



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

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Friday 6th February 2024

Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 3 is flying by and we have had a busy week of trips and learning in school. On Thursday year 4 visited the Roman Museum in Canterbury as part of their Roman topic. They got the bus to Canterbury and had an interesting morning exploring the remains, trying on Roman clothing, playing Roman board games and making a Roman mosaic. They finished off their morning with lunch in McDonald's and got the bus back to school. What a great morning!

Today our year 6 Falcons are at Harry Potter World as part of their 'What makes fantasy magical?' topic. What an amazing opportunity for the children to step into world-famous authentic sets of one of the most successful film series in history. I am sure that they will have a wonderful day.

Next week in school we will be promoting Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is 'This is my place' and the focus is on a sense of belonging. The NELFT team will be in the school hall after school on Monday and will have some craft activities to share with you and your children around creating calming kits. You are very welcome to drop in.

Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Magpies

Brodie and Max P

Happy birthday to Ms Duggan!



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 – 30th January

Valentine's Day Tuck – Pre-Sale

After school on **Friday 13th February**, we'll be selling our much-loved Valentine's Day biscuits. They flew off the shelves last year, so this time we're trialling a cheeky pre-order option to avoid any heartbreak.

Pre-orders can be completed and paid for via the Classlist app or by using this link:

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1423620688?s=1222460640&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

The pre-order window will close on **Thursday 12th February or until sold out (there's 100 for pre-order and lots are gone already)!**

Pre-ordered biscuits will be ready for collection from a separate table on the day.

If you miss the pre-order window, don't panic — there will be a limited number of biscuits available to buy after school.

Our biscuits are **dairy-free and nut-free**, but please be aware they are made by home bakers rather than in a commercial kitchen.

Messy Church – FREE After-School Club at Ash Church

2nd Thursday of the month (term time only)

Starts Thursday 12th February, 3:15–5:00pm

*** Pick up from Ash Church at 5:00pm***

We're excited to share that we're teaming up with Ash Church to bring you Messy Church — a free after-school club full of fun, creativity and community!

Getting there

Children will be taken from school to Ash Church by a **walking bus**, led safely by our wonderful team of PTFA and church volunteers.

Food

We'll be providing **jacket potatoes with a range of toppings**, plus salad/vegetable sides.

If your child prefers something cold, **sandwiches will also be available**.

Registration

Parents/carers will need to complete a **registration form** the first time their child attends - which will be sent out via email once a place is booked.

Please note: Children **under 4** who wish to attend will need to be **accompanied by a parent/carer**.

To book a place

Please email the following details to **candk.ptfa@gmail.com**:

- Child's name
- Age
- Any allergy or accessibility requirements

Closing date for bookings:

Tuesday 10th February

We can't wait to welcome your children for an afternoon of **arts, crafts, singing, Bible stories and a hot meal**.

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**

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Upcoming Events

- **12th February** - Messy Church Free After School Club
- **13th February** - Valentine's Day Tuck Shop
- **6th March** - Paint and Sip, Ash Village Hall
- **13th March** - Mothers and Others in school gift shopping for the children
- **24th March** - Easter Disco - **KS1: 3:15–4:45pm KS2: 5:00–6:30pm**

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

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Fledglings	William for his enthusiasm and expert knowledge whilst sharing the Star Wars book with his friends.
Year R Wrens	Eliza for making some super choices all week and playing some really creative games.
Year 1 Robins	Willow B for progress in reading and writing, for always trying hard and for super effort answering maths questions on the carpet.
Year 2 Magpies	Holly for showing dedication and commitment to her reading since starting Accelerated Reader – achieving 100% in her quizzes so far! Fantastic work Holly – keep it up!
Year 3 Owls	Andrew for showing pride in his work by getting started quickly and giving it his best effort.
Year 4 Hawks	Nancy for her magnificent work ethic and attitude to learning. Well done Nancy! You produce beautiful work AND support your peers. Excellent.
Year 5 Eagles	Jaime for showing an excellent effort with his writing; creating some great ideas and working hard to use a range of language to describe them. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	TBC

Attendance Award

Week Ending 06/02/2026	Wrens Class	98.93%
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Dates for your diary

Friday 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme is 'This is my place'- focus on belonging. NELFT session in school hall at the end of Monday – drop and learn about calm kits
Wednesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	End of term 3 and PTFA Valentine's Tuck
Friday 23rd February	Children back in school for term 4
Monday 2nd March	Book week in school and World Book Day on Thursday 5 th March
Monday 9th March	British Science Week in school – the theme is 'Curiosity – what's your question?'
Thursday 2nd April	End of term 4 – Easter service at the school at 1.45pm
Monday 20th April	Children back in school for term 5
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs week in school
Friday 22nd May	End of term 5