



HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spode Avenue, Handsacre, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 4EU

'Be the Best We Can Be'

Newsletter

March 2026



Diary Dates

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| 16 th April | Reception intake 2026 offer day |
| 16 th – 20 th March | Year 6 Residential Visit to Laches Wood |
| 30 th March – 10 th April | Easter Break |
| 13 th April | Return to school |
| 1 st May | Inset day |
| 4 th May | May Day |
| 6 th May | Y2 Black Country Living Museum |
| 11 th – 15 th May | Y6 SATs |



REMINDER

School Absence – Please call the school office before 9.25am on the morning of your child's absence to report their illness. Telephone number: 01543 490616



No Parking on the school site. This includes when dropping off and collecting from Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs.

To ensure the safety of children on arrival to school, please do not allow them to play on the school car park

Please leave your child to walk in to school from the school gate each morning. This allows the pathway to remain clear for Early Years parents.

Healthy Snacks - Please ensure any snacks provided for morning break are healthy and do not contain nuts.

Girls Football Competition 26th February 2026

Hayes Meadow girls football team took part in their first competition on Thursday 26th February. Considering that the girls had never played together before as a team and for many, this was their first ever time playing football, they did remarkably well. The girls showed incredible team spirit and were commended for their sporting behaviour and attitude, as well as their resilience and effort. Most of all, their faces showed how much they were enjoying themselves and we are immensely proud of them.

Isabelle awarded a prize from the opposition for her 'tenacity and resilience'. Tilly also gave an outstanding performance for her first time ever playing in goal and made some great saves.



Preschool Police Visit 3rd March

Preschool have really enjoyed the story Cops and Robbers recently, in which Grandma Swagg never gets caught. On one occasion after reading the story, Preschool returned to their classroom to find toys and books were strewn all over the floor. Not only that, they then discovered their star of the week bear Paddington was missing.

The children quickly became detectives and they strongly suspected it was Grandma Swagg that had taken Paddington. On discussing who would be best to help us solve the crime, the children decided we should call the police. Maggie, the Police Officer arrived at school and on taking a look at her police van, the children found Paddington was inside! The children were so excited. Maggie showed us where she put Grandma Swagg in the van and the children took it in turns to dressing up as officer and putting the blue lights on.



Year 4 had a fabulous day visiting **Wroxeter Roman City** on Wednesday 4th March. We learnt all about Wroxeter - the 4th largest Roman city in England during Roman times - and about different aspects of Roman life. We walked in the footsteps of Romans around the remains of the forum, the bath house and a Roman townhouse. Also, we made a replica Roman coin out of clay. The trip has enhanced our learning about the Romans and helped us to further understand how the Romans lived, and about their legacy. The children's behaviour and attitude were excellent, and lots of thoughtful questions were asked throughout the visit.



African Drumming Workshop KS2 5th March

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a wonderful time during their recent African drumming workshop.



World Book Day 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day, children were asked to create a paper plate character based on their favourite book. What a beautiful array of paper plate characters we have on display.



Year 5/6 Boys Football

Hayes Meadow year 5/6 boys football team took part in their first ever friendly competition on Tuesday 3rd March. The boys had never played together before as a team and for some, this was their first ever time playing football. They showed great team spirit and enjoyed their first chance to play competitively.

Sam was commended by the opposition for some truly incredible saves! The boys showed great resilience as a team and an awareness of how they can improve going forward.



Year 1 Church Visit 11th March

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to the church to learn about Baptism. They acted out a baptism and made their very own Baptingles.



HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/26

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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| INSET: | Monday 1 st September |
| School opens: | Tuesday 2 nd September |
| Half term holiday: | Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October |
| INSET: | Monday 3 rd November (school closed for pupils) |
| Pupils return to school: | Tuesday 4 th November |
| School closes end of day: | Friday 19 th December |
| Christmas Holiday: | Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January |

SPRING TERM 2026

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| School reopens morning of: | Monday 5 th January |
| INSET: | Friday 13 th February (school closed for pupils) |
| Half term: | Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February |
| School closes end of day: | Friday 27 th March |
| Easter Holiday: | Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April |

SUMMER TERM 2026

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| School reopens: | Monday 13 th April |
| INSET: | Friday 1 st May (school closed for pupils) |
| May Day: | Monday 4 th May |
| Half term: | Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May |
| School closes end of day: | Friday 17 th July |
| INSET: | Monday 20 th July (school closed for pupils) |