



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

Through God's love and strength all flourish

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Friday 16th January 2026

Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great arts week in school and the children have enjoyed learning about, and exploring their own spirituality. We welcomed local artist, Bliss into school on Wednesday to share her vision for the whole school art work. A huge thanks to local carpenter, Nick Hassall, for cutting the wooden circles needed for the project – he showed great perseverance! The children have used a variety of art materials; pastels, chalks and paints and have thought about which colours represent their own spirituality. In celebration assembly this afternoon we will all share what we have learnt throughout the week. To explain how we define spirituality in our school, spirituality concerns a person's relationship with themselves, with others, with God (or the transcendent), and with nature and the environment. These four elements: self; others; transcendence and beauty form the basis of our work with children in developing a strong sense of spirituality (looking in, out, up and down). I will share photos of the finished art piece once the artist has compiled this and displayed this in the hall. What an exciting project.

Year 3 are enjoying their Forest School sessions with Mrs Barrett on Thursday afternoons. They go out in all weathers. This week they used the nature area to explore spirituality. They made nature mandalas - art with the beauty of nature (looking down).

Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Frankie

Wrens

Aubrey

Eagles

Aiah and Freddie



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 – 16th January

Arts Week Tombola Tuck Shop – Today

Roll up, roll up! Don't forget Mrs Crascall and children from Year 5/6 will be running a Tombola Tuck Shop today after school in the playground after school.

50p a ticket - every ticket is a guaranteed winner.

We have prizes of all shapes and sizes, come and try your luck for a surprise after-school treat — big or small, there will be treats for all! Free 4 All Movie Night – 27th January

We're inviting all children to join us for another cosy movie night on Tuesday 27th January, held in the school hall from 3:15–5:15pm.

Send them into school with their cosiest pyjamas packed and ready to change into so they can relax with friends, watch the movie, and enjoy snacks provided by us.

If you would like your child to attend, please send us their name, class, and any access or allergy requirements via our Facebook page, Classlist, or email: candk.ptfa@gmail.com

Donations are warmly welcomed via this link:

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QCSOJR15?utm_campaign=pdf&utm_medium=print&utm_source=qr

Help Raise Funds for Our School For Free – Terracycle

Did you know you can help raise funds for our school simply by bringing in your plastic bread bags, closure tags, and any bakery plastic packaging (e.g. crumpet packets, zipper bags, plastic trays)?

Through the Warburtons Bakery Free Recycling Programme, every time we send off your recycled bread bags and bakery plastic packaging, the school earns points for each kilogram collected. Over time, these points are converted into money that is donated directly back to us. Your recycling helps provide a steady stream of income throughout the year.

Drop-off point: Terracycle bin in the main reception

Accepted: Any brand of bakery plastic packaging and bread bags/closures

Not accepted: Paper bags, wax packets, or combined paper-and-film window bag

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

16th January – Arts Week Tombola 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.



Fledglings	Robyn for her beautiful singing of 'The Funky Monkey'. Well done! Ellie A-K for being brave enough to use the toilet independently in Nursery.
Year R Wrens	Liliahna for settling in really well at her new school. Alasdair for making super choices and being a wonderful helping hand this week.
Year 1 Robins	Yazmin for progress in reading and writing! Keep up the good work Yazmin!
Year 2 Magpies	Eliza for showing maturity and perseverance in all areas of her attitude to learning. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Max for showing the school values of perseverance and creativity in Arts Week.
Year 4 Hawks	Leo for listening really carefully and then trying his very best. Well done Leo! You have produced some stunning spiritual artwork this week!
Year 5 Eagles	Noah T for an impressive attitude towards his learning; always putting in his best effort and persevering when he finds something tricky. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Albie for his displays of concentration and focus this week.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 16/01/2026	Falcons Class	100%
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th January	PTFA film night after school
Friday 6th February	Year 6 to Harry Potter World
Friday 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week – Theme is 'This is my place'- focus on belonging
Wednesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	End of term 3 and PTFA Valentine's Tuck

Friday 23rd February	Children back in school for term 4
Monday 2nd March	Book week in school and World Book Day on Thursday 5 th March
Monday 9th March	British Science Week in school – the theme is 'Curiosity – what's your question?'
Thursday 2nd April	End of term 4 – Church service at 1.45pm
Monday 20th April	Children back in school for term 5