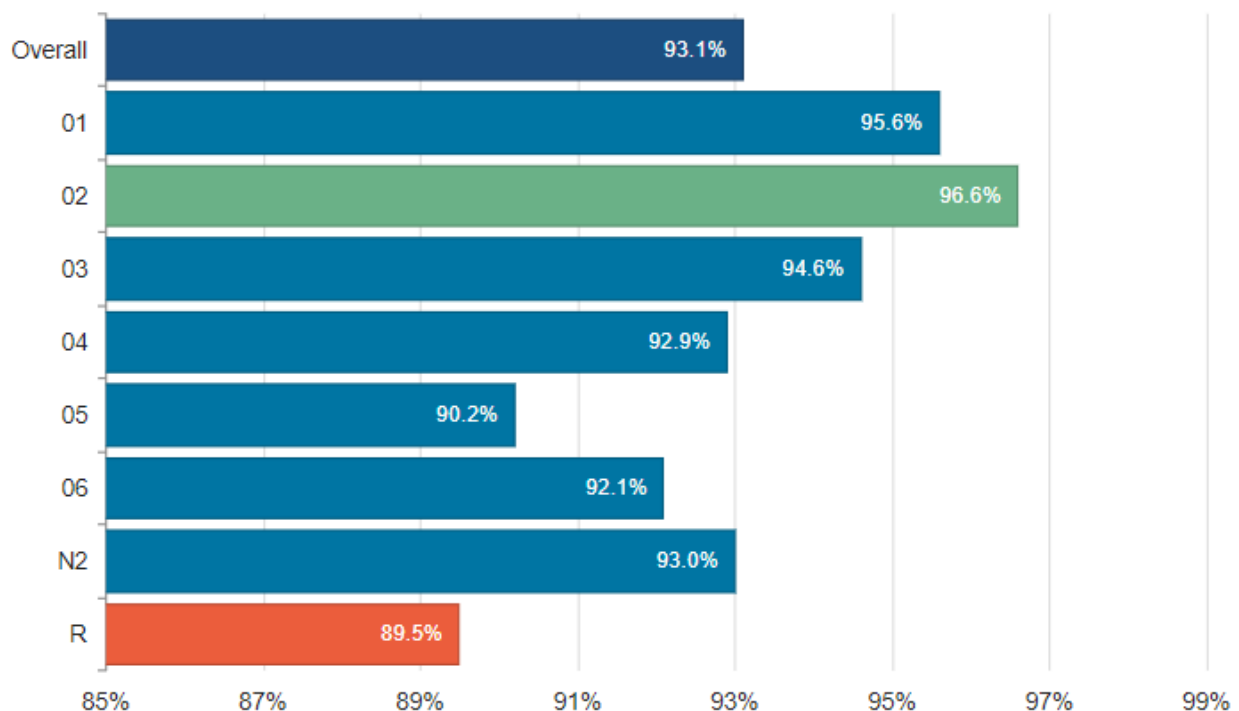
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## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 AGAIN for having the best attendance this week at 96.6%. Well done, this is even higher than last week 😊

Overall school attendance this week is still low but slightly better than last week at 93.1%. Please support school attendance by only keeping your child at home if absolutely necessary.



## Celebration Assembly

Today, we held a Celebration Assembly with Years 4, 5 and 6 coming together to share successes.



**Congratulations Daisy H, Abigail, Ben H, Liliana M, Marnie, Madison, Jaxon, Rosie, Erin, Connie, Myleigh, Ella R, Finley, Mason P and Tommy**

## Share a Story – Reading Sacks

As you know, reading is at the heart of everything we do at Pye Green, and we are working hard to promote reading for pleasure as a school. As part of this initiative, children in Year 1 are trialling 'Share a story' reading sacks for families to enjoy together at home.

Children in both classes will take turns to bring home the sacks which contain a new book to share, a hot chocolate sachet to enjoy and a review book to log their thoughts about the book.

We are really excited about this new project and look forward to hearing your thoughts and feedback. If successful, we will launch the project in other year groups across the school.



## Measles

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools.

**The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.**

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

**[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)**

### Symptoms

- ◆ High temperature
- ◆ Runny or blocked nose
- ◆ Cough and sneezing
- ◆ Red, watery eyes
- ◆ White spots inside the mouth
- ◆ Red rashes appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin
- ◆ Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline



## Reading at Pye Green

"Reading is an exercise for the mind. It helps kids calm down and relax, opening doors of new knowledge to enlighten their minds. Kids who read grow up to have better cognitive skills."

*The Young Readers Foundation*

At Pye Green we value reading and understand the importance of reading for pleasure. Please support your child with their reading journey by listening to them read throughout the week.

- **Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are usually in the top 2% for reading achievement.**
- **Children learn between 4,000 – 12,000 words per year through reading.**
- **Reading for 6 minutes per day reduces stress by 68%**



### Forest school area

Please can we politely remind KS1 parents that children **should not** be using the Forest School area (located behind the KS1 playground) before or after school. This area can be dangerous if children are not supervised by trained staff. Thank you.



### Safer Internet Day – 06/02/2024

Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

Within school, children will be completing a range of activities teaching them how to stay safe on the internet.

As a parent, you can also find a range of resources by accessing the link below.



<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

## Cannock Chase Forest Junior Parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4- to 14-year-olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found [here](#).

### When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.



### Where is it?

The event takes place at Cannock Chase Forest, Birches Valley, Rugeley, WS15 2UQ. See [Course page](#) for more details.

### What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! Please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, you won't get a time.



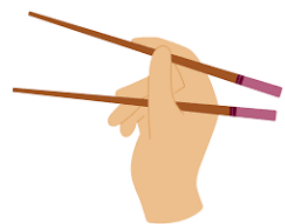
## Get Set Wow

On **Wednesday 7th February** all children in Reception and Year 1 will take part in our next Get Set Wow Day. This half term we will be finding out about different celebrations from the UK and other countries around the world. This will link closely with our Chinese New Year Dance workshop. We will also be supporting children with their fine motor skills and developing their sewing and cutting skills!



Please dress children in their own, warm clothes suitable for PE, as some activities will take part outdoors and trainers will be needed. Please also be aware that some activities involve paint and messy play so please do not send children into school in their best clothes. We would hate for them to get spoilt.

We would be incredibly grateful for any donations for our day. We are not asking for a £1 donation, however if you have any chopsticks at home that you no longer require, we would love to have them! We would also be hugely grateful for any donations of readymade pancakes. This is for our pancake food tasting. Please do let us know if your child has any allergies that we are not already aware of, or if you would not like your child to take part in this activity. Thank you so much.  
We look forward to celebrating together.



## Upcoming Events – More Details to Follow

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Mental Health Week Begins  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics (SUA)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Open Evening 3.45 - 4.15pm (Prospective Parents for September 2024)  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Nursery Open Evening 3.45 - 4.15pm (Prospective Parents for September 2024)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Basketball Assembly and Workshops (Record Breaking)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 and 4 Football Competition (Rugeley)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Week Begins  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Competition (Burntwood)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (more details to follow)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery Applications Closing Date  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – NSPCC Workshops Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Water Assemblies (Whole School)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Water Bus Workshop Year 4  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Earth Day 2024  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)

## School Year 2023 to 2024

### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8<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**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4)**

**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 (INSET DAY 5)**

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

**Week Two Date W/C 05/02/2024**

Primary Menu Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course (Red)	Fish Fingers	Breaded Chicken Steak	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding, & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala	Pizza Selection Cheese & Tomato Peperoni
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Mac 'n' Cheese	Vegetable Lasagne	Roast Quorn Fillet & Gravy	Vegetable & Bean Burger	Quorn Nuggets
Yellow	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option
Vegetables Corbs	Cauliflower Carrots Baked Beans Diced Potatoes Crusty Bread	Broccoli Sweetcorn Baked Beans Noodles Garlic & Herb Bread	Cauliflower Cheese Carrots Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Green Beans Baked Beans Rice Potato Wedges	Garden Peas Broccoli Baked Beans Chips
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Chocolate Crunch	Waffle	Ice-Cream Tub	Chocolate Shortbread	A selection of chilled frozen & fresh fruit desserts