

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 22 – 10th March 2025

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 11th

Year 1 Forest Schools
(AM)

Reception Forest
Schools (PM)

Brambletye Cross
Country Run (2.15pm to
4pm)

STEM Club (3.20pm to
4.30pm)

Wednesday 12th

Girls Football Matches
(3.25pm to 5.15pm)

Football Club (3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Karate Club (3.25pm to
4.25pm)

Thursday 13th

Falcons Forest Schools
(AM)

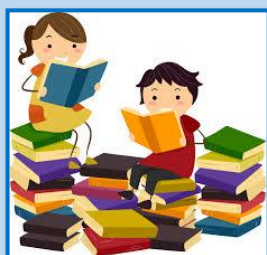
Kestrels Forest Schools
(PM)

Friday 14th

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Achievement Assembly
(3pm)

Board Games Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)



Child in Kestrel Class

I like reading
because it takes me
away into a new
world and makes all
my worried feelings
go away.

Happy World Book
Day!

Attendance this week: 95.77%

Attendance from September 2024: 94.20%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Sponsored Read

Please can we remind you that we are running a sponsored read until **Friday 14th March**. A sponsorship form is attached, but paper copies are available from the school office.

Please can you pay the sponsorship money to the PTFA online (link: <https://ashurst-wood-school-ptfa.sumup.link>). Please use the comments to record the name of the child that is being sponsored. There will be an Usborne sponsorship tab added. Alternatively, cash can be handed into the school office in an envelope marked 'Sponsorship Money – for the attention of the PTFA'. Please can all sponsorship money be donated soon after the **14th March**. Thank you.

Brambletye Cross Country Run (Y5/Y6) – Tuesday 11th March

The selected children will be walked to Brambletye School at **1.30pm** for this event. The boys' race is at 2.30pm and the girls' race is at 3pm/3.15pm. Parents are very warmly invited to stay and support this event. If you are unable to attend, please collect your child from Brambletye at **4pm**. There will be medals and presentations after the relays. For further details, please refer to the letter circulated on 5th March. **Please return all consent forms no later than Monday 10th March to allow your child to participate.**

Girls Football Matches – Wednesday 12th March

The girls football team will be playing in a series of matches commencing at 3.25pm. Please could all children be collected at **2.45pm** and be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club. The matches should be finished at **5.15pm** when the children should be collected. Please refer to the letter sent out on 5th March for further details. **Please return all consent forms no later than Monday 10th March to allow your child to participate.**

STEM Club

Please note that there will be no STEM club on **Tuesday 18th March** as Mrs Davis will be at a meeting. An extra session will be added after Easter on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign

The Eat Them to Defeat Them campaign starts on Monday 10th March. This campaign is the award-winning Veg Power campaign that encourages children to eat more vegetables. On Monday the children will be bringing home a 'mission pack' to encourage this and they will earn stickers in school for eating their vegetables whether they have a hot meal or a packed lunch. Please see attached.

Eco Food Waste Competition

As part of our planet protector challenges, the Eco Committee would like everyone to think about food waste. Are there are recipes or dishes you make using food that would otherwise go in the bin? If so, please send in pictures and recipes. The Eco Committee will choose the best ones to be put forward to a UK wide competition in which these recipes maybe made into a cookbook to buy! Please send any pictures and recipes and stories about the dishes you make into school by **24th March 2025**. Thank you from Mrs Purba and The Eco Committee.

Free Musical Workshop – Saturday 5th April

West Sussex Music is thrilled to offer a FREE creative music workshop for 8 to 11 year olds, or those in years 4 - 6, where children will have the opportunity to make music with members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) and an exclusive opportunity to watch the RPO in rehearsal the following day. This is being held on Saturday 5th April (10am to 12.30pm) at The Mill Primary Academy, RH11 0EL.

The [RPO](#) is a professional orchestra based in London that regularly performs at The Hawth in Crawley and is working in partnership with West Sussex Music to offer this free workshop. The creative music workshop, which runs from 10am to 12.30pm, is for locally based children who are interested in making music together. Any standard of player is welcome, and any instrument is welcome. No previous experience is required, it's about being creative, playing with some of the RPO's professional musicians, and having fun! For further information and details of how to sign up please click this [link](#) and complete the form.

Holiday Clubs and Events

Please find attached flyers on football clubs and other activities taking place over the Easter Holidays.

Meet your Member of Staff

Hi everyone, my name is Teresa Edwards and many of you already know me in the school. I have been associated with Ashurst Wood Primary School since September 2001, first as a parent when my eldest son Will started here in Reception.

I started working as a Midday Meal Supervisor in school when my youngest son Liam started here in 2007 and many years later, I am still here! I have seen a number of children come through the school over the years.

I love spending time walking my dog Maisie and I also look forward to spending time with my granddaughter who was born last July.



This week's top Doodlers

Doodle Maths: Hawkes (72% of pupils in the green zone)

Doodle Tables: Falcons year 4 (22% of pupils in the green zone)

Doodle English: Kestrels - Year 4 (44% of pupils in the green zone)

Doodle Spell: Falcons year 3 (25% of pupils in the green zone)

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Please deliver your bags to Pre-School by 8.45am on Friday 14th March.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Netball Matches – On Wednesday 5th March our netball team played against Blackwell Primary and Halsford Park. We are delighted to advise that we won both matches – 10-4 against Blackwell and 8-3 against Halsford Park. Our thanks are offered to: Ella; Evie Ozzie, Leo S, Wilfred, Sofia, Enza and Poppy for playing in these matches. Thanks, are also offered to Miss Sally Edwards for supervising the children at this event.

The Netball League has now come to an end, and we would like to congratulate all the children who have been part of our team this season. We came 4th overall out of the 8 teams participating. More importantly, the children have all improved considerably and developed their netball skills and very well done to all of them. Our thanks are offered to: Ella; Evie Ozzie, Leo S, Wilfred, Sofia, Enza, Poppy and Haven.



The Easter Hats are back!

As a school we used to have a tradition of KS1 and the pre-school making an Easter Bonnet at home and having an Easter Bonnet Parade (Y6 are the last year group to have taken part in this). We will be reestablishing this tradition this year.

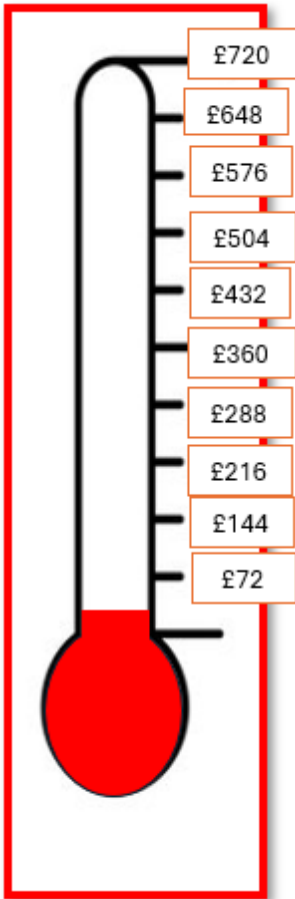
On **Wednesday 2nd April**, please send your KS1 child in with a decorated Easter Bonnet/hat. We will then join the pre-school to parade along School Lane (weather permitting). The children will also need their Easter Bonnet/hats the next day on **Thursday 3rd April** to wear to the church for an Easter Service at 1pm.

On **Wednesday 2nd April**, we will be running an Easter Cake competition with a prize for the winning cakes. These cakes will then be sold after school to raise money for the school library project.

KS2 Easter Service will be at 2pm on **Thursday 3rd April**.

We will need help to walk the children to and from the church and all helpers are welcome to stay. Thank you.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special time of year together.



School Library Project

As you are aware we are hoping to redevelop the school library and main corridor. This is a big project and our amazing PTFA have been busy applying for grants to support this. There are some large items that we are fundraising for but also some smaller ones. The first items we would like to raise funds to purchase are two book trolleys. These are £360 each and so we need to raise £720.

The following events will go towards this goal.

- Refreshments at the Fashion show
- Refreshments at the Star books Café
- Individual Donations
- Wonka Bar Sale



World Book Day

We have had a wonderful week in school with all our World Book Day activities, culminating in the children and adults dressing up on Thursday – they all looked so wonderful!

