



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

16th March 2026 (Week 24)

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

Monday 16th

Parents Evening – all classes
No Board Games Club this week (new dates added)

Tuesday 17th

Year 1 Forest School (PM)

Wednesday 18th

Y3/Y4 Hockey Festival (9.45am to 11.30am)
Y5/6 Hockey Competition 12.45pm to 3pm)
Rocksteady Music Concert (2.30pm)
Reception Forest Schools (PM)
Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

Thursday 19th

Y6 Forest Schools (PM)
Y6 SATS Club (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Friday 20th

Y3 Forest Schools (PM)
Achievement Assembly (3pm)
Netball Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Attendance this week: 97.29% 😊

Attendance from September 2025: 96.88%

Dear Families,

As we head toward the last few weeks of term, it has been a busy and exciting time for us.

We were delighted to welcome Luke Bohanna from HET back into school for another engaging dance workshop with the boys in Falcon Class. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and took part with great enthusiasm. We hope to persuade Luke to return for further workshops in the future.

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of children to the Brambletye Cross Country Race. Although we did not place this time, the children displayed outstanding sportsmanship and represented the school brilliantly. We are very proud of them.

Details of our upcoming Easter celebrations can be found on the next page. We look forward to sharing these special activities with the whole school community. Planning is also well underway for the trips and activities scheduled during Curriculum Enrichment Week in May.

Parent Consultations will be taking place next week, and we look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, some of you may already have noticed — our warm congratulations go to Mrs Pitcaithly, who is expecting a baby this summer. She is hoping to see the term out with Ospreys, and we wish her all the very best during this exciting time.



Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Year 6: 50%
Doodle Tables Year 6: 13%

Doodle English Year 5: 35%
Doodle Spell Year 6: 6%

Polite Reminders and Notices

Y3/Y4 Hockey Festival – Wednesday 18th March

Please can the selected children be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club from school at **9.30am** for the above event, where Mrs Ali-Hazell and Mrs Tjong will meet the children. The event finishes at **11.30am** when the children should be collected and returned to school for lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 9th March for further details. Please could all consent be with the office no later than Monday 16th March – thank you.

Y5/Y6 Hockey Competition – Wednesday 18th March

Please can the selected children be transported at **12.30pm** to the East Grinstead Sports Club, where Miss Bizios will meet them. The event finishes at **3pm** when the children should be collected. The children will require a packed lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 9th March for further details. Please could all consent be with the office no later than Monday 16th March – thank you.

Rocksteady Music Concert – Wednesday 18th March

We would like to extend a warm welcome to families of children who have Rocksteady Music lessons to their spring concert taking place on **Wednesday 18th March** at **2.30pm**.

Parents Evenings – Monday 16th March & Wednesday 18th March

These will be taking place after-school on **Monday 16th** and **Wednesday 18th March** and we would like to encourage you to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Timings are available in the School Reception area. If your child is on the SEN register you will have received an invite to attend a meeting, so there is no need for an additional appointment.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents that we have children in school with severe nut allergies and foods containing nuts **must not** be brought into school. We do have a 'no nuts' school policy.

Chartwells 'Back to School' Menu– Monday 13th April

The school will be on a 'back to school' menu on **Monday 13th April** (jacket potato with choice of toppings). Chartwells have asked us to advise that parents will need to re-order for the first day back. Thank you.

Easter Events

Monday 23rd March

Easter Bonnet Parade for Owl Class Children

Please send your child to school with a decorated bonnet or hat. At **9am**, the children, together with the preschool, will walk up and down School Lane to welcome the Easter season and show off their wonderful hats to the village.

Easter Cake Competition for Y2 to Y6 Children

There will be three prizes up for grabs, with the cakes being sold off at the end of the day to raise funds for the school. Please bring in your creations on the morning of **Monday 23rd March** for judging.

Tuesday 24th March

Easter Services at St Dunstan's Church

We will be holding two Easter Services:

KS1 at 1.00pm

(Owls Class need to wear their Easter Hats)

KS2 at 2.00pm

All parents are warmly welcome. We will also need help walking to and from the Church, so please let us know if you are able to support.

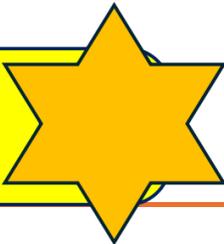
Thursday 26th March

On the last day of term. Our amazing PTFA will be organising a whole-school **Easter Egg Hunt**, which is always a highlight for the children before we break for the holidays at **1.30pm**.





ACHIEVEMENTS



Brambletye Cross Country Run

On Tuesday 10th March, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the Brambletye Cross Country Run, competing against Brambletye and other local schools. Although our teams did not get a place, the children demonstrated outstanding determination and supported one another throughout the event. We extend our thanks to Mrs Hobby and to the parents who attended and offered their support. Congratulations are offered to Florence; Isabelle; Haven; Sofia; Ayaan; Brian; Leo and Max.

Football Matches

Report by Max and Callum: "On Wednesday, Max; Callum; Harry; Leo; Jacob; Benji; Josh; William; Jayden; Sammy and Ayaan played at East Grinstead Sports Club. In our first game we sadly lost against the Meads 3-0, then we played St Mary's and lost 2-1. However these were our warm up games! In the last game, the mighty Ashurst Wood won 2-1 against St Peter's, with Max scoring 2 amazing goals to put us in the lead and when the final whistle blew we all started screaming we won!"

Report by Isabelle. "On Wednesday Vivienne, Isabelle, Holly, Haven, Poppy, Ida, Vienna and Penelope played against The Meads in our first game. In the first half we won 1-0 and in the second half we scored another goal, we thought it would not count but it did! In the second match we kept up the good teamwork and went on to score 1 goal in the first half. In the second half we played very well even with one injury and we still went on to score another goal. We played amazing for the last game of the season. Well done to all of the team. WE WON!

As the football season has draws to a close, we would like to extend a massive thank you to all the children in both teams. You have all played extremely well, working and supporting one another as a team. We are extremely proud of you.

We congratulate all the children who have represented our school this season: Max, Callum, Benji, Harry, Joshua, Jayden, Leo, Archie William, Jacob, Samuel, Ayaan, Florence, Vivienne, Isabelle, Holly, Haven, Sofia, Poppy, Ida, Vienna and Penelope.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Pitcaithly, Mr Gowers, Mrs Davis and Mrs Purba for supervising the children at these matches during the course of the season and give a massive thank you to Mrs Shuttleworth, Mr Curtis and all the other parents who have also helped, transported and supported the children.



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.

March 2026

- Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th March**
Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 18th March**
2.30pm Rock Steady Concert
- Monday 23rd March - Easter Bonnet Parade (Owls Class)**
- Easter Cake Competition (Y2 to Y6)
- 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**

April 2026

- Monday 13th April** Term starts
- Monday 13th – Friday 17th April**
- Science Week
- Friday 17th April**
Kapla Club for whole school (funded by PTFA)
- Monday 20th April**
Y6 to House of Parliament
- Friday 24th April**
Non Uniform Day
- Wednesday 29th April – Parent Workshop 'Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate'**

May 2026

- Monday 4th May**
May Day Bank Holiday
- 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 25th to Friday 29th May** - Half Term

June/July 2026

- Monday 1st – Friday 5th June**
Y4 Multiplication tests
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th June**
Y1 Phonics screening
- Friday 5th June**
Rock paper Scissors Day
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th June**
Y6 Bikeability
- Friday 12th June**
Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June Sports Day**
Friday 26th June Reserve Sports Day
- 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**
- Tuesday 14th July**
Y6 Leavers Treat
- Wednesday 15th July**
2pm Rock Steady Concert
- Thursday 16th July @ 2.45pm**
Leavers assembly Y6 parents and families only
(Please note change of date from 17th)
- Monday 20th July Last Day of term**



[Link to School Lottery](#)

School Lottery
Support our amazing school *and* be in with a chance to win this month's exciting Super Draw prize—a home robot bundle! We currently have just 10 supporters, so we'd love your help to boost that number. Every ticket sold helps fund extras that make a big difference to our children, from new library books to sensory and play resources. **Please spread the word to family and friends—every ticket helps, and every supporter counts!**