



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

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Friday 12th December 2025

Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very Christmassy week in school. We had a lovely school Christmas dinner on Tuesday – we had Christmas music playing, table decorations and a very festive spirit. Thanks to the PTFA for supplying crafts and for helping with setting up and serving.

Our i-rockers performed beautifully at their concert on Thursday morning. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm and kept the school and parents/carers entertained. Well done to all involved!

Today Fledglings went to the Gulbenkian theatre, in the heart of the University of Kent campus in Canterbury, to watch a showing of 'Dear Santa'. Santa was determined to deliver the most fantastic Christmas present to a little girl called Sarah, but he didn't get it right straight away! With the help of his cheeky Elf, he finally settled on something 'perfect', just in time for Christmas Eve. What a fantastic opportunity for the children.

We are looking forward to our EYFS and KS1 nativity plays next week. The dress rehearsals will be filmed by Matt Titterton and flash drives will be available to purchase on performance days - £5 each.

See you at the Festive Tuck shop later and have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Wrens

Jackson

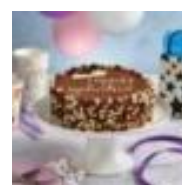
### Magpies

Piper

### Owls

Isla

**Happy special birthday to Mrs Blake and Lenny!**



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

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## PTFA Update - 12th December


### Festive Playground Tuck – 12th December!

Join us in the playground after school today for a tasty winter treat! We'll be serving a range of delicious festive goodies, including **Mrs Crascall's famous hot chocolate**, **festive cupcakes** and **biscuit pops**.

Warm up, enjoy a treat with friends, and help us celebrate the season in sweet style! ✨

We can't wait to see you there! 🍪🍪🍪

### Funds Raised This Term and Approved Requests

A huge thank you to our school community for your incredible support this term! Thanks to your generosity, we've raised £5941.96 , and this has already supported a range of exciting improvements and opportunities across the school.

We're delighted to share the projects and events we've been able to support this term, thanks to the amazing generosity of our school community. Here's a full summary of what we've funded and donated:



### Approved Funding Requests ✓ ✨



#### **Bushcraft Training for All Staff**

Funding has been approved for all staff to complete bushcraft training, strengthening our outdoor learning provision and helping teachers lead safe, engaging activities outdoors.



#### **Spirituality Artwork for the Main Hall**

A beautiful spirituality-themed artwork will soon brighten our main hall, creating a more welcoming and inspiring space for everyone.



#### **Classroom Rugs**

New, comfortable rugs have been purchased for classrooms, helping create warm and inviting learning spaces.



#### **Stock Room Resources**

Additional stock room supplies have been funded to ensure teachers have the materials they need for high-quality, creative lessons.



#### **✨ Maths Magic – Visiting Speaker (Completed)**

Earlier this term, students enjoyed a fantastic whole-school assembly and follow-up workshops led by a visiting *Maths Magic* speaker. The event sparked curiosity and helped children experience the fun and excitement of mathematics in a memorable way

### Donations from the PTFA 😊



#### **Snacks for Movie Night**

We were delighted to provide snacks for our recent movie night, helping to make it a fun and memorable event for all the children. We're also excited to let you know that we'll be running another **free movie night in January**, and we'll be donating the snacks for that event too, so the fun can continue after the holidays!

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## Christmas Dinner Craft Supplies

We were delighted to provide a selection of craft materials for the children to make festive Christmas dinner crafts. It's wonderful to see their creativity and excitement as they get into the holiday spirit!

## Sweet Snacks for Robins' Panto Trip (January)

We're looking forward to supporting the Robins' class panto trip in January by donating sweet snacks. We hope this adds an extra special treat to what promises to be a very enjoyable outing for the children!

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## Upcoming Events

- 12th December - Festive Tuck Shop
- 16th January - Arts week Tuck Shop
- 27th January - Free 4 all Movie Night

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

## WOW day

I know we haven't had Christmas yet but we have been planning our WOW day for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This is an exciting curriculum day to launch our new topics and we are pleased to announce what the classes will be doing and the costumes that the children might like to wear:

Fledglings	Wrens	Robins	Magpies	Owls	Hawks	Eagles	Falcons
Wear their best party clothes for a party celebration	Space suits and aliens dress up	Fairy tales and traditional tales dress up	Real life and fictional superhero dress up	Stone Age dress up	Roman dress up	Space/ astronaut dress up	Harry Potter dress up



Fledglings	Teddy for his bravery saying goodbye to daddy happily. Well done!
Year R Wrens	Blake for making super choices and for being really helpful all week. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Ruby for progress in reading and greater focus during independent writing.

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<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Maxwell for showing incredible dedication to Nativity practice through learning his lines and taking on a second role! Well done.
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Marley for trying his best in every lesson and helping others with kindness, even before being asked.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Finley H for his dedication to his writing. Well done Finley! You are working hard to plan, edit and improve and produce beautiful final drafts. Keep it up!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Finley for being an excellent member of our class and a good friend. You will be missed!
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Jessica for her excellent attitude towards assessment week and the amazing results that she achieved as a result.

## Attendance Award

<b>Week Ending</b> <b>12/12/2025</b>	Hawks Class	96.15%
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### Dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS nativity to parents at 1.45pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 nativity to parents at 1.45pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term 2 – Christmas service at the Church at 1.45pm. Parents of year 6 are very welcome. After school club to finish at 4.30pm.
<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!
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Arts week in school – theme is spirituality and we will produce whole school art work for the school hall (funded by the PTFA)
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mid year reports to parents
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 6 to Harry Potter World
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme is 'This is my place'- focus on belonging
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of term 3
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Children back in school for term 4





St Nicholas, Ash

## *WINTERFEST 2025*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.00 til 5.00pm**

Father Christmas

Craft Stalls

Mulled wine and mince pies

Carol Singing

Meet the donkeys

Cake stall; refreshments

Christmas presents

Barnsole Vineyard

School choirs

Tombola; raffle; games

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