



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter Week 1

15th September 2025

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 17th September
Osprey Class Meet the teachers - 3.30 – 4.30

Friday 19th September
Jeans for Genes Day
Achievement Assembly – 3pm



We have a photo book of the Lion King available to order from next week on MCAS. The cost is £10. If you would like to have a look at the book before you place an order, please ask at the school office.

Dear Families

We're delighted to share that the new school term has begun with great energy, excitement, and positivity!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Reception Children

This week, we've had the joy of welcoming our newest Reception pupils. They've settled in beautifully, exploring their classroom, making new friends, and beginning their learning journeys with smiles and curiosity. A big thank you to all families for helping make their transition so smooth!

First Charity Event of the Term – Jeans for Genes Day! (19th September)

We're kicking off our charitable efforts this Friday with *Jeans for Genes Day*. Children are invited to wear their jeans or joggers (as we are aware that many children do not wear jeans), to school and bring a small donation (£1 - £2) to support children affected by genetic conditions. It's a fun and meaningful way to raise awareness and make a difference. Children can wear home clothes on top as well, not just jeans.

Planned Power Cut

We have been notified that there is planned work to the power system on Tuesday 16th September. Power will be cut from 1pm to 4pm. We have arranged for a generator to be installed to the school power system so that we do not have to close the school. Should there be any change to this arrangement we will let you know as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to a term filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance this week: 99.68%
Attendance from September 2025: 99.68%

Top Doodlers

Doodle Math's: Osprey – Year 5 and 6 (88% of pupils in the green zone)
Doodle Tables: Osprey – Year 5 and 6 (15% of pupils in the green zone)
Doodle English: Year 5 and 6 (32% of pupils in the green zone)
Doodle Spell: Falcons Year 3 and 4 (15% of pupils in the green zone)

Polite Reminders & Notices

Grapes in Lunchboxes (Action Required)

Due to past cases in other schools of children choking on grapes; please can we ask parents/carers to cut grapes in half, lengthways, to avoid choking. Chartwell's have a policy to cut grapes lengthways if they are provided as part of the school lunch. Thank you, we would appreciate your support with these procedures to avert a potential risk.

Car Park (Action Required)

We would like to ask that no one walks across the car park to get into school, unless the gate is locked. Please use the path and the gate to enter the school. It is a small car park and there have been near misses in the past. We would like to eliminate the risk of children or parents being hurt. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

On **Wednesday 22nd October** at 2.15 we are hosting a Parent workshop

"supporting my child with their worries"

Come and join us for an informative session with practical ideas.





Summer Performance Weekly Crafts

In order to prepare, below is the full list of resources that will need over the next 6 months if you wanted to join in with every craft on the list, we thought advance notice would help so that you can keep an eye out for supplies, save things in advance, recycle, look out for or buy if you would like to.

You will need

Bright coloured paints of any kind	Tiny white ketchup paper cups	Garden sticks	Colourful spray paint
Wooden kitchen skewers or sticks	Polystyrene packing peanuts	Colourful craft papers	Mesh - Fabric
Colourful pipe cleaners	Garden Wire	Colourful craft card	Glue
Cotton Buds	Coffee filters	Spindly twigs from the garden	Cocktail sticks
Polystyrene balls or just chunks of foam	Dye, ink, food colouring or water paint	Bright coloured Felt, stuffing, needle and thread	Colourful pool noodles
Colourful cupcake cases	Plastic bottle tops and colourful plastic bottles	Thick Amazon packing paper	Small Paper cups
Colourful Tissue paper	Toilet /Kitchen rolls, wrapping paper tubes	Colourful plastic drink bottles	Colourful plastic straws
Shower puff/ louffer/ frilly scrubby things in bright colours	Egg cartons	Any other resources you think will work	Most items can be purchased cheaply online

WEEK 2 – Frilly Coral

Stick colourful cup Cake paper cases to a stick, ball or just each other.

If you only have white paper cases, you could colour them in.



Join Our School Lottery – Raise Money the Fun Way & Win Big!

We’re inviting all parents, carers, and friends of the school to join our **School Lottery** through Your School Lottery. It’s a fun and easy way to support our school while being in with a chance to win exciting prizes!

Why sign up?

- **70%** of every ticket goes directly back to our school community – helping fund valuable resources and activities
- Weekly cash prizes, including a national jackpot of £25,000
- One of our parents is guaranteed to win a prize every week
- **Special this month: a chance to win a £1,000 Aldi gift card!**
- **Refer a Friend** – for every person who signs up using your unique referral link, you’ll BOTH get an entry into an exclusive **£200 prize draw!**

Join your school community today and raise money the fun way! Signing up is quick and easy – just visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for our school.

Thank you for your continued support – together we can make a real difference!

Please follow us on Instagram

Enter our **Super Draw**

Win a **£1,000 Aldi Gift Card**

OR **£1,000 CASH PRIZE**



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 our 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.

SEPTEMBER

Meet the teacher meetings

Wednesday 10th September
Owl Class – 3.30 – 4.15
Hawk Class – 4.15 – 5.00
Thursday 11th September
Falcon Class – 3.30 – 4.15
Wednesday 17th September
Osprey Class - 3.30 – 4.30

Friday 19th Jeans for Genes Day



OCTOBER

Thursday 9th Break the rules day
Friday 10th INSET Day

Friday 17th STAR BOOKS Café *This event is for all families. Come and join us at the Star Books café and enjoy sharing books with your child, meeting the other parents and enjoying a cup of tea and a biscuit. **CAKE SALE** after school*

Harvest Festival
Tuesday 14th October 2.30pm @ St Dunstons

Monday 20th – Friday 24th
Year 6 at PGL

Saturday 25th
Village Bonfire Night

Monday 27th
HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November *Please join us at St Dunstan's Church at 10.30am for a short service followed by remembrance at the village memorial.*

Friday 21st Children in Need *The children on the school council will be planning fundraising events for this day.*

Children have a pantomime (In school time)

24th – 28th Parliament Week

Friday 28th Non-Uniform Day for a hamper donation

DECEMBER

Friday 5th Decoration afternoon
Book the afternoon to spend making Christmas decorations with your child. All family members are welcome. Then enjoy a drink and a cake in the hall at the Christmas Café while the children entertain you.

Friday 12th Christmas Jumper day
Elfdridges pm

Saturday 13th Christmas Crafts Day

Wednesday 17th **KS1 Nativity OWL Class**
Thursday 18th **KS1 Nativity HAWK CLASS (Afternoons)**

We designate one day for each class but there is some flexibility if needed.

KS2 Carol Service (evening) **KS2** Carol Service - Tuesday 17th December at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row. *Start the Christmas season with this traditional evening and enjoy a mulled wine and mince pie. The event is open to all families and the community to attend.*

Friday 19th Last day of term

SPRING 2026

Monday 5th First day of term

Friday 23rd January – Non Uniform PJ Day

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

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

Friday 6th March Cookie Sale

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 – 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

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 (TBC)

Monday 20th July Last Day of term