



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

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Friday 14th November 2025

Newsletter Term 2 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very successful Anti-Bullying Week in school and the theme was 'Power for Good'. The children have taken part in a range of activities and assemblies. Children and staff loved the 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime on Tuesday afternoon. This explored the transformative power of love and acceptance for all and the importance of kindness and compassion – very important in life.

We welcomed the NELFT well-being team into school on Tuesday morning – they spoke to the children about the importance of looking after mental health, as well as physical health. Our local PCSO came into school on Thursday morning and spoke to KS2 children about bullying. The children really listened attentively and shared a variety of thoughts and opinions. They also asked some pertinent questions.

A huge congratulations to our football team who won the McCarthy cup on Thursday afternoon. We will now go to London in February to play winners from across Kent. This is an amazing achievement as we were against schools much bigger than ours. We are so proud of the fantastic performance from every single player.

We end the week with our Odd Socks Day today, this will celebrate the ways that we are all different. See you at the Kindness Tuck Shop later.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Magpies

Eliza

Owls

Max

Falcons

Albie

Happy birthday to Ms Maxted



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 - 14th November

Shh... The Big Man Is Coming!

Get ready for a sprinkle of Christmas magic — **Santa's Grotto Experience** is landing at school!

 Letters with full details were sent home on Monday, but please let us know via email if you didn't receive one.

Santa's Grotto Experience

 **Date:** Friday 5th December

 **Location:** Mr Hart's Classroom / Flocks Nest

 **Cost:** £5 per child

What's Included:

 Make your own reindeer food to sprinkle on Christmas Eve

 Enter the "Guess the Height of the Christmas Tree" competition — win the tree itself!

 Enjoy festive colouring fun

 Visit and take a photo with Santa himself

 Each child receives a special age-appropriate book from Santa

How to Book:

Please return the booking slip with payment to the school office, or email your child's **full name, age, preferred time slot**, and any **access needs** to: candk.ptfa@gmail.com

For those who need it here is the updated payment link - <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q877JE7Y>

Slips must be returned by Friday 21st

Christmas Raffle Tickets – Coming Home Soon!

Get ready to join in the festive fun — our **School Christmas Raffle tickets** will be sent home with children on **Monday 17th December!**

Ticket Prices:

- 50p per ticket
- £2.50 per book

Each child will receive **two books of tickets** to take home.

If you don't wish to purchase your tickets, please return any unused books to Mrs Bailey in the school office so they can be passed on to other families.

If you'd like more tickets, you can also collect additional books from the school office — **the more entries, the merrier!** 

Fantastic Prizes to Be Won!

 **1st Prize:** A 6ft real Christmas tree – kindly donated by *The Secret Garden Centre at Quex Park*

 **2nd Prize:** A Half Day Spa Experience at *Tor Spa* in Ickham

 **3rd Prize:** Four entry tickets to *Port Lympne Zoo*, including the safari!
 Plus many more amazing prizes to be won!

 The raffle will be drawn at the **Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December**.

Extra Festive Fun!

Tickets can be sold to **family, friends, neighbours — anyone who'd like to join in!**
There will also be a **special prize for the class that sells the most tickets**, so get selling and help your class reach the top!  

Thank you for supporting our school and helping make this Christmas extra special for all our children. 

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

- 29th November - Wreath Making, Westmarsh Village Hall
- 5th December – Christmas Fayre+Santa's Grotto Experience
- 12th December - Festive Tuck Shop

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



Fledglings	Aria for showing kindness and being a good friend.
Year R Wrens	Alasdair for working really hard during our kindness week and playing with different children.
Year 1 Robins	Isabella for always following golden rules and for super effort in phonics!
Year 2 Magpies	Ava for showing dedication and enthusiasm towards her addition and subtraction maths work. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Ruby for exceptional focus and perseverance in all lessons.

Year 4 Hawks	Harley for trying his best in EVERY lesson and producing beautiful work! Well done Harley! What an incredible attitude to your learning!
Year 5 Eagles	Rosie for making an excellent effort in her maths work. Keep it up!
Year 6 Falcons	Lexi for her positive attitude to learning this week and her openness towards receiving feedback to help improve her work even more, well done!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 14/11/2025	Falcons Class	99.23%
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Dates for your diary

Week 17th November	Maths week in school – Theme is 'Connection or Coincidence'. Maths Magician assembly and class workshops (paid for by the PTFA)
Friday 21st November	Times 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
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fayre after school
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 – Christmas service at the Church at 1.45pm. Parents of year 6 are very welcome
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!