



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

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Friday 9th January 2026

Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2026. It is going to be a very busy year for our school. We are delighted to announce that the Jack Foat Trust have very kindly agreed to fund refurbishment of our school library. This is currently a tired space but will be transformed into a forest themed cosy reading area. I will keep you updated as the project develops.

Our WOW day on Tuesday was a great success. Robins focused on Little Red Riding Hood and made puppets and role played the story. Magpies dressed up as heroes, made capes from bin bags (after recycling the materials) and decorated reusable bags linked in with Michael Recycle. Their focus was to save the planet! Owls had a great Stone Age Day, Hawks had an historical Roman day and made Roman clocks, Eagles launched rockets as part of their space topic and Falcons celebrated all things Harry Potter and made wands and chocolate frogs.

As part of their 'What is your favourite traditional tale topic? Year 1 at the Marlowe theatre today seeing the Snow White pantomime. I am sure they will have a great morning.

Next weeks is Arts Week in school. We are looking forward to working with Bliss, a local artist, to produce a whole school spirituality piece of art to be displayed in the school hall. The children will focus on the 4 elements of spirituality; looking in (self), out (others), up (transcendence) and down (nature and creativity). Thanks to the PTFA for funding this for the children.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Ellie-Jane

Robins

Sunny

Owls

Zach D



Individual school tours for new year R starters 2026 are now available. Applications for Primary Intake opened Friday 7 November 2025. National closing date for application forms is Thursday 15 January 2026



Fledglings	Rosie for making good choices this week. Well done!
Year R Wrens	Aubrey for coming back and making super choices and having a really great 'have a go' attitude. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Oscar for improved focus on the carpet during class input and for progress in reading and writing. Keep up the good work Oscar!
Year 2 Magpies	Jack for continuing with beautiful presentation and an excellent attitude to learning in all lessons after the Christmas break. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Callie for coming back with a great attitude towards her learning and taking great pride in her presentation.
Year 4 Hawks	William for starting the new year with a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done William! You are taking the initiative and using supporting resources and perseverance in lessons. EXCELLENT!
Year 5 Eagles	Harry for showing great dedication to his work and eagerness to learn. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Peonie for always helping others and putting smiles on everyone's faces.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 09/01/2026	Robins Class	99.00%
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Dates for your diary

Monday 12th January	Arts week in school – theme is spirituality and we will produce whole school art work for the school hall (funded by the PTFA)
Thursday 15th January	Mid year reports to parents
Friday 16th January	PTFA spirituality tuck shop after school
Tuesday 27th January	PTFA film night after school
Friday 6th February	Year 6 to Harry Potter World
Friday 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme is 'This is my place' - focus on belonging
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 – Church service at 1.45pm
Monday 20th April	Children back in school for term 5