



# Newsletter

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## Menu for week

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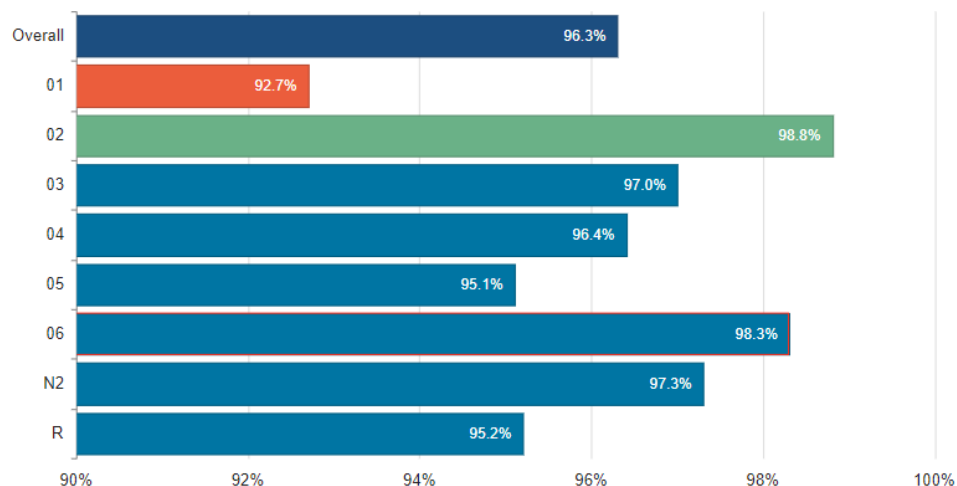
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## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 for having the best attendance this week at 98.8% - ABSOLUTELEY AMAZING 😊

Overall school attendance this week has risen to 96.3% which is much better than in previous weeks.

**Please support school attendance by only keeping your child at home if absolutely necessary.**



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Celebration Assembly

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

**Congratulations Faith S, Suria B, Arthur, Jamie, Toby, Joey, Oliver H-Y, Ethan M, Ella, Charlie, Brooklyn and Felicity**



## Britain's Tallest Man Visits Pye Green Primary Academy

On Thursday, Pye Green pupils (and staff) were buzzing with excitement when Paul Sturges came to visit. Paul is an amazing 7ft 7inches tall, has size 18 feet and as well as being Britain's Tallest Man, also has world records for being the tallest professional basketball player and actor.

He has been a professional basketball player for the Harlem Globetrotters and is currently enjoying a successful acting career featuring in Dr Who, Fantastic Beasts, an upcoming Marvel movie and Avatar 2 to name just a few well-known movies.

Paul was amazing with the children speaking to them about some of the challenges he has faced in life and negative comments he has had to deal with. He spoke to them about going for their dreams and not worrying what people say about them. The children loved spending time with him practising basketball skills and seeing his amazing tricks.

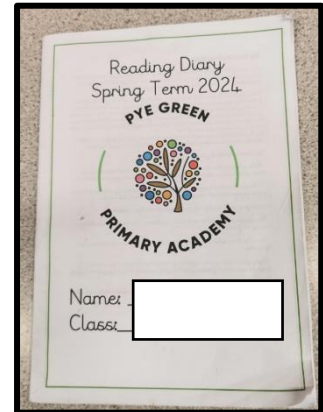
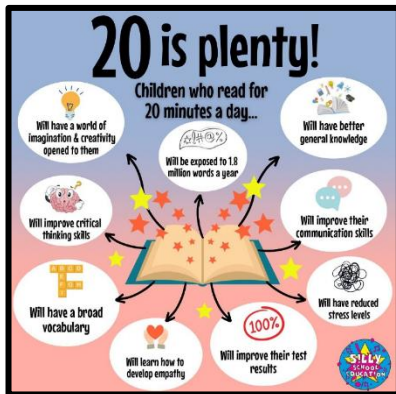
Thank you, Paul. We all had an amazing day.

All children received a signed photograph from Paul and photographs from our day can be seen on our X (formally Twitter) page [\*\*@PyeGreenAcademy\*\*](#)



## Reading at Pye Green Primary Academy

In assembly this week, Mrs Yates and Mrs Darby spoke to all children about the importance of reading at home at least 4 times each week for at least 20 minutes. This is our Pye Green Pledge. Please support us with your child's education by endeavouring to read with them throughout the week and recording this in their reading diaries.



## Staying Safe Online

Within the local area, there have been an increase in the number of safeguarding referrals involving primary aged children sharing nude images of themselves. Please monitor your child's phone and electronic devices carefully and speak to them about staying safe online. The link below can be used with your children to start conversations at home.

<https://undressed.lgfl.net/>



## Wizard of Oz

This week, our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed a production of the Wizard of Oz from M&M Productions.

There were so many positive comments from pupils that we have booked for them to visit us again next year 😊





**FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

## Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The School Council would like us to celebrate Red Nose Day and help raise money for Comic Relief.



The School Council met with their classes and discussed many different ideas for what funny things we could do. Our favourite idea was 'Crazy Hair!' On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, you are invited to come to school with as crazy a hairstyle as possible! You can also wear something red if you would rather or do both!



We look forward to seeing all the fantastic hairstyles and the School Council will be coming round with special Red Nose Day stickers for the craziest hair!

If you would like to donate, please use the following link to donate through our Just Giving page:

**Please click here to donate**



## PTFA Easter Chocolate Bingo - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets now on sale via <https://pye-green-academy-ptfa-t-a-pye-green-valley-primary-sc.sumupstore.com>

This year, there will be two sessions due to the popularity of last year's event.

3.45-5pm **or** 5-6.15pm

Adults £4 (includes 4 games of 2 tickets)

Children £2 (includes 4 games with 1 ticket)

Extra tickets books will be available on the night.

Please note, there will be limited spaces.



Drinks, cakes, crisps and sweets will be available on the evening at an extra cost.

**There will be a non-uniform day (in return for chocolatey donations) for pupils on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Any donations will be willingly received and will be used in the Chocolate Bingo hampers.**



### School Gates

Please ensure that when dropping off and collecting pupils, no internal gates are propped open by parents. This is especially important for the red gate which leads down to the main office.



### Food Bank Donations

This week, school have received a donation of items from the Food Bank. We have a stock of pasta, beans, spaghetti and cereal.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a table in the entrance hall for families to collect anything they may need.



### Measles – Message from Staffordshire Local Authority

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community.

The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the routine childhood vaccinations, so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record, known as the 'red book', or contact your GP practice. Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days.

It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.



Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the GP practice or A&E.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the NHS website.

### [Upcoming Events – More 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  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 Trip to Cannock Leisure Centre  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – NSPCC Workshops Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-Uniform Day (PTFA chocolate donations please for the Easter Bingo event)  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 Come Dine with Me (further details to follow)  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – PTFA Chocolate Bingo  
**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)  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATs begin  
**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)  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Prom

## School Year 2023 to 2024

### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th 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 One Date W/C 26/02/2024**

Primary Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Pork Sausages & gravy Mashed Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Pasta Diced Potatoes	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic & Herb Bread	Chicken Nuggets Potato Crunchies Pasta
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)	Pasta Neapolitan Crusty Bread	Vegan Sausage Roll Pasta Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage	Vegan Nuggets Potato Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Potato Crunchies Pasta
Yellow	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option	No Jacket Potato option
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Baked Beans	Green Beans, Cauliflower, Baked Beans	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots, Garden Peas	Garden Peas, Broccoli, Baked Beans	Sweetcorn, Green Beans, Baked Beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch	Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert	Chocolate cake & custard Choc Vanilla Mousse	Waffle	Sponge & custard	Cookie Selection	A selection of chilled frozen & fresh fruit desserts