

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 23 – 17th March 2025

Attendance this week: 94.95% 🙄

Attendance from September 2024: 94.23%

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18th

Year 1 Forest Schools
(AM)

Reception Forest
Schools (PM)

Y6 SATS Club (3.30pm
to 4.30pm)

No STEM Club this week

Wednesday 19th

Inset Day - School
Closed

Thursday 20th

Falcons Forest Schools
(AM)

Kestrels Forest Schools
(PM)

Friday 21st

Pyjama Day (see last
page of newsletter for
details).



1.30-3.00 - If any adults
are able to come and
help finish the willow
structure we will be
weaving and securing it
into place. Thank you

Achievement Assembly
(3pm)

Board Games Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Please follow us
on Instagram



Polite Reminders & Notices

Book Fair & Sponsored Book Read

Our sponsored read comes to an end on **Friday 14th March**, and we would be grateful for all sponsorship money to be donated as soon as possible. This can be paid 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'.

Thank you to all the families who have purchased from our book fair. Current sales total £205 which is a great start and has already earned 10% free books for our school. If it goes to £300, that's 30%, £600 is 60%. The last opportunity to purchase online through our book fair is **11pm on Friday 14th March**. You can browse the full collection and order using the link below.

<https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=a36802e49dc03f3884f8a09cae51e14f>

STEM Club – Tuesday 18th March

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.

Inset Day – Wednesday 19th March

Just a polite reminder that it is Inset Day on **Wednesday 19th March** and school will be closed to pupils.

Chartwells Back to School Menu – Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd April

Chartwells have asked us to advise that on the first **two** days back after Easter (**Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd April**) we will be on a 'back to school' menu. If you have already ordered meals for these days, please can you log back into ParentPay and reorder. This is because our delivery dates are Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a Tuesday delivery is not possible. Thank you.

Eco Food Waste Competition

As part of our planet protector challenges, the Eco Committee would like everyone to think about food waste. Are there any 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.

West Sussex Music Holiday Activities

This Easter, West Sussex Music have a range of musical activities with both paid places and **free HAF funded places** for children receiving free school meals available. For further details and to book, please click [here](#) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Places are first come, first served. Please see attached flyer.

Sleep Workshop

Early Help are running a sleep workshop on **Wednesday 2nd April** at Turners Hill School. This is open to all parents, but they would appreciate numbers. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please let us know via the school office. Please be aware that there is no parking around the school and so you will need to park in the Ark or St Leonard's Church. Please be at the workshop between **2.00pm-2.25pm** for a prompt start.

Meet your Member of Staff

Hi, I am Lorna Tjong, and I have worked at Ashurst Wood Primary since 2015. I left briefly for one year but missed the school so much I came back.

I have worked in KS1 and KS2 and enjoy working with all different age groups.

I have worked in education for over 21 years, previously working as an Exhibition Coordinator for City & Guilds and BTEC.

I have lived in two other countries – when I was a teenager, I lived in Israel and later on in life I lived in Hong Kong.

I have twin boys who are 27 and a gorgeous dog (my boys are gorgeous too 😊).

I love spending time with my family, going on dog walks and watching football.



This week's top Doodlers

Doodle Maths: Kestrels - Year 5 (65% of pupils in the green zone)

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

Doodle English: Kestrels - Year 5 (45% of pupils in the green zone)

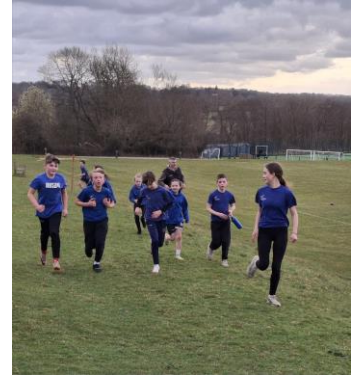
Doodle Spell: Falcons year 3 (38% of pupils in the green zone)

Owls Class Assembly
Monday 24th March 2025
At 2.45pm
Owls class families' welcome

ACHIEVEMENTS

Brambletye Cross Country Race

On Tuesday 11th March two teams of Y5/Y6 girls and boys took part in the Brambletye Cross Country Race. We are delighted to advise that the girls team came 2nd winning medals and although the boys' team wasn't placed, all the children ran incredibly well and were a credit to our school. Max also won a special medal for his determination and sportsmanship. Our congratulations and thanks are offered to Ellie, Evie, Ida, Sofia, Ben, Theo, Max and Leo S.



Girls Football Matches

On Wednesday 12th March, our girls football team played in a series of matches. Our first match was against Blackwell and we won 2-1. The second match was against Copthorne and although we tried our very best, we lost 2-0. We ended the day playing against the Meads and we had our big win scoring 4-0. This report was written by Poppy, Ellie and Sofia.

We would also like to add our congratulations and thanks to all the children who took part in these matches: Evie; Ella; Iris; Poppy; Delilah; Amira; Elfie; Sofia; Ida and Ellie

The football season has now come to an end, and we hope to report our placings in the league shortly. Well done to both our teams!



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.

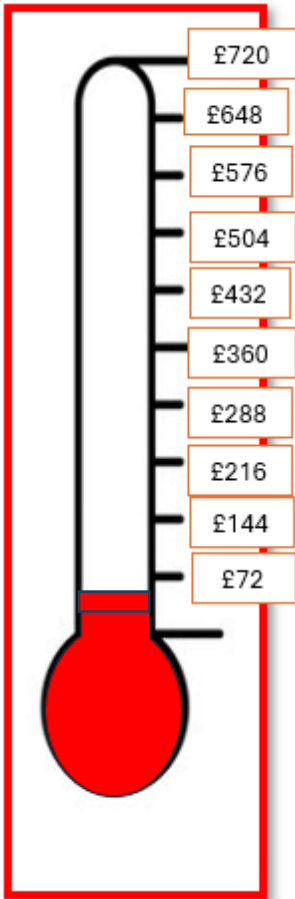
On **Wednesday 2nd April**, please send your KS1 child in with a decorated Easter Bonnet/hat. We will then join the pre-school to parade along School Lane (weather permitting). The children will also need their Easter Bonnet/hats the next day on **Thursday 3rd April** to wear to the church for an Easter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



PLEASE HELP VIENNA FUND HER HERO ARM



As a school and a close-knit community, we would like to support Vienna (Year 4 in Kestrel Class) fund her 'Hero Arm'.

We asked Vienna what she would like to do, and she said she would very much like a Pyjama Day. Therefore, please could all the children come to school wearing their PJ's.

Pyjama Day, to help raise funds for Vienna's Hero Arm, will be held on **Friday 21st March**, for a suggested donation of £2.00 which will be collected on the gate.

There is also a 'Go Fund Me' page should families wish to contribute to a cause very close to our heart. The link is below: -

<https://gofund.me/6df322a6>

