

# Powick CE Primary Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### DoWMAT Malvern Hub Debating Competition 2026

We were incredibly proud of our Year 5 children who represented Powick CE Primary School in the DoWMAT Malvern Hub Debating Competition last Friday.

We fielded two debating teams, as one of the other schools was unable to attend, arguing for and against the motion that 'Longer playtimes help children learn'. The whole class had completed a unit of work learning about and preparing the debate so alongside our two debate teams the rest of Year 5 came along to watch the real life debate in action.

There were 6 teams of Year 4 or 5 children from local schools and in each round two teams gave structured arguments either for or against within strict time limits. Our judges, Mrs Shelley and Mrs Spence from DoWMAT and Kay Shuard (Powick School Governor) and Vicky Whitehouse (Powick School Volunteer), had the hard task of selecting two teams to go through to the final based on their performance. One of our Powick teams and Madresfield School were chosen for the final round and had 15 minutes to prepare a previously unseen debate topic.

Powick did incredibly well and ended up as runners up to the winning Madresfield team. It is not an easy task to stand up in a room full of adults and children from other schools and make a persuasive speech with clarity and confidence and all the children from Powick performed brilliantly.

Thank you to Mr Southall for working with the children to prepare and to all of Year 5 who supported their classmates so encouragingly.



### Our School Value this half term is:

## Community

We will be looking out for children who are showing this value in action by:

- Looking after each other and listening to other's views
- Working together and being good members of a team
- Looking after our school environment
- Being polite and welcoming to visitors to our school.

### Attendance Counts

Your child's attendance in school does matter.  
100% = Perfect Attendance!  
96% and above = up to 7 days learning missed  
93-95% = 8-12 days learning missed  
86-92% = 16-26 days learning missed  
85% or lower = at least 27 days learning missed  
(that's 5 ½ school weeks!)

### This week's attendance:

Whole school – 96%  
Reception – 90.7%  
Year 1 – 98.3%  
Year 2 – 98.6%  
Year 3 – 94.7%  
Year 4 – 97.5%  
Year 5 – 94.9%  
Year 6 – 99%

Well done to

Year 6

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### Parents' Evening and Book Fair

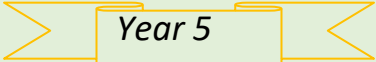
Parents' Evenings will take place next week on Thursday. You should have your appointment already booked through our online appointments system but if you have any queries, please speak with your child's class teacher.

For in school appointments please come to the main school office to be signed in by a member of staff. There will be an opportunity to see your child's books as these will be outside the classroom for you to look at before or after your appointment.

If you have booked an online appointment, please make sure you have checked that you can login and find the appointment on your calendar prior to the start time to avoid any delays due to technology.

Remember the Osbourne book fair will also be running during Thursday's parents' evening and you will have a chance to purchase any books from your child wish list if you would like to.

*All of our children are amazing but this week we are especially proud of:*

*Class of the Week Awarded*  **Year 5**  
*for: excellent writing during their reports whilst working with very challenging subject matter.*

### Star Certificates

Year R - Payton  
Year 1 - Hayden  
Year 2 - William  
Year 3 - Jack  
Year 4 - Emily  
Year 5 - Riya  
Year 6 - Zac



Well done!

### Values Certificates

Year R - Leo  
Year 1 - Molly  
Year 2 - Archie T  
Year 3 - Skyla  
Year 4 - Ralph  
Year 5 - Benjamin  
Year 6 - Jacob PS



Well done!

### Upcoming dates for the diary:

10.02.26 Parents' Evening (Early)

12.02.26 Wonderful World Day

12.02.26 Parents' Evening (Late)

12.02.26 Usborne Book fair

13.02.26 Inter House Danceathon

**13.02.26 End of half term**

**23.02.26 Start of half term**

25.02.26 Dentist Visit

26.02.26 Year 6 Parents' SATS Meeting

02.03.26 Year 3 Class Worship

11.03.26 Year 6 POP BOX Worship – Year 6 Parents invited

12.03.26 Friends Mother's Day Event

16.03.26 Year 3 and 5 Thinktank Trip

16.03.25 Year 6 Parents' Meeting – Residential

19.03.26 Animal Encounters Year 1&2

20.03.26 Tocsana Concert Day

23.03.26 Easter Bonnet Workshop Y R&1

24.03.26 Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggs-hibition YR-6

24.03.26 Intra Sports Competition YR-6

26.03.26 Wonderful World Day – Little Litter Warriors

27.03.26 Easter Service in Church

**27.03.26 End of Term**

**13.04.26 INSET Day**

**14.04.26 School opens to children**