



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

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Newsletter Term 3 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers

We end term 3 with another busy week in school. We have really enjoyed promoting Children's Mental Health week in school and the theme has been around 'belonging'. We introduced this with a whole school assembly on Monday and the children completed different activities relating to this throughout the week. Thank you to the NELFT team for arranging the after school activity for parents and children in the hall on Monday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday morning year 3 visited Samphire Hoe as part of their 'Did the Stone Age rock?' topic. The children had to find food, water and shelter. They had to hunt the deer pretending they were in the Stone Age and use a bow and arrow. They enjoyed looking at the goats that roam around the Hoe. We are lucky to have some great outdoor spaces on our doorstep.

Next Wednesday marks the first day of Lent (after pancake day of course!) As usual, we will be encouraging the children to complete Lenten acts of generosity. Please sign up here if you would like to take part at home:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generous-church-blog/lent-challenge-families-and-children>

Have a lovely half term break – I hope you all enjoy the Valentine's Tuck Shop.

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Magpies

Tilly

### Owls

Dottie

### Hawks

Nancy



**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.**



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PTFA Update – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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### Valentine's Day Tuck Sale

A little reminder that **after school today (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February)** our teachers will be selling the much-loved **Valentine's Day biscuits** in the playground.

#### Pre-orders

If you were lucky enough to pre-order, there will be a **separate queue** for collection.

Please bring your **confirmation of purchase/payment** so we can swap it for your sweet treats.

#### Allergies & Ingredients

Our biscuits are dairy-free and nut-free, but please note they are made by home bakers, not in a commercial kitchen.

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### Thank You for Supporting Our First Messy Church After-School Club

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and joined us for our very first **Messy Church** session in partnership with Ash Church. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying crafts, stories, singing and a shared meal together.

We're delighted to say that our next **Messy Church session will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Booking for the March session will open two weeks beforehand**, and we'll share the details nearer the time plus registration form for new attendees

Thank you again for helping make our launch such a joyful and community-filled afternoon. We can't wait to welcome you back next month.

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### Upcoming Events

- **13<sup>th</sup> February** - Valentine's Day Tuck Shop
- **6<sup>th</sup> March** - Paint and Sip, Ash Village Hall
- **13<sup>th</sup> March** - Mothers and Others in school gift shopping for the children
- **24<sup>th</sup> 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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<b>Fledglings</b>	Frankie for his kindness and helpfulness with younger nursery children.
<b>Year R Wrens</b>	Mia for showing great independence in the mornings, confidence in our Phonics sessions and playing with her class mates.
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Lyanna for her island art work on the theme of belonging for 'Mental Health Week'. You worked really hard on this and it was very creative!
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Timur for showing impressive progress in his phonics and reading as he is growing confidence in his blending. Well done!
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Thomas for 'wow'ing everybody with his Stone Age knowledge.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Shanti for her outstanding work ethic and amazing effort across all lessons. Well-done Shanti! You are a role model to your peers!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Aiah for a fantastic effort with her Sci-Fi story and challenging herself in Maths. Well done!
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Hector for his positive attitude towards learning and his openness to feedback from teachers and peers. What a fantastic end to the term, we can't wait to see what you can achieve next term.

## Attendance Award

<b>Week Ending</b> 13/02/2026	Eagles Class	98.75%
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### Dates for your diary

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of term 3 and PTFA Valentine's Tuck
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Children back in school for term 4
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Book week in school and World Book Day on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School science themed film night (after school) to raise money for school slushy machine

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	British Science Week in school – the theme is 'Curiosity – what's your question?'
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	End of term 4 – Easter service at the school at 1.45pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Children back in school for term 5
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs week in school
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	End of term 5