



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

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Friday 13th December 2024

Newsletter Term 2 Week 6



Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is well and truly upon us. We had a great Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Tuesday – we had Christmas music playing and Nicole served up plenty of sprouts and pigs in blankets. A big thanks to the PTFA for supplying crackers for the children. Magpies did a great job singing nativity songs at the WI AGM in the village hall on Thursday afternoon. The ladies loved the performance and very kindly gave the children a Christmas gift – it is lovely to be part of a such a strong community at Christmas.

We had our first stay and play session in Fledglings nursery on Wednesday afternoon – it was lovely to see a mix of new and familiar faces – we will be holding another session next term – this will probably be a morning session. Look out for details in the New Year.

The i rock concert on Thursday morning was a great way to start the day. I was so impressed with the musical talent that we have in school and was so proud of all the performers. A big thanks to Phil from i-rock for giving the children the confidence to perform

Thank you for all the kind words and wishes regarding Alfie the cat. We will really miss him in school – he certainly was one of a kind and loved participating in all aspects of school life. It will be very strange without him. We have set up a prayer area in school for staff and children to share their thoughts and prayers.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Robins

Piper

### Magpies

Isla



**Happy birthday to Mrs Blake  
and Mrs Kennett!**

**For children born between 1  
September 2020 and 31  
August 2021, they will be  
school starters in September  
2025. The online portal is now  
open. I am offering individual  
tours so please give the  
school a ring if you would  
like to book one.**



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## **PTFA update**

### THE CHRISTMAS FAIR- A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped at or supported the Christmas Fair, we simply couldn't have done it without you! We hope everyone enjoyed the variety of stalls and those who visited Santa had a magical time! Well done to all the raffle winners and congratulations to Wrens who sold the most number of raffle tickets. We hope they enjoy their class prize - they have a lovely activity planned with Mr Hart.

We are lucky to have a lovely bunch making up our PTFA committee with lots of enthusiasm and a great mix of skills! We welcomed some new members this year so a big well done to them for throwing themselves into organising their first fair – the Christmas and Summer Fairs are the biggest events on the PTFA calendar!

### TUCK SHOP

Festive Tuck today after school! There will be lots of festive treats available to buy. Children from Eagles class will be helping us run this event.

We would like to wish all families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to offering more events for the children and families to enjoy in 2025.

### UPCOMING UPDATES

Keep an eye on this newsletter and the school's Facebook page with dates of our upcoming events.

### ABOUT THE PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of parents, teachers and friends of the school. All parents & carers are automatically members. We are charity reg. number 1042205. Read more on the school website <https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa>  
All money raised goes back into the school to benefit the children

## **Nativity Crib Service**

St Nicholas Church, Ash

4pm, Christmas Eve - Journey with Mary and Joseph from Pound Corner (Co-op) at 3.40pm.

Angels, Shepherds, Stars and Wise Men wanted – come dressed in your nativity costumes!

Come and join us for a fun telling of the Nativity story in our beautiful church. We will be celebrating with stories, readings, songs and prayers.

Perfect to get you in the festive spirit and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

Jo and Jules, Sparks Sunday School Leaders (and mums of Thomas [Jo] and Ruby [Jules] in Magpies)

## **WOW day**

I know we haven't had Christmas yet but we have been planning our WOW day for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 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:

<b>Fledglings</b>	<b>Wrens</b>	<b>Robins</b>	<b>Magpies</b>	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Eagles</b>	<b>Falcons</b>
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



<b>Fledglings</b>	Amara for trying hard to use her words more at nursery.
<b>Year R Wrens</b>	Sacha for being such a great friend and showing kindness. Keep it up!
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Brody C for great progress in reading.
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Coby T for showing dedication to the presentation and speed of his literacy and maths work. Great cursive handwriting Coby, keep it up!
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Harley for showing fantastic improvements with his resilience.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Dougie for his exemplary work ethic and positive growth mindset. Well done Dougie! You are a role model to your peers with your calm, logical approach to challenging tasks. Keep it up!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Jasper for being a model Victorian child. Well done.
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Ruby for her hard work this week with assessments and a more positive attitude to learning.

## Attendance Award

<b>Week Ending</b> <b>13/12/2024</b>	Eagles Class	98.57%
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## Dates for your diary

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Flu vaccines in school
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and 2 nativity to parents – 1.45pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Fledglings and Wrens nativity to parents – 1.45pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children break up for Christmas Holidays. EYFS Christingle Service for EYFS at the Church in the morning – children only. Church Service 1.45 – parents of year 6 children very welcome to attend. After school club will finish at 4.30pm.
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	WOW Day and children back in school for term 3
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Robins at the Marlowe for the pantomime
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mid-year reports to parents
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week – theme is Movement for our Mental Health
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Dress to Express Day to celebrate Mental Health Week
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of term 3

