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

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Friday 27th November 2026 **Newsletter Term 2 Week 4**

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent/teacher meetings this week. I hope you found the session useful and found it beneficial to see what the children have been learning and their next steps.

Mr Churchill took some of our Falcons to Sir Roger Manwood's for a maths challenge on Tuesday afternoon. The children had to work in teams and competed against other local schools. They had to complete maths activities such as maths crosswords, shape problems and worded maths challenges. The children came 4th out of 15 – well done!

On Wednesday morning Mr Hayes took some of our Owls class to Polo Farm in Canterbury in one of our school minibuses. The children took part in different active learning tasks including maths, English and science. The children really enjoyed these activities – they particularly enjoyed the 'eat well relay' and had to run to get the food and sort into food groups. They learnt about the importance of sleep and exercise. Great life skills!

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher







Birthdays to celebrate

Robins

Robyn

Owls

Freddie

Hawks

Claudia

Falcons

Teddy



We still have a few spaces left in our school nursery. The portal for year R places opened on the 6th November. If you would like to arrange an individual tour, please give the school office a call on 01304 812539.

PTFA Update 27th November

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR SPECIAL!

The countdown to Christmas is on, and we're so excited to welcome everyone to our school Christmas Fair!

📅 **Friday 4th December**
⏰ **3:30pm – 5:30pm**
🎟️ **£1 per adult – Children go FREE!**

Join us for an afternoon packed with festive fun, Christmas magic, exciting activities, stalls, treats and, of course, a very special visit from the big man himself… SANTA! 🎅

Keep reading for all the details of what we have planned, including our very special Santa's Grotto experience.

We can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you all! ♡🎄

🎅 **SHH… THE BIG MAN IS COMING! SANTA'S GROTTO INFORMATION!** 🎄

We're so excited to welcome Santa to school on **Friday 4th December** for a magical Christmas experience!

Our grotto is now **SOLD OUT** and we thank you for this.

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

✨ **What's in store?**

- Make your own reindeer food
- Feed the Snowman and win a prize
- Christmas tattoos and colouring
- Write and give your letter to Santa
- Meet Santa and have a photo!
- Every child will also receive an age-appropriate book from Santa himself!

🎟️ **Grotto Time Slots**

Please arrive **15 minutes before your allocated time slot**. This will give you plenty of time to enjoy the other festive activities on offer and help us manage queues throughout the event.

🎫 **Children's Tickets**

Children's tickets must be collected from the table outside Mr Hart's room. Tickets will be stamped as the children make their way around the activities.

🎅 **A Little Christmas Patience!**

Please remember that although you have an allocated time slot to see Santa, there may still be a queue. We kindly ask everyone to be patient, relax and embrace the Christmas spirit!

We want everyone to enjoy a magical experience, so please sit back, enjoy the festive atmosphere and let us take care of the Christmas magic!

♡ Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to see you all!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE UPDATE! 🎄

All Christmas raffle ticket letters have now gone home!

Remember, tickets are just **50p each or £2.50 per book**, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:

🥇 Christmas Dinner Hamper for 6
🥈 Half Day Spa Experience
🥉 Family entry to Howletts Wild Animal Park
🎁 Plus lots more fantastic prizes!

If you would like any additional raffle tickets, please pop along and see **Karen in the school office**, who will be happy to help.

Don't forget, there's also a special prize for the class that sells the most tickets!

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support. Let's make this Christmas extra magical for our children!



Fledglings	Maddie for making such a confident start in Fledglfings Nursery.
Year R Wrens	Ellie for being really brave this week and for doing some lovely crafting in her choosing.
Year 1 Robins	Arthur b for always being a kind friend and for his super writing about our class story this week.
Year 2 Magpies	Ruby for making fantastic progress in her reading, developing her fluency and expression beautifully. She has confidently transferred these skills into her performance in the Nativity, where she has been absolutely fabulous. Well done Ruby!
Year 3 Owls	Arthur for always trying his best in his work and showing enthusiasm in the input to every lesson.
Year 4 Hawks	Rocco for his positive attitude and growth mindset towards his learning. Well done Rocco! You are increasingly using the working walls for vocabulary support and then applying this appropriately in your writing. Well done! Keep it up!
Year 5 Eagles	William for working hard on his reading and moving onto Accelerated Reader. Well done! Taylor-May for working hard on her reading and moving onto Accelerated Reader. Well done!

Year 6 Falcons	TBC



Week Ending **27/11/2026**	Eagles Class	98.46%

Dates for your diary

Monday 30th November	Year 4 to Deal Radio as part of their science topic
Thursday 3rd December	Year 3 to the Beanie Museum. Year 5 to Ash Heritage group as part of their Victorian topic
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair after school (in the school hall)
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 10th December	1.45pm EYFS nativity to parents (Fledglings and Wrens)
Wednesday 16th December	1.45pm KS1 nativity to parents (Robins and Magpies)
Thursday 17th December	End of term 2. i-rock concert in the school hall at 9.30am – parents/carers very welcome. Christmas service at the Church at 1.45pm. Parents/carers of year 6 children are very welcome. After school club will finish at 4.30pm.
Tuesday 5th January	Children back in school for term 3 and WOW day



St Nicholas Church, Ash

Thursdays in term time
10am to 11am
Starting on 5th November
Enjoy stories with puppets, snacks and play time.

With coffee and cake at our Welcome Space for parents afterwards

For more information, please visit our website thecanonrybenefice.org.uk