



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter – Week 2

14th September 2026

Our vision is for everyone to have a love of life, a love of learning and a love of people.

Be curious Be Resilient Be Compassionate Be Respectful Be Ready Be Safe

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Attendance this week: **95.20%**

Attendance from September 2026: **93.94%**

Monday 14th

PGL Parents
Meeting for Ospreys
at 3.30pm

Tuesday 15th

Y4 Forest schools
(PM)
Netball Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 16th

Y1/Y2 Forest
Schools (PM)
Karate Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Thursday 17th

Reception Forest
Schools (PM)
Football Club
(3.20pm to
4.20pm)
Sackville Open
Evening for Y5/Y6
parents
(5.30pm to
8.30pm)

Friday 18th

Achievement
Assembly (3pm)
Reception New
Parents Picnic
(3.20pm to 4pm)

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. Thank you for taking the time to come along and meet with your child's teacher. We hope that these meetings have provided all the information you need to help your child settle successfully into their new class and routines. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

During these meetings, we were delighted to launch our new Reading Challenge, which begins from the summer term of Reception. The children are already very excited about the books they will be reading and the rewards they can work towards.

Over the next week, children will be bringing home their Reading Challenge Passports. If you would like to keep these special, please feel free to cover them with clear plastic. The passports will travel through the school with your child and become a lovely record of their reading journey.

The children will also begin bringing home copies of the challenge books. The complete reading is attached to this newsletter. Please ensure that books are returned to school once they have been read, as we only have three copies of each title available. This will help us ensure that all children have the opportunity to enjoy the books as part of the challenge.

We would also like to say how impressed we have been with our new school uniform. The children look incredibly smart and, just as importantly, they are comfortable and able to be active and enjoy their playtimes.

A gentle reminder about our uniform expectations:

- Black socks only, with no visible logos. We have noticed a few Nike socks, which are best saved for weekends.
- Black waterproof trainers or trainer-style school shoes should be worn. - We appreciate that some children may still be wearing older footwear. Please replace these with the approved style once they have been worn out.
- Cycle shorts are not permitted.
- Please ensure that all skorts, shorts, trousers and leggings are dark navy with no visible logos.
- Please can you label all clothing. Any un-labelled clothes will be put into lost property.

Thank you for your continued support. The children are wearing their new uniform with great pride, and it is wonderful to see them looking so smart and ready for learning.

Polite Reminders & Notices

PGL Parents Meeting

Just a polite reminder that our **final PGL parents' meeting** will take place on **Monday 14th September at 3:30pm**. During the meeting, we will discuss the arrangements for the trip, including **staffing, the itinerary and the kit list**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a full copy of the itinerary and relevant information will be sent home with your child.

We would also like to remind families that **PGL consent forms must be returned no later than Monday 14th September**. Please also ensure that **all outstanding payments are made by 30th September**. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Forest Schools

Just a polite reminder that our Forest School sessions commence this coming week. Please ensure that your children come to school ready for their forest school session. There will be no sessions for Year 5/6 this term.

New Reception Parents Picnic – Friday 18th September

We look forward to welcoming Reception families to our New Parents Picnic taking place on **Friday 18th September** between **3.20pm and 4pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new parents; spend time in the classroom and explore the learning environment. Please bring a small packed snack for you and your child in line with our Allergy Policy. We will provide juice and water. We look forward to welcoming you.

Parents Forum Meetings for this Academic Year

We are pleased to announce that our **Parent Forum meetings** will be taking place throughout the school year. The Parent Forum is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to share ideas, ask questions and provide feedback, helping us to continue to develop and improve our school community. We are currently looking for **parent representatives from each year group** to help ensure that the views and experiences of families across the school are represented.

Being a parent representative is a great way to get involved and make a positive contribution to school life. **It does not have to be the same parent each time** – parents and carers are welcome to take on the role in turns, making it a flexible commitment that can work around family life. **If you would be interested in becoming a parent representative for your child's year group, please let us know**. We would love to hear from you and look forward to working together to strengthen the partnership between our school and families.

The dates of the meetings (which all commence at 9am) are: **23rd October; 11th December; 12th February; 19th March; 28th May and 9th July**.

Staff Car Park

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers **not to park in the staff car park during drop-off and collection times**. Our staff may need to arrive or leave the school site during these times to attend meetings or other commitments. Keeping the staff car park clear helps to ensure that they can access the site safely and without delay. Thank you.