



# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 (Week 21)

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Board Games Club  
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 1 Forest School (PM)  
HET Science Enrichment  
for selected children at  
Crawley Down Primary  
(PM)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Reception Forest Schools  
(PM)  
Football Club (3.20pm to  
4.20pm)  
Karate (3.25pm to  
4.25pm)  
Football League Matches  
(3.50pm to 4.40pm)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Y6 Forest Schools (PM)  
Mid Sussex Cross Country  
Finals (PM)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Y3 Forest Schools (PM)  
Achievement Assembly  
(3pm)  
Netball Club (3.20pm to  
4.20pm)



**Attendance this week: 96.45%**

**Attendance from September 2025: 96.90%**

"A huge thank you to all our families for your incredible support of the school's drive to improve attendance — thanks to your dedication, we are delighted to have been awarded a certificate from the Fisher Family Trust!"

Dear Families

**Wonderful Achievement! – Y2 Little Big Sing**

The children in **Year 2** had a fantastic time taking part in the Little Big Sing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February and thoroughly enjoyed learning the three songs in preparation for the event. They showed great enthusiasm and commitment throughout rehearsals, working hard to remember the lyrics, melodies, and actions for each song.

One of the highlights of the morning was when the children performed one of the songs together as a class in front of pupils and staff from the other participating schools. They sang confidently and with big smiles, demonstrating excellent teamwork and focus. The lead music teacher was extremely impressed by all of the children, particularly with how well they had learned every word and action to the songs. Their effort and positive attitude were commented on very highly.

Mrs Davis was incredibly proud of every child for their hard work, confidence, and behaviour. They represented our school wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves.

Mrs Bober has chosen to step away from her role in school to focus on her family, a decision made with great care and love. Although she prefers not to have a formal farewell, our appreciation for her runs deep. Her kindness, dedication, and quiet strength have touched so many within our school. She will always be part of our community, and her presence as a valued member of staff will be truly missed.



### Top Doodlers

**Doodle Maths Year 5: 47%**  
**Doodle Tables Year 4: 15%**

**Doodle English Year 5: 50%**  
**Doodle Spell Year 4: 15%**

# Polite Reminders and Notices

## Clubs

Just a polite reminder that Board Games (for Reception to Y3) commences after half-term. If you would like to sign your children up, please do so on the MCAS App. Alternatively, you are welcome to sign up and pay in the school office should you so wish. Unfortunately, we have had to move the dates for STEM Club until after Easter. The five sessions will run from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please refer to the letter sent out on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **Boys Football League Matches – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

The next round of boys' football matches take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. The team need to be collected from school at 3.20pm and transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club. The matches commence at 3.50pm and finish at 4.40pm when the children should be collected. Mrs Purba will meet the team at the club. Please refer to the letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> February for further details. **Please can all consent forms be returned to the office no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in order for your child to take part** – thank you.



## **Netball Matches**

*Report by Poppy Osborne and Sofia Loveday:* "On Wednesday, the A team: Max, Leo, William, Esme, Sofia, Ida, Poppy and Haven went to play netball. Our first match was against Crawley Down – we obviously won 6-2! Our second match, we were up against The Meads. It looked like we were going to lose, but we saved the day and took home a win of 8-4. Lastly, we had our final match against Blackwell. It started to rain but that didn't stop us because we finished off with a whopping score of 12-1! A shoutout to Mrs Pitcaithly and Mrs Loveday."

*Report by Samuel King:* "On Wednesday, the B team: Vienna, Aria, Isabella, Ellie, Samuel, Emma and Grace, went to play netball at East Grinstead Sports Club. We cheered the A team and had a little practice as well. Finally, we got to play our match against Crawley Down B team. Very sadly we lost 3-0, but we had fun and the rain didn't stop us."

Congratulations to both our teams, who played with great team spirit and enthusiasm.

# Art Week



We're excited to be taking part in the ***West Sussex Recycle It Right Competition 2026*** – and we'd love your help to climb the leaderboard and win brilliant prizes for our school! The competition is now live and runs until midday on 3 July. Every completed quiz earns points for our school – and the more we collect, the closer we get to winning!

Here's how your family can take part:

1. Register for a free family account here:

<https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/competitions/> and sign up each of your children.

2. Children play the fun, interactive *Wastebuster Star Quiz* to learn how to recycle right.

3. Each completed quiz earns 1 Planet Care Point for our school.

Every completed quiz counts – and anyone in West Sussex can take part on our school's behalf, whether or not they have a child here. So please invite friends, grandparents and neighbours to get involved too. The more people we reach, the more points we earn – and smaller schools like ours have a great chance to win!

Visit the Recycle it Right competition webpage for full details:

<https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/competitions/>



## 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.



**Join Our School Lottery! Please let family members and friends know as anyone can join.** This month, the school lottery has a bonus draw of a luxury city break alongside the usual chance to win cash. Remember, the more tickets we sell, the bigger the cash prize! We're aiming for **60 tickets** and currently have **25** (7 down from last month). So far since January, we have raised £50.40 and we are on track to raise £633.20. **Every ticket makes a Difference.** Thank you for your continued support!

[Your School Lottery - Online Fundraising for Schools and PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)

### March 2026

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day** (Not a dressing up year)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Cookie Sale

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Workshop 'Healthy Friendships & Relationships' (2.30pm)

**Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
2pm Rock Steady Concert

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter Bonnet Parade (Reception)**

Easter Cake Competition (KS2)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service @ St Dunstons.**  
KS1 1pm / KS2 2pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
Last day of term (1.30pm finish) - Easter Egg Hunt

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Inset Day

### April 2026

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** Term starts

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Science Week**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Kapla Club for whole school (funded by PTFA)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Non Uniform Day

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Parent Workshop 'Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate'

### May 2026

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Brownie Sale

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y6 SATs week

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Crazy Golf Day**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Enrichment Week

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half Term

### June/July 2026

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y4 Multiplication tests

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y1 Phonics screening

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Rock paper Scissors Day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y6 Bikeability

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Non Uniform Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Reserve Sports Day**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Movie Night**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Donut Sale**

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July week SHOW Week**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
2pm Rock Steady Concert  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Y6 leavers treat TBC

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.45pm Leavers assembly Y6 parents and families only

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of term**