



Ash, Cartwright & Kelsey Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 8th May 2026 Newsletter Term 5 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great outdoor learning week in school. Magpies went down to the nature area to burn their Tudor Houses - they used a fire steel to start the fire from a spark just like in Thomas Farriner's bakery. Some children volunteered for a lunchtime club to help clear and weed the raised bed outside the school kitchen. They did a fantastic job and managed to clear the bindweed bulbs and spread the new compost. Ash Wildlife Group will be in school this afternoon to plant this area with Magpies class. Hawks have been learning about the global environment and then considering their local environment. They have explored our outdoor spaces and have made posters offering people advice on how to make a positive impact on our environment. Good work Hawks!

Year 5 have a great end to the week with a visit on the train to the Tower of London as part of their Tudor topic. This is such a great opportunity for the children – for some of them this is their first visit to London. I know they will have a great day and will learn a great deal about the fate of some of the wives of Henry VIII and other Tudor monarchs.

Next week is SATs week for Falcons – I will see them bright and early for breakfast on Monday at 8am. Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Robins

Fleur

Magpies

Dorothy

Owls

Anabelle

Falcons

Daniel and Jack

Happy birthday to Kim!



We still have a few spaces left in our school nursery. If you would like to arrange an individual tour, please give the school office a call on 01304 812539.

PTFA Update – 8th May

Messy Church 14th May – FREE After-School Club at Ash Church

Last Few Spaces Left

To request a place, please click the booking link below and complete the attendance request form at the bottom of the page.

<https://thecanonybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/dggadkam>

Please see the changes to attendance below before completing form.

Places are limited and booking **will close either when capacity has been reached or on Tuesday 12th May** whichever comes first.

Registration

Parents/carers will need to complete a registration form the first time their child attends. This will be sent out once a place has been confirmed.

Changes to Attendance

- * Children in Robins class and the classes above are welcome to attend independently.
- * Children in Fledglings and Wrens must be accompanied by an adult.

The Messy Church Team can't wait to welcome your children for an afternoon of arts, crafts, singing, Bible stories and a hot meal!

Mystery Jar Tag Day – Coming Soon!

We're getting ready for our Summer Fair, and we need your help to make it a success!

Empty jars available from this Friday!

A limited number of clean, empty jars will be placed on the Re-Gifting Table outside Reception. Please feel free to take one home, get creative, and fill it with fun surprises ready for our collection day.

What's a Mystery Jar?

A mystery jar is filled with wrapped sweets, small toys, stationery, or other fun goodies — decorated so the contents stay a surprise!

Please avoid including:

Nuts, sesame, lollies, or chocolate (to keep everyone safe).

Collection Day – Friday 22nd May

Children can come in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in their filled mystery jar.

Drop-off point:

Re-Gifting Table outside Reception

All jars will be sold at our Summer Fair fundraising stall — thank you for helping make it extra special!

Join Our Tandem Skydive Fundraiser!**

Our team—made up of teachers, PTFA members and parents—is taking on a tandem skydive on **5th July** to raise funds for our new minibus. We're so close to reaching our goal, and we're hopeful the minibus will be at school and ready for use by September!

We now have a **limited number of last-minute spaces available**, so if you're interested in taking part (no experience needed—just a sense of adventure!), please get in touch to request more details.

For those who have already expressed interest, please ensure your deposit is paid and your place is registered as soon as possible so fundraising can get underway.

♥ Want to support but don't want to jump?

Our brave divers are looking for sponsorship to boost their fundraising efforts. If you have a business, or work for one that may be interested in sponsoring our team and helping us finalise the school minibus, please get in touch to discuss our sponsorship and advertising packages.

✉ **Contact: Catherine Tungate at - candk.ptfa@gmail.com**

Get Involved

Still want to join us? Got great ideas? Or just want to lend a hand now and then? Whether it's once a year or more regularly, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us via Facebook, Classlist, or email: candk.ptfa@gmail.com

We're always on the lookout for companies that offer **match funding** — it's a fantastic way to boost support for our school. If your employer might offer this, please get in touch.

New this academic year: We've introduced a **suggestion box** in the school reception area — open to ideas from children and adults alike. Let us know how we can work together to support our school!

📅 Upcoming Events

- **22nd May** - Mystery Jar Tag Day
- **19th June** - Summer Fair - 3:30-5:30pm
- **5th July** - Sponsored Skydive
- **14th July** - Children's Sponsored Assault Course

For all the latest updates and school events, remember to join us on our Facebook and Classlist pages.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 8/5/2026	Eagles Class	100%
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Fledglings	Oscar for settling into Fledglings Nursery so confidently.
Year R Wrens	Ruby for showing a real keenness for writing and positive attitude.
Year 1 Robins	Sacha for showing great enthusiasm in maths and during teaching inputs.
Year 2 Magpies	Ava for showing great enthusiasm with her reading and being a great friend to her class mates! Well done – keep it up!
Year 3 Owls	Rocco for dedication to learning his spellings each week. He perseveres and consistently practises which is the key to progress!
Year 4 Hawks	Franklin for his outstanding work ethic and beautiful behaviour in class. Well done Franklin! You are a role model to your peers. Keep it up!
Year 5 Eagles	Theo for showing great enthusiasm with his learning and finding new ways to apply his mathematical skills. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Polina for her incredibly positive attitude and perseverance when working through challenging topics this week.

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs week in school – free breakfast club for year 6 with Mrs Crascall (8am onwards)
Thursday 14th and Tuesday 19th May	Year 4 to Hornby Centre in Thanet
Wednesday 20th – 22nd May	Year 6 residential at Caroty Wood
Friday 8th May	Year 5 to the Tower of London
Friday 22nd May	Pirate Dress up day for year 1 and end of term 5
Monday 1st June	Children back in school for term 6
Thursday 4th June	School photos
Monday 8th June	Humanities/Diversity week in school
Friday 19th June	Summer Fayre after school
Monday 22nd June	Sports week in school – Sports Day on Friday 26 th June
Friday 17th July	Children break up for summer holidays