

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Eco Week

24th to 28th
February

Monday 24th

Return to School

Tuesday 25th

Year 1 Forest Schools
(AM)

Reception Forest
Schools (PM)

STEM Club (3.20pm to
4.30pm)

Wednesday 26th

Football Matches (Boys)
(3pm to 4.15pm)

Karate Club (3.25pm to
4.25pm)

No Football Club

Thursday 27th

Falcons Forest Schools
(AM)

Kestrels Forest Schools
(PM)

Friday 28th

Parents Forum (9am)

Eco Fashion Show
(2.15pm)

No Achievement
Assembly

Board Games Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)

Half Term

17th to 21st February



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 20 – 24th February 2025

Attendance this week: 95.23%

Attendance from September 2024: 94.17%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Football Matches – Wednesday 26th February

Please could the boys' football team be collected at **2.30pm** and transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club where Mr Young our Sports Coach will meet you. The matches commence at 3pm and will finish at **4.15pm** when we ask you to collect your children. Please refer to the letter sent out on 10th February for further details. Please can all permissions be returned by Monday 24th February – thank you.

As Mr Young is supervising at this event, there will be no football club on this day and an extra session has been added on Wednesday 23rd April to make up for this.

Parents Forum – Friday 28th February

Mrs Hobby looks forward to welcoming our class representatives to the Parents Forum meeting on **Friday 28th February**, commencing **9am**.

Eco Week and Fashion Show

Eco Week is taking place from 24th to 28th February, with our Eco Fashion Show taking place on **Friday 28th February** at **2.15pm** and we look forward to welcome families to this event. We would appreciate any donations/resources that we can up-cycle into costumes, for example: - cardboard; tinfoil; kitchen/toilet rolls; plastic containers; brightly coloured plastic or paper carrier bags; spare fabric; washed crisp packets. Please ensure that all materials are clean (no tin cans please). We would very much appreciate receiving these items by **Monday 24th February**.

Half-Term Clubs

Please find attached details of the Pioneer Holiday Camps and Premier Holiday Camps taking place over the February half-term. Please scan the QR code on the posters for further details.

Achievements

Netball Matches – Our Netball team took part in a series of matches against other primary schools on Wednesday 12th February. We won 11-0 against Baldwins Hill and beat St Peter's by 6-3. Unfortunately, we lost to the Meads. The team played extremely well and were a credit to our school. Our congratulations and thanks go to: Ella, Evie, Ozzie, Leo S, Wilfred, Sofia, Poppy and Enza.

Thank you to all the children who submitted a design for our certificates we have some very talented pupils. The chosen designs will be announced after half term.

The benefits of doing ten minutes of doodling a day are clear. Remember parents can download doodle connect enabling them to see how well their child is doing.

This week our top doodling class / year group is:

Maths	Tables	English	Spelling	With half term next week please remember to keep doodling
Y5 65% in the green	Y5 15% in the green	Kestrels Y4 56% in the green	Falcons Y3 31% in the green	

Meet your Member of Staff

Hi, I'm Ilona Sutherland, I had been teaching year 3/4 in Falcon class for the last 2 ½ years but I am now working with the children in Reception/Year 1 in Owls Class.

Art is my favourite subject; I love experimenting with colour and medium and teaching others to share my passion.

I have five children, a stepson, 3 dogs, 2 cats. Life is never dull, but I enjoy being busy. My hobbies include swimming, painting and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Before I became a teacher, I have done many different jobs, from working in insurance, being a childminder to working in an estate agent. My career path has been varied to say the least.

I found my love of teaching when I started to volunteer at my children's school, reading with children. A teacher commented, "You are good at this, have you thought of working in a school?" This led to me becoming a teaching assistant, which I did for 15 years, working mainly as a one-to-one support. I love helping all children to find what they are good at and supporting them to achieve.

In 2016, I took the plunge and started my degree in Education studies. I completed my course while working full-time in school, something I look back on now and wonder how. After completing my degree, I went to Sussex University and completed my PGCE. I love being a teacher, watching the children in my care grow and learn. Being part of the children in my class's journey is an honour and something for which I am very grateful.



Project Joy

We have been taking part in the Project Joy initiative again this half term which the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed. We are planning to carry on with this initiative again next half term. Our thanks are offered to Mrs Filippa Brundish for introducing this worthwhile project to our school and to Miss Sally Edwards and Mrs Lorna Tjong for supervising at the sessions which take place on Thursday afternoons.



Curriculum Vocabulary

Maths: 'Pictogram'

A format for representing statistical information. Suitable pictures, symbols or icons are used to represent objects. For large numbers, one symbol may represent a number of objects & a part symbol then represents a rough proportion of the number.

Favourite Fruit	
= 1 person	

FACE
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ADVICE

February 2025
Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each. Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Thursday 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		FREE SESSION Supporting Healthy Screen Use A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens
Monday 3rd Feb 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 11th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Facing Defiance Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.
Tuesday 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.
Tuesday 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Understanding the Teenage Brain A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	23 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 5 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

World Book Day is fast approaching! **Thursday 6th March**. As a school, we choose to dress up every other year to reduce the stress of sourcing or making a costume. Charity shops make great places to find costume components and the link below has some ideas for costumes.

[126 easy World Book Day homemade costume ideas 2025 with pictures | MadeForMums](#)

[75 Easy World Book Day Costume Ideas UK 2025 | Mumsnet](#)

We are looking forward to seeing all the children in their costumes – please remember to send the book linked to the costume in (or a picture of the book cover).