



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

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Friday 6th March 2026 Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers

It feels like spring is on its way! Wrens have been busy looking for signs of spring in the school grounds – they found lots of spring flowers on their seasonal walk – great spotting wrens. Magpies also enjoyed their science learning this week - they measured the arms and legs of children in reception, year 2, year 6 and an adult to investigate how our bodies change as we get older, for their Animals, including Humans unit.

World Book Day on Thursday was a great success – the children looked very cosy in their PJ's – it is very important that we foster a love of reading in children – it is a significant factor in academic success as they move through school.

Year 6 are at the 'Safety in Action' Project Salus workshop today. 'Safety in Action' is an interactive event that invites Year 6 children to learn about some of the dangers they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school. The children always find this session useful.

Next week is science week – we have lots of creative activities planned. Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Rowan

Eagles

Evie



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 – 6th March

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Messy Church – Free After-School Club

For those who are new to Messy Church, please remember that **all registration forms must be returned by Tuesday 10th March** to confirm your child's place. Unfortunately, if we do not receive your form, your child will not be able to attend this month.

For everyone:

If you have nominated a responsible adult to collect your child who is **not** the person named on the Messy Church form, please email us to confirm who will be collecting them so we can ensure all children are safely returned.

Mother's & Others Day Gift Shop

We're delighted to be opening the PTFA market stall for our first **Mother's & Others Day Gift Shop!** This is a lovely opportunity for children to choose a special surprise gift for someone important to them.

All gifts come beautifully presented in gift bags and will be kept a secret at school.

Friday 13th March

 2:00–3:15pm (in the school hall – children only)

Prices:

- £4 for one gift
- £3.50 each when buying two or more

Children across the school will receive the same gift, available in different colours and with the chance to personalise it. Nursery and Reception will have their own special gift, with a selection of options to choose from.

Payment can be made by **cash on the day** or by purchasing a **ticket via Classlist by 8pm on 12th March**. If you do not have the Classlist app but would like to pre-purchase tickets, please email candk.ptfa@gmail.com for a payment link.

Save the Date – Easter Disco!

Our Easter Disco will take place on **Tuesday 24th March** with two sessions:

- **KS1: 3:15–4:45pm**
- **KS2: 5:00–6:30pm**

Tickets will be released on Classlist on Tuesday 10th March, with sales closing on Tuesday 17th March.

For families with **siblings in Nursery**, specific invites will be sent out to those who we are able to accommodate (those who are to be going into reception in September), containing a payment link and all the details needed.

If you do not have access to Classlist, please email candk.ptfa@gmail.com and we will send you a payment link and the information required.

Keep an eye out for our Easter Decoration Competition, which will be judged during the disco

Pop the date in your diary — it's going to be a brilliant event for the children

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Upcoming Events

- **12th March** - Messy Church
- **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**

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| Fledglings | Every child in Fledglings for their dazzling daffodil paintings this week. Well done! |
| Year R Wrens | Elfyn for settling in well to his new setting and for really coming out of his shell. Well done! |
| Year 1 Robins | Sacha for super effort and enthusiasm for everything we do in school. |
| Year 2 Magpies | Osa for amazing story writing showing perseverance in Spelling and beautiful handwriting. Well done! |

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| Year 3 Owls | Coby T for being resilient, persevering when it feels tricky and showing good understanding in class discussions. |
| Year 4 Hawks | Louie for his improved focus and effort in lessons. Well done Louie! You are focused like a Hawk and producing some beautiful written work! Keep it up! |
| Year 5 Eagles | Zoe for always engaging well and working hard to complete her work to the best of her ability. Well done! |
| Year 6 Falcons | Jessica for her willingness to come out of her comfort zone and ask for support when needed. Well done! |

Attendance Award

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| Week Ending 06/03/2026 | | |
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Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 10th March | School science themed film night (after school) to raise money for school slushy machine |
| Monday 9th March | British Science Week in school – the theme is ‘Curiosity – what’s your question?’ |
| Friday 13th March | Mothers and Others in school gift shopping for the children |
| Thursday 19th March | Educational psychologist in school hall at 9.30am – training for parents on emotional barriers to school attendance – all welcome |
| Friday 20th March | Year 5 at the Beanie museum in Canterbury |
| Tuesday 24th March | PTFA Easter Discos |
| Thursday 2nd April | i-rock concert at 9.30am. End of term 4 – Easter service at the school at 1.45pm – parents/carers of year 6 children very welcome |
| Monday 20th April | Children back in school for term 5 |
| Monday 11th May | Year 6 SATs week in school |
| Wednesday 20th – 22nd May | Year 6 residential at Caroty Wood |
| Friday 22nd May | End of term 5 |
| Monday 1st June | Children back in school for term 6 |
| Thursday 4th June | Pupil and Group photographs. |
| 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 |