



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

20th April 2026 (Week 27)

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 20th

Y6 visit to The Houses of Parliament
Board Games Club – **last session** (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
TAG Rugby Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Tuesday 21st

Y5 Forest Schools (PM)
STEM Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
Drama/Singing Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Wednesday 22nd

Reception Forest Schools (PM)
Karate Club (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

Thursday 23rd

Year 4 Forest Schools (PM)
Y6 SATs Club (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Friday 24th

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

Year 2 Forest Schools (PM)
Achievement Assembly (3pm)

Attendance this week: 97.43% 😊

Attendance from September 2025: 96.76%

Dear Families,

We have had an amazing first week back, celebrating Science Week!

On Monday, the children took part in a Kapla workshop, where they were completely engrossed in designing and building some truly fantastic structures. Wednesday brought an exciting astronomy talk, exploring the recent visit to the moon and sparking curiosity and wonder across the school.

On Thursday, Sublime Science wowed the children with hands-on activities including making slime, launching rockets and carrying out other exciting experiments. With a science activity every day, the children have been absolutely buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement all week!

A huge thank you to the PTFA who have funded the special visitors this week.





Polite Reminders and Notices

School Clubs

School clubs will commence from **Monday 20th April** until **Friday 3rd July**. The club letter and schedule was circulated earlier this week. Registration opens up on MCAS at **10am** on **Saturday 18th April**. There is one last session of Board Games club on Monday 20th April to make up for a session cancelled in March.

Year 6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament

This visit is taking place on **Monday 20th April**. Please could the children be transported directly to East Grinstead Train Station promptly for **9.15am** where Mrs Hobby and Miss Walker will meet the children. The group will be boarding the 9.36am train and unfortunately due to our allocated time slot at the Houses of Parliament, they will be unable to wait for late comers. The children need to wear school uniform and sensible shoes. They will also require a waterproof jacket and/or sun cream/hat depending upon the weather. The children will also need to be provided with a packed lunch.

The group are expecting to be back in East Grinstead at **3.50pm** when the children should be collected by their parents from the station. Please refer to the letter dated 25th February.

Parent Workshop – Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate – Wednesday 29th April

We will be hosting the above workshop in school on **Wednesday 29th April** at **2.30pm**. Our guest will be Paula Betsworth, who is our school's Enabling Families Support Worker. Paula will be offering advice and sharing information and resources.

The invitation is extended to all families, and we would like to encourage you to attend. If you are able to do so, please can you email the school office on office@ashurstwoodprimary.co.uk to confirm your attendance as we would appreciate an idea on numbers. We look forward to welcoming you.

Universal Free School Meals on Census Day – Thursday 21st May (KS1)

As you are aware all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. The amount of money our school receives to cover these meals is dictated by the number of children eating a hot meal on Census Day, which this term is **Thursday 21st May**. We would therefore, like every child in **KS1** to have a hot meal on this day as a one-off so that we receive the full funding.

Therefore, if your child does not usually have a hot meal, please could you order one for 21st May. Please can we ask parents to login to ParentPay to order the meal by **Monday 4th May** if possible. Activation codes and instructions for ParentPay can be obtained from the school office. If you are unable to order the meal, Mrs Fish will do this automatically for every child in KS1 on **Tuesday 5th May** in order to receive the full funding. If you know your child will not eat the meal, they are still welcome to bring in a packed lunch.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Netball Finals

As you are aware, team A won the East Grinstead Primary Schools Netball League, which took them through to the Mid Sussex Netball Finals on Wednesday 15th April. We played against 7 other teams from the Mid-Sussex area and came 5th out of 7. Our team played with great resilience and enthusiasm and showed fantastic team spirit. They are true champions and we are extremely proud of them. Our congratulations and thanks are offered to Max; Leo; William; Esme; Sofia; Ida; Poppy and Haven.

Our sincere thanks are also offered to Mrs Pitcaithly, Mrs Loveday and other staff and parents who have encouraged and supported the children throughout this season – we couldn't have got this far without you.

PTFA Events

NON-UNIFORM DAY



FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

£1pp recommended donation

Mini Golf Day



Saturday 16th May

1pm - 3pm

£5 per person per course

Family Fun Day Out!!

BBQ!

2 courses!



All ages welcome!
No limits.

ASHURST WOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FRAZZLED
PARENT COFFEE
MORNING!**

INFORMAL CHAT WITH OTHER
PARENTS OVER A CUPPA WITH A BIT
OF ADVICE THROWN IN!

FRIDAY 3RD JULY - 9.15-
10.15 AM



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.

April 2026

Monday 20th April
Y6 to House of Parliament

Friday 24th April
Non Uniform Day

Wednesday 29th April (2.30pm)
– 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 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
(Thursday 25th June – Reserve Sports Day).

Friday 26th June possible Y5 Sports Day at HET.

Wednesday 24th June
SEN Website Meeting (9am to 10.30am)

Thursday 25th June Movie Night

Friday 26th June Donut Sale

July 2026

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July
Sackville Y6 transition days

Wednesday 1st July – Transition/Moving on Morning for all year groups including new reception intake.

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 (Break Up 1.30pm)



[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 Nintendo Switch 2 Mega bundle. We currently have just 13 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!

We have been running the school lottery for 6 years this month and in this time our wonderful supporters have raised £5000 which has directly benefitted the children in our school. Thank you .

Top Doodlers

- Doodle Maths Year 6: 88%
- Doodle English Year 6: 81%
- Doodle Tables Year 5: 24%
- Doodle Spell Year 6: 13%