



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter (Week 14)

15th December 2025

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15th

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th

KS1 Nativity for Owls Class Families (2pm)
KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church (6pm)
KS2 children to arrive at 5.45pm

Thursday 18th

KS1 Nativity for Hawk Class Families (2pm)

Friday 19th

End of Term – **1.30pm** finish

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Attendance this week: 95.14%
Attendance from September 2025: 97.10%

Thank you for all your support in improving our attendance and reducing the number of lost learning days.



What a wonderfully festive and busy week we've had! Last Friday's Decoration Afternoon was a sparkling start to the season - thank you to everyone who joined us to make the school look magical.

On Tuesday, Year 6 wowed the Lunch Club with their singing, a real credit to the school and such a joy to see the older community tapping along.

Wednesday brought the Rock Steady concert, and what a show it was - full of energy, music, and smiles!

We rounded off the week with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, with so many fabulous jumpers raising money for a great cause.

A huge thank you to everyone for making this week merry and bright!



Polite Reminders and Notices

KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December

The **KS1** Nativity is taking place on **Wednesday 17th December** for Owl Class families and on **Thursday 18th December** for Hawk Class families, although there is some flexibility on this. Both nativities start at **2pm**.

KS2 Carol Service – Wednesday 17th December

We look forward to welcoming all our families to a traditional evening of Carols on **Wednesday 17th December** at **6pm**. This is being held at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row. Please do come along and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. The PTFA will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of their amazing festive hampers. Please could the **KS2** children arrive by **5.45pm**.

School Photos

Just a polite reminder to order your children's individual/sibling photographs by **Monday 15th December** when the office will be emailing out the digital photographs via the MCAS App/email. Each photograph is **£5.00**.

End of Term – Friday 19th December

School finishes at **1.30pm** for the Christmas holidays.

Chartwells 'Back to School' Menu – Monday 5th January

The school will be on a 'back to school' menu on **Monday 5th January**; if you have already booked a lunch, you will need to reorder for the first day back. Thank you.

Achievements

On Wednesday 3rd December, ten of our Year 5 children undertook the Sports Leadership Training (CREW training) at Imberhorne Upper School to become sports leaders to assist in developing ideas for lunchtime clubs and becoming more involved in organising and leading sports activities within the school. Congratulations are offered to: Jacob, Jayden, Florence, Holly, Ellie, Marnie, Isabelle, Vienna, Benji and Vivienne.

Week 14- Brain Coral- polystyrene stuck onto thick Amazon packing paper

Make a ball shape out of packing paper then glue your pieces on and paint a bright colour. You could use tissue or other crafts to go around the edge.



Bored over the Christmas holiday? You now have 14 different crafts you could make to pass the time and support the children in their summer performance. All the crafts are available in the past newsletters on the school web site.

Happy crafting

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Year 5 75%

Doodle English Year 5 69%

Doodle Tables Year 5 19%

Doodle Spell Year 3&4 16%

We hope you
are enjoying
the Doodle
Advent
Calander



Celebrating Compassion and Community



We are incredibly proud of our children and the compassion they have shown throughout this busy term. Their amazing fundraising efforts have not only supported important causes but also highlighted their kindness and sense of responsibility. This spirit of care has been evident in their daily interactions around school, as well as when representing us at outside events and through their involvement in the JOY Project.

What makes us most proud is hearing the children themselves reflect on their experiences. One pupil shared, *"It felt good to help others and know we made a difference."* Another said, *"When you go to JOY it gives you sparks of happiness. It makes the old people happy and they know we care."* These words capture the heart of what we see every day - enthusiasm, generosity, and teamwork shining through.

Their actions remind us that learning is not just about knowledge, but about building character and community. We could not be prouder of the way they continue to make a positive difference both within our school and in the wider world.



£99.27 raised



BBC

Children
in Need

£74.00 raised

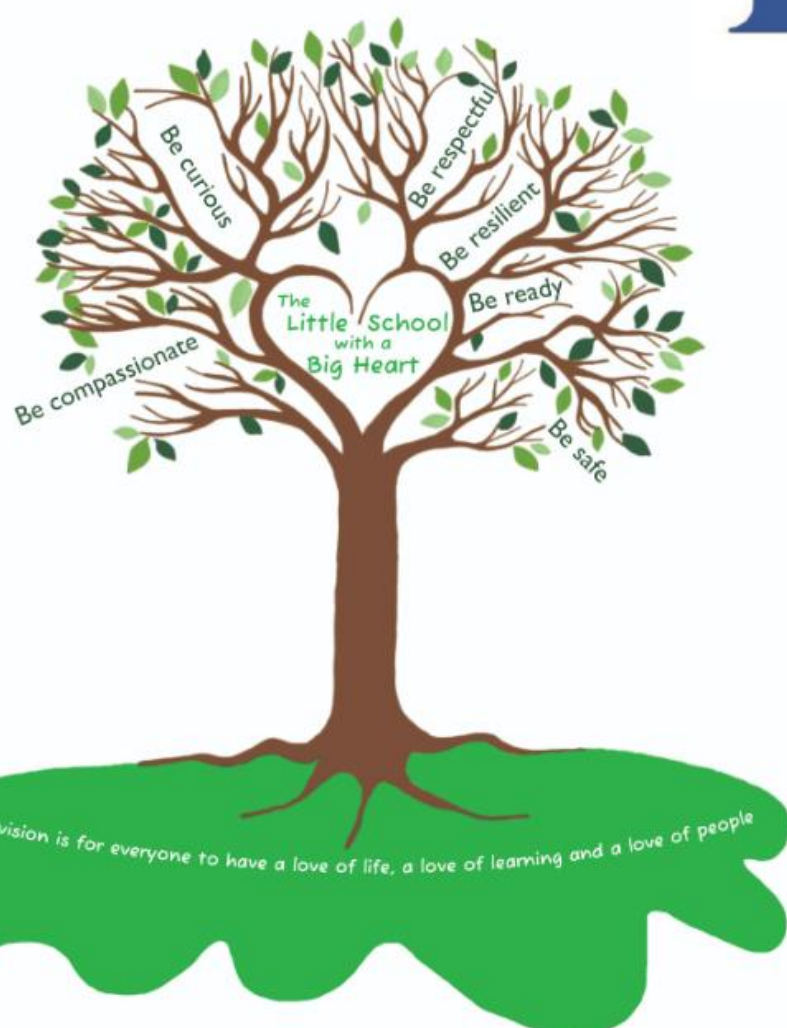


Dogs for
Autism

£93.16 raised



£121.05 raised





THIS YEAR’S KEY DATES!

To help with organisation, below you will find key whole school dates for this term and outline dates for the remainder of the year to enable you to book time off to attend school events if you wish to do so. More details of specific events will be sent out closer to the time. If an event is in red it requires adult participation! There are more activities planned including PTFA events, but these are the key ones which need families to dedicate time to attend.

January 2026

Monday 5th January -
First day of term

Friday 23rd January –
Non Uniform PJ Day

Wednesday 28th January – Parent
Workshop ‘My Digital
Child’ (2.30pm)

February 2026

**Monday 9th – Friday
13th February**
Arts Week

**Monday 16th – Friday
20th February**
Half term

Friday 27th February –
Art Exhibition

Friday 13th February
Non Uniform Day

March 2026

**Thursday 5th March World Book
Day** (Not a dressing up year)

Friday 6th March
Cookie Sale

Wednesday 11th March – Parent
Workshop ‘Healthy Friendships &
Relationships (2.30pm)

**Week commencing 16th March –
Parent Consultations**

Wednesday 18th March
2pm Rock Steady Concert

**Monday 23rd March - Easter
Bonett Parade (Reception)**

Easter Cake Competition (KS2)

**Tuesday 24th March - Easter
Service @ ST Dunstons. KS1 1pm
/ KS2 2pm**

**Thursday 26th March last day of
term (1.30pm finish) - Easter
Egg Hunt**

Friday 27th March – Inset Day

SUMMER 2026

Monday 13th April Term starts

Monday 13th – Friday 17th April Science Week

Friday 24th April
Non Uniform Day

Wednesday 20th April – Parent Workshop ‘Supporting my
Child to Emotionally Regulate’

Friday 8th May
Brownie Sale

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
Y6 SATs week

Saturday 16th May
Crazy Golf Day

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May – Enrichment Week

Monday 1st – Friday 5th June
Y4 Multiplication tests

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
Y1 Phonics screening

Friday 5th June
Rock paper Scissors Day

Friday 12th June
Non Uniform Day

Friday 19th June Sports Day
Friday 26th June Reserve Sports Day

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 25th June Movie Night

Friday 26th June Donut Sale

**Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July Sackville Y6 transition
days (TBC)**

Monday 6th July week SHOW Week

Wednesday 15th July
2pm Rock Steady Concert

Monday 20th July Last Day of term

Upcoming Parent Workshop
Wednesday 28th January
(2.30pm)
‘My Digital Child’

*Run by Paula Betsworth,
Early Help and Mrs Blake-
Hatton*

*A sign-up sheet will be
placed in the School
Reception from January
2026*