



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

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed making memories within your families. The children have come back happy and enthusiastic to learn. Our new Wrens have settled in beautifully and have been happily playing together in their new class. Fledglings have welcomed new nursery children and they have also settled into EYFS seamlessly. It has been great to walk around the school and see the classes calm and engaged.

To encourage KS1 children to settle quickly into their learning, please say goodbye to your child at reception to ensure that they walk down to class independently and can quickly transition into their school day. Thank you for your support.

Over the summer we have made some improvements to the school. Fledglings have benefitted from new fencing around their outdoor area and we have new signage for the playground to make our breaktime rules very clear. Over the new few weeks the children will be assigned leadership roles in school ie Sports Squad, Digital Leader, Restorative Justice Ambassador and House Captains. Applications are already coming in!

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Fledglings

William

### Hawks

Finley and Joseph

### Eagles

Max and Theo

**We have some places in our Fledglings nursery. If you have a child who is age 3 years, or know someone who has, please give the school a ring. School tours for new year R starters are now available.**



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## **PTFA Update**

 A Warm Welcome Back from the PTFA! 




We hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing summer! Over the break, we kept busy clearing out and reorganising the shed, as well as raising funds with our much-loved Pre-Loved Sale at the Ash Safari.

As we start this new school year, the PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association) is thrilled to welcome back our amazing school community — and extend a special hello to all the new families joining us this term.

We're excited for another year full of school events, fundraising activities, and opportunities to support our children's learning and experiences. From tuck to pre-loved sales, discos and fairs, there's plenty to look forward to!

 **Save the Date: PTFA Annual General Meeting Friday, 12th September**

We'd love for you to join us at our AGM! It's the perfect opportunity to:

-  Discover what the PTFA does
-  Hear about the impact of last year's fundraising
-  Learn how you can get involved — whether regularly, occasionally, or just by sharing ideas

We'll also be electing our committee for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome, and there's no pressure to commit — just come along and see what it's all about!

 Keep an eye out — our first event of the year is on 16th September! More details coming soon.

Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,  
The PTFA Team

## **Free school meals in September – parents in year 2**

Universal free school meals ended in July for children in Year 2. This is a reminder that you will need to pay for your child's meals in year 3, KS2 (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals). You will need to apply to KCC for FSM's if you believe your child is entitled to them and haven't already done so. If you think you are eligible please click on the link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Please see Mrs Bailey in the school office if you need any help or support.

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## Attendance Award

<b>Week Ending</b> <b>05/09/2025</b>	Wrens, Robins and Owls classes	100%
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### Dates for your diary

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	PTFA AGM in the school hall after drop off
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival at the Church (parents of year 6 very welcome) at 1.45pm. End of term 1
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Children back in school for term 2
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term 2
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children back in school for WOW day!