



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

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Friday 10th October 2025

Newsletter Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week and it has been lovely to see the sun again. The girls football team attended a tournament at St Faith's on Monday afternoon. Mrs Wilson was very proud of the team and they all really enjoyed their first tournament of the season. Mr Hayes took the boys football team to Northbourne Park for a football tournament; they won some, drew some, lost some but had a great time.

As part of their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory topic, year 4 visited Hotel Chocolat in Westwood Cross this week. The children had a talk about Fairtrade Farming, got to choose which flavour hot/cold chocolate they wanted and got to see the Wall of Chocolate. Sounds like a great trip.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Little Wandle phonics talk on Thursday morning. I hope you found it useful. If you missed the presentation and would like more information, please look here:

<https://lettersandsounds.org.uk/index.php?page=overview>

See you at Tuck Shop later. Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Magpies

Luna

Falcons

Jasper

Happy birthday to Mrs Lead!

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





PTFA Update


Halloween Disco – Thursday 30th October


Permission slips will be coming home today for our spooky spectacular Halloween Disco!


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

 Put on your fancy dress and show us your best Monster Mash!

 **New this year:** All children attending will receive a basket meal (chips with chicken or veggie nuggets) and free glow sticks.

 Spooky-themed pick and mix bags, tuck shop treats, and novelty items will be available to buy on the night—price list to follow.

 Looking for half-term fun or love a good competition? Watch out for details of our *Creepy Creatures Decoration Competition*, to be judged at the disco!

 All permission slips and money must be submitted by **Friday 17th October** to the school office or via email: candk.ptfa@gmail.com

 No cash? No problem! You can now pay by **bank transfer: Account Name:** Cartwright and Kelsey PTFA **Account Number :**97216143 **Sort Code:**60-18-34 **Reference:** child's full name and key stage

Ash Schools Community Firework Display – Tickets Available Now!

Tickets are on sale until **7th November**. Join us for an unforgettable evening of family fun and dazzling entertainment in support of our local schools.

 **Your ticket includes:**

- A spectacular fireworks show
- Free parking
- Kids' disco to dance the night away


 **Book your tickets here**

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://gvwhl.com/PLC45&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1759409472789828&usg=AOvVaw2UoO41qliNDOhoMZT5Ma8C>

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. Reach out via Facebook, Classlist, or email us at: 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 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

- **30th October – Halloween Disco - KS1: 3:15–4:45pm KS2: 5:00–6:30pm**
- **7th November - Mystery Jar Tag Day**
- **8th November - Ash Schools Community Fireworks Display**
- **29th November - Wreath Making, Westmarsh Village Hall**
- **5th December – Christmas Fayre+Santa's Grotto Experience**

For all the latest updates and school events remember to join us on our facebook and classlist pages.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting Harvest donations for the Foodbank. The theme for our Harvest Festival is 'Helping others – the story of the Little Red Hen' and we would be grateful for any donations. Items requested are:

- Tinned meat for eating cold such as ham, chicken, corned beef, meatballs
- Pasta or curry sauce
- Rice
- Rice pudding or custard
- Sponge puddings and jellies
- Spreads such as jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread
- Mayonnaise or brown sauce
- Small coffee jars or teabags
- Squash
- Chocolate
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Shaving foam
- Cleaning products
- Washing powder/capsules (Small bottles or Boxes)
- Washing-up liquid
- Toilet rolls

If you know of families who need help, please ask them to call the Foodbank on 01304-728428 or email them on info@dealarea.foodbank.org.uk,
Thank you for your support.



Fledglings	Amelie S for her fantastic Kandinsky inspired Autumn Tree Collage.
Year R Wrens	Ruby for always showing great enthusiasm in all that she does. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Alice for being an exceptional role model and for always giving her all! Rio for becoming more independent in the mornings and for always having a positive attitude towards his learning!

Year 2 Magpies	<p>Eleanor for having an excellent attitude to learning, always being a role-model to her class mates and creating a fantastic dinosaur story. Well done!</p> <p>Lydia for having an excellent attitude to learning, persevering with her cursive handwriting and completing her first Accelerated Reader quiz with flying colours! Well done!</p>
Year 3 Owls	<p>Casey for having a great attitude and growing independence in his work. He has made such progress in reading he is now on Accelerated Reader!</p> <p>Owls class for impeccable behaviour and knowledge shown on our trip! They should all be so proud!</p>
Year 4 Hawks	<p>Franklin for his amazing growth mindset and resilience. Well done Franklin! You are adopting a can-do attitude and believing in yourself. EXCELLENT!</p>
Year 5 Eagles	<p>Sharon for settling into our school well and having improved focus in our DEAR time sessions this week. Keep it up!</p>
Year 6 Falcons	<p>Austin for his positive attitude towards maths this week, especially when it is something he has found challenging. Well done!</p> <p>Polina for her open-minded approach to a challenging concept in maths this week.</p>

Attendance Award

Week Ending 10/10/2025	Magpies Class	100%
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th October	KS1 shared learning after school – come to classes to see what the children have been learning
Wednesday 15th October	KS2 shared learning after school – come to classes to see what the children have been learning
Thursday 16th October	Kent test results to parents
Friday 17th October	Harvest Festival at the Church (parents of year 6 very welcome) at 1.45pm. End of term 1
Monday 27th October	Children back in school for term 2
Week 10th November	Anti-bullying week in school – theme is 'Power for Good'
Tuesday 11th November	'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime (pm) as part of Anti-bullying week
Friday November 14th	Children to wear Odd Socks to celebrate end of anti-bullying week
Week 17th November	Maths week in school – Theme is 'Connection or Coincidence'

Friday 21st November	Tiimes tables Rock Star Day – children to come to school in their best rock outfit
Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November	Parent teacher meetings – 3.30 – 5.30 – more details to follow
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas jumper day and school Christmas dinner
Thursday 11th December	i-rock concert at 9.30am in school hall
Tuesday 16th December	EYFS nativity to parents at 1.45pm
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 nativity to parents at 1.45pm
Thursday 18th December	End of term 2
Friday 19th December	INSET day – no children in school
Monday 5th January	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 6th January	Children back in school for WOW day!