



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

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Friday 13th March 2026 Newsletter Term 4 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great science week in school. The theme has been 'Curiosity – what's your question?' Children in KS2 loved the Astrodome on Wednesday afternoon and got to go into space! They said it was 'really cool'. They watched a video of the Apollo mission, looked at the planets and stars, learnt about the constellations and watched an illustration of how fast the sun moves. We shared our learning and experiments at our science fair in the school hall this morning. I am always so impressed by how confidently the children share their learning. Thanks to Mr Churchill, our science leader, for organising the week.

The library is complete and the room has been transformed into a mystical and magical reading woodland. Huge thanks to local carpenter Nick Hassall for making the book cases and to the Jack Foat Trust for funding this project – it has made our library a warm and inviting reading space for the children.

This afternoon the PTFA will be in the hall for their 'Mothers and Others' event. Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all the mums and carers out there! Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Magpies

Vinnie

Eagles

Kallie and Niamh



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 – 13th March

PTFA Easter Disco – Tuesday 24th March

We're excited to invite the children to our **Easter Discos!**

Tuesday 24th March

 **KS1:** 3:15 – 4:45

 **KS2:** 5:00 – 6:30

 **£6 per child**

 **Tickets are now available on Classlist** and sales close on **Tuesday 17th March**.

Families with siblings in **Nursery** who we are able to accommodate (children moving into **Reception in September**) have been sent a **separate invite with payment details**.

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

 All children attending will receive a **basket meal (chips with chicken or veggie nuggets)** and a **free glow stick**.

 An **Easter-themed tuck shop** will also be available on the night (price list coming soon).

 Don't forget our **Easter Decoration Competition**, which will be judged during the disco!

We look forward to a fun afternoon of **music, dancing and Easter celebrations!**   

Join Our PTFA – Volunteer Treasurer Wanted!

We're looking for a **friendly, organised volunteer** to join our PTFA committee as **Treasurer**. This is a key role in helping manage our fundraising and making sure every pound goes towards **trips, equipment, and enrichment activities** for our pupils.

Our current Treasurer will be stepping down, so we're looking for someone who can **start anytime after the Easter holidays**, with a smooth handover provided.

What the role involves

- Keeping simple records of income and expenditure
- Managing the PTFA bank account and payments
- Giving brief financial updates at committee meetings
- Helping prepare annual accounts for the charity
- Ensuring good financial practice is followed

Some volunteers love getting involved in **events and fundraising**, while others prefer to focus just on the Treasurer duties. **Either way is completely fine!**

Who we're looking for

- Organised and reliable
 - Comfortable with basic numbers (spreadsheets or simple accounts)
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- **No accounting qualifications needed** – support will be provided

Time commitment

Just a **few hours per month**, with slightly more time during busy fundraising periods.

Why volunteer?

- Make a real difference to the school community
- Meet other parents and staff
- Gain experience supporting a local charity
- Be part of a fun, friendly committee

✉ **Interested?** Contact **Claire and Steevi** at candk.ptfa@gmail.com to find out more or to apply.

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.

Contact us via Facebook, Classlist, or email: 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 academic 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

- **24th 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.



Fledglings	Fable for settling into Nursery so happily. Well done!
Year R Wrens	Lottie for coming into school and settling into her morning activities super well this week. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Austin for his amazing Science homework and for good effort and concentration in Maths this week. Well done!
Year 2 Magpies	Dorothy for being a curious and enthusiastic learner in Science week by asking questions and persevering with our experiment. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Maddie for trying her hardest, asking for help when needed and being so very helpful. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Lilly for her beautifully presented work and tremendous effort in lessons. Lilly – every one of your books looks like a work of art! AMAZING!
Year 5 Eagles	Eve for showing a great, proactive approach to her learning; making notes during lessons to ensure she understands what is being taught. Well done!

Year 6 Falcons	Falcons class for their impeccable behaviour on our 'Safety in Action' trip to Three Hills Sports Centre last Friday.
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Attendance Award

Week Ending 13/03/2026	Robins Class	99.20%
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Dates for your diary

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 Carrot 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