



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

Through God's love and strength all flourish

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that our spirituality art work has been compiled and displayed in the school hall. This visual imagery really highlights how we define spirituality in school and the artwork on the circles show what spirituality means to us individually. Red is looking in, yellow is looking out, blue is looking up and green is looking down. A huge thanks to Bliss, the artist who led the project, to Nick Hassall for the tricky job of erecting the finished piece and the PTFA for fully funding the project – a great community effort. I have loved reading the children's responses on their circles and how they have defined what gives their life meaning.

Our library refurbishment is developing well. The interactive whiteboard has been fitted and some of the furniture has been delivered. We are awaiting the new bookcases and the carpet will be fitted in half term. The large art work for the wall is being installed on the 4th and 5th February. I will share photos once the project is finished. This will create a warm and cosy environment to promote a love of reading. Hopefully the children will love it!

Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Hawks

Jimmy

Happy birthday to Miss Dunn!



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 – 23rd January

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 – Match Funding

Did you know you can boost our school's fundraising at no extra cost to you?

Many employers offer match funding, matched giving, or payroll giving for charity — and a quick chat with your HR, payroll team or line manager could unlock extra money for our PTFA.

How It Works

If you volunteer at an event like the Summer Fair and help raise £50 profit, your employer might match it with another £50.

That's double the impact, simply for giving your time.

We also completely understand that not everyone can commit long term — even helping out once can make a meaningful difference, and we're grateful for whatever time you're able to give.

Why It Matters

Match funding is essentially free money that goes straight back into supporting our school, enriching activities, resources, and experiences for all our children.

If you're not sure whether your company offers it, just ask your HR department, payroll team, or line manager. You might be surprised how many workplaces do.

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

- **27th January** – Free 4 All Movie Night
- **13th February** - Valentine's Day Tuck Shop
- **6th March** - Paint and Sip, Ash Village Hall
- **13th March** - Mothers and Others in school gift shopping for the children
- **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	Mollie for her increased independence coming into and playing in Nursery. Well done!
Year R Wrens	Arthur C for doing some super writing and generally making great choices.
Year 1 Robins	Willow L for a positive week of good focus and engagement in her learning. You are taking on board feedback and are trying hard! Well done Willow!
Year 2 Magpies	Jude for impressive writing this week, including cursive handwriting and improved stamina for writing. Fantastic work!
Year 3 Owls	Dottie for being reliable, hardworking and always giving everything 100% effort. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Kell for his growth mindset and all-round great effort. Well done Kell! You are a kind, thoughtful and hard-working role model!
Year 5 Eagles	Niamh for showing great resilience and a lovely, positive attitude to school. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Jack for his huge shift in mindset, especially when it comes to maths. He is taking great pleasure in the progress he's made and the new-found confidence and belief in himself. Keep it up!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 23/01/2026	Robins class	98.40%
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th January	PTFA film night after school
Thursday 5th February	Hawks to the Beanie museum in Canterbury
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. NELFT session in school hall at the end of Monday – drop and learn about calm kits
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