



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

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Friday 28th February 2025

Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and I hope you all had a great half term break. We have been straight back into our topic learning and year 3 enjoyed their trip to Samphire Hoe this week to finish their Stone Age learning. The focus of the visit was, 'How would you survive in Stone Age times?' They had to find food, shelter, and water. They went into a cave and found different ways of making fire – they all had a fantastic trip.

The children played in a football match against Wingham on Tuesday and won 4-1 – well done team Ash – they are now through to the semi-final of the Hall Cup.

A big thanks to the PTFA for funding some of our school improvement projects – year 5 now have a fantastic reading area, year R have new exploration tuff trays and we have new microbits for the children to use in science week. Much appreciated!

It was good to see so many of you at our parent/teacher meetings this week – I hope you found these useful.

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Week and will have various activities going on throughout the week. As usual, the children can wear their pyjamas on Thursday and bring in their favourite bear and book.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Lottie

Wrens

Kiah-Joe

Falcons

Margaret



For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be school starters in September 2025. The online portal is now closed – please give the school a ring if you have missed the deadline.



Online Safety Advice – NSPCC

Unfortunately, we are having issues out of school with children and social media. This takes up valuable teaching time in school to try and resolve these issues. New guidance aimed at protecting young people in the digital age, warns that children under the age of 13 should not be given smartphones. Research suggests that instead of smartphones with internet and social media access, primary school-aged children should be given devices that only allow calls and text messages. Social media access should be restricted for all children under the age of 13. This is guidance from the NSPCC:

- Enable access to devices with limited features - Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- Keep tech use visible in the home - Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- Follow age ratings – Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. Many popular apps are 13+ ie WhatsApp, snapchat and TikTok. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting [Common Sense Media's reviews](#).
- Use safety settings – Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- Revisit parental controls – as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your [parental controls](#). Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- Have regular safety conversations – at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit our [advice on talking to your child about online safety](#).
- Build healthy habits - agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

PTFA Update

CLASSLIST APP

This is really taking off and already proving a quick and easy way to keep up to date on PTFA events, ask questions and make payments. It's not too late to start using the APP if you haven't yet. Simply click here to get started <https://classlist.page.link/azyaaTujnURxusrd6>

You should all have received a letter about the app. The letter also contains a poster with info on the various features of Classlist, alongside a QR code that you can scan that will take you straight to downloading the app. One of the huge benefits of Classlist is that it allows you to make online payments for PTFA events (such as buying tickets) - something that we have had many requests for over the years! Our upcoming Choccy Woccy Raffle and Quiz are already on there to introduce you all to the online payment function... do make sure you've all signed up!

Thursday 6th March: Choccy Woccy Raffle

To celebrate World Book Day! Don't miss out on this fabulous event and chance to win a prize! Pre-order forms were sent home in school bags, or you can purchase via Classlist!

Saturday 8th March: PTFA Quiz Night Raising money towards an additional school minibus

Our Quiz nights are always a big hit and we are delighted to be bringing you another fun filled evening! See posters around the village and on the school facebook page. £5 per person. Quiz teams can be up to 8 people per table. Forms have gone out via Classlist or you can leave your payment and details at the school office. Get your tables booked ASAP to avoid disappointment! And start thinking of your team's name!

Tuesday 1st April: Springtime Stomp Disco

A chance to dance into Spring! Forms will go out via Classlist soon.

4th April: Tag Day

Children can come into school in their own clothes for a £1 donation

ABOUT THE PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of parents, teachers and friends of the school. All parents & carers are automatically members. We are charity reg. number 1042205. Read more on the school website <https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa>
All money raised goes back into the school to benefit the children.



Fledglings	Sofia for her beautiful bird paintings this week.
Year R Wrens	Isabella for working really hard during her adult-led activities and being creative during choosing.
Year 1 Robins	Tilly for being a super learner and a kind and helpful member of Robins Class.
Year 2 Magpies	Ruby for showing impressive dedication to the introduction of cursive handwriting and adding some great conjunctions into her sentences.
Year 3 Owls	Shanti for her amazing dedication to her work.
Year 4 Hawks	Eve for her fantastic effort in writing. Well done Eve-you are approaching writing tasks with a growth mindset to upskill, using ambitious vocabulary, improved sentence structure and beautiful handwriting. Excellent!
Year 5 Eagles	Hector for showing a much-improved, positive attitude to learning and embracing feedback. Keep it up!
Year 6 Falcons	Ruby for her positive attitude towards doing learning outside of school.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 28/02/2025	Eagles Class	100%
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Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd March	Book Week in school (World Book Day on Thursday 6 th March – children to wear pyjamas and bring in their favourite book and teddy)
Tuesday 4th March (am)	Year 4 to visit Ash village to compare habitats as part of their topic
Saturday 8th March	PTFA Quiz Night to raise funds for school minibus
Monday 10th March	Science/DT week – theme is Change and Adapt
Thursday 13th March	Year 6 to Dover Castle as part of WW2 topic
Thursday 20th March	Year 2 to Monkton Nature Reserve as part of their animals topic. Year 5 at the Beanie museum in Canterbury as part of their Anglo-Saxon topic
Thursday 27th March	i-rock concert for parents – 9.30 in school hall
Tuesday 1st April	PTFA Easter Disco
Friday 4th April	Easter Service at the Church at 1.45pm (parents of year 6 very welcome). End of term 4 and Tag Day
Wednesday 16th April	Parents to receive primary school offers for year R
Tuesday 22nd April	Children back in school for term 5 – Pirate workshop for Robins – more details to follow
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 23rd May	End of term 5 – TAG day
Monday 2nd June	Children back in school for term 6