



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

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Friday 26th September 2025

Newsletter Term 1 Week 4



Dear Parents/Carers

It suddenly feels very autumnal and we have played dodge the rain in school! We have been outside as much as possible and the children are enjoying their topics. Wrens have been outside exploring the school grounds looking for signs of autumn. They came back with Kentish Cob Nuts, leaves, twigs and acorns to examine and describe.

Magpies are loving their dinosaur topic – they were busy being paleontologists, uncovering dinosaur bones in the sand and putting them back together. They also had fun finding dinosaurs on our new history timeline – they added their own dinosaurs pictures to the display. Owls have been practising cross-stitch, running stitch and appliqué in their Design and Technology lessons. Eagles went to Robins class to read with them for DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time. It is great to see reading being promoted so positively across the school and seeing all our children being such a warm community.

Please note the diary date for EYFS (nursery and reception) parents to attend a phonics workshop with myself and Mr Hart on Thursday 9th October – all parents and carers are very welcome. This will give a great insight into how we teach Little Wandle in school and how you can support your child at home.

See you at Tuck Shop later and have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Effie

Wrens

Ayla

Hawks

Cameron

Eagles

Sienna

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

Ash Schools Community Firework Display – Tickets on Sale Today!

We're very excited—today's the day! Tickets for our Ash Schools Community Firework Display go on sale after school at the tuck shop. Come find us on the playground at 3:15 for more details or keep an eye on Facebook and Classlist. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Committee Update & Maths Week Funding

We held our first committee meeting last week, and plans for this term are well underway. We've already approved our first funding request from the school to bring some fun and inspiration to the upcoming Maths Week. Events are starting to take shape, so stay tuned via our weekly newsletter, Facebook, and Classlist pages for all the exciting updates.

Movie Night Success

Our first movie night was a hit with the children! A huge thank you to those who kindly donated, even though it was a free event—your generosity helps us do more.

Christmas Card Project Sneak Peek

You may have seen a sneak peek on Facebook and Classlist of our Christmas card project, which the children started working on earlier this term. Soon, you'll be able to order these adorable personalised cards—just in time for Christmas! Every order helps raise funds that go straight back into the school.

Classlist – Your New Go-To for PTFA Events

You've probably seen our event updates on Facebook, but have you heard of Classlist? We use it just like Facebook for advertising, but new this year—we're offering online ticketing for events! No cash? No problem. You can now book and pay for tickets via Classlist.


Sign up using this link:

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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<<mailto: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

- * 30th October – Halloween Disco - KS1: 3:15–4:45pm KS2: 5:00–6:30pm
- * 8th November - Ash Schools Community Fireworks Display
- * 29th November - Wreath Making, Westmarsh Village Hall
- * 5th December – Christmas Fayre+Santa's Grotto Experience

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



Fledglings	Ellie A-K for being brave enough to stay for lunch at nursery.
Year R Wrens	Amelie for making wonderful choices and being really kind.
Year 1 Robins	Kiah-Joe for super effort in writing and phonics.
Year 2 Magpies	Brodie for having great contributions in class, having a great attitude to learning and being a good role model to his class mates. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Liepa for having such a positive attitude towards her learning.
Year 4 Hawks	William for his resilience and positive attitude in the classroom. Well done William! You are a role model to your peers!
Year 5 Eagles	Dougie for producing an excellent wildfire diary and setting an example to his peers. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Oliver for his excellent listening during swimming and the amazing progress he has made so far.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 26/09/2025	Falcons Class	100%
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Dates for your diary

Monday 29th September	Yr R – Year 6 flu vaccinations in school
Thursday 9th October	Little Wandle phonics talk for parents in school hall after drop off – Mr Hart and Mrs Crascall
Tuesday 14th October	KS1 shared learning after school – come to classes to see what the children have been learning

Wednesday 15th October	KS2 shared learning after school – come to classes to see what the children have been learning
Thursday 16th October	Kent test results to parents
Friday 17th October	Harvest Festival at the Church (parents of year 6 very welcome) at 1.45pm. End of term 1
Monday 27th October	Children back in school for term 2
Week 10th November	Anti-bullying week in school – theme is 'Power for Good'
Friday November 14th	Children to wear Odd Socks to celebrate end of anti-bullying week
Week 17th November	Maths week in school – Theme is 'Connection or Coincidence'
Friday 21st November	Tiimes 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 – more details to follow
Thursday 18th December	End of term 2
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!

**Sparks at St Nicholas Ash
Autumn Term Dates**

28th Sept - Harvest Service

5th Oct - Family Service

12th Oct - Regular Service

Half Term 19th and 26th Oct - NO SPARKS

1st Nov Light Party 2.00 to 4.00pm

2nd Nov Family Service

9th Nov Remembrance - NO SPARKS

16th Nov - also Safeguarding Sunday

23rd Nov - Stir up Sunday

**30th Nov Elmstone Benefice Service -
NO SPARKS**

**7th Dec - St Nicholas Day with family
meal after the service**

14th Dec - Regular Service

21st Dec - NO SPARKS

24th Dec Nativity 4pm

25th Dec Christmas Day 10.30am

11th Jan - 1st Sparks of 2026

The Church is a place where ALL are welcome, and that means we love to see children come along and be part of everything we do. Sparks is our children's group which runs in the side chapel of St Nicholas Church in Ash during the service, with fun, chat, craft and basic teaching about Christian values and Bible stories. The children then join the rest of the church family for the end of the service and refreshments after. The service lasts for approximately 1 and a quarter hours and starts at 10.30 each week.

If you've not brought your children to church before, perhaps this is the time to start. We would love to welcome you all. If you'd like to know more, please contact: canonryvicar@gmail.com for more information or see our website: thecanonrybenefice.org.uk

We hope to welcome you soon.

