

Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 24 – 24th March 2025

Attendance this week: 94.26% 🙄
Attendance from September 2024: 94.24%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Owls Class Assembly – Monday 24th March

We look forward to welcoming Owls class families to their class assembly on **Monday 24th March** at **2.45pm**.

Parents Forum – Friday 28th March

We look forward to welcoming the class representatives to the Parents Forum on **Friday 28th March** at **9am**.

PTFA Mother's Day Flower Sale – Friday 28th March

The PTFA will be selling little pots with a daffodil bulb in for Mother's Day. The children will also be given a paper sleeve to colour in to decorate the pot, as well as a ribbon and tag. Each pot is £2.00, and proceeds will be put towards the library project.

After-School Club Plea

Mrs Funnell is looking for pieces of fabric/material for the children to use to dress up in etc. if you have any unwanted bits of material at home, we would very much appreciate them. Please could you bring them to the school office. 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.

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.

Chartwells New Menu

Please find attached the new menu which comes into effect week commencing 21st April and is available on ParentPay.

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.

Easter Holiday Events

Please find attached details of free Easter events taking place in Burgess Hill. Please note that some events require SEND placements to be booked in advance.

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24th

Owls Class Assembly
(2.45pm)

Tuesday 25th

Year 1 Forest Schools
(AM)
Reception Forest
Schools (PM)
STEM Club (3.20pm to
4.20pm)
Y6 SATS Club
(3.30pm to 4.30pm)

Thursday 27th

Falcons Forest
Schools (AM)
Kestrels Forest
Schools (PM)

Friday 28th

Parents Forum (9am)
Achievement
Assembly (3pm)
Board Games Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)
PTFA Mother's Day
Flower Sale

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Meet your Member of Staff

Hello, I'm Joanne Funnell and I am the after-school club leader.

I know lots of children and their families who attend Ashurst Wood Primary as I work at the pre-school as well.

I have 19-year-old twin boys who both attended Ashurst Wood, and my husband did as well.

I moved down South to Sussex from Yorkshire when I was 16 and I lived on the Ashdown Forest; I have now lived in Ashurst Wood for over 30 years!

For one of my previous jobs, I worked in air freight. I had the opportunity to fly to America and Africa.

For hobbies, I play netball and a number of my teammates work at the pre-school as well. I also enjoy going for walks around Ashurst Wood and spending time with my family and friends.



ACHIEVEMENTS

We are delighted to announce that Ellie (Year 6) who plays football for Brighton and Hove Albion has been selected to play against Chelsea on Wednesday 9th April. Ellie has also been selected to play against Ipswich but the date has yet to be confirmed. We wish Ellie all the very best in these matches and look forward to hearing all about it after Easter.

Exciting Improvements in Writing Across Our School

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates about the remarkable improvements in writing across our school. Over the last year, our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students have worked tirelessly to enhance their writing skills, and the results have been truly impressive.

High-Quality Texts

One of our primary focuses has been on using and as a result producing, high-quality texts. Our students have been encouraged to engage deeply with their writing, ensuring that their work is not only well-structured but also rich in content. By exploring various genres and writing styles, students have developed a keen understanding of what makes a text compelling and effective.

Use of Punctuation and Correct Spellings

Attention to detail has been a key aspect of our writing improvement initiative. We have placed a strong emphasis on the correct use of punctuation and spelling. Through targeted lessons and practice, students have become more proficient in using punctuation to enhance the clarity and flow of their writing. Additionally, regular spelling exercises have helped students to improve their accuracy and confidence in writing.

Interesting Vocabulary

To make their writing more engaging, students have been encouraged to expand their vocabulary. By introducing new and interesting words, our young writers have been able to add depth and variety to their writing. This not only makes their writing more enjoyable to read but also helps them to express their ideas more precisely and creatively.

Writing for Meaning and Effect

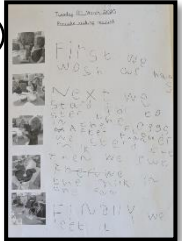
Ultimately, our goal has been to help students understand the power of writing for meaning and effect. We have focused on teaching them how to write with a clear purpose and to consider the impact their words will have on the reader. Whether they are crafting a persuasive letter, a descriptive narrative, or a reflective piece, our students are learning to write in a way that resonates with their audience.

The children are showing great pride in their improved handwriting and presentation, reflecting their hard work and dedication.

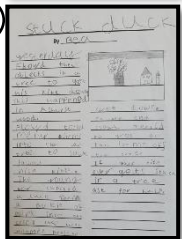
We are incredibly proud of the progress our students have made and look forward to seeing their continued growth as confident and skilled writers.

Hopefully, you were able to see the improvements your children have made in their writing at the last consultation evening and were impressed with how much progress they have made.

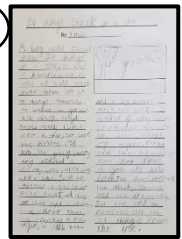
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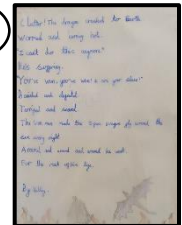
Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6



THANK YOU FOR
HELPING VIENNA
FUND HER HERO
ARM



Thank you to all the children who dressed up today to support Vienna in raising funds for her hero arm. Your kind donations will be counted and will be added to Vienna's 'go fund me' page as soon as possible. We will let you know how much was raised.

Should families wish to contribute directly, the link is:

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

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.

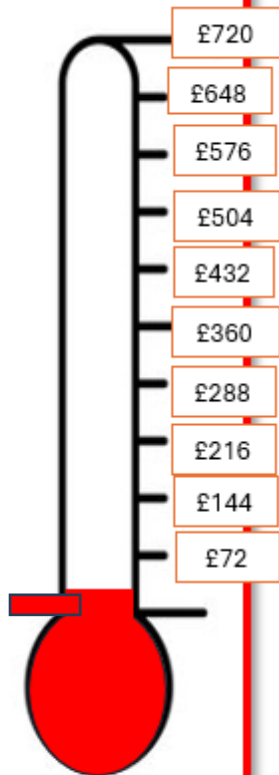
The following events will go towards this goal.

Refreshments at the Fashion show

Refreshments at the Star books Café

Individual Donations

Wonka Bar Sale



FACE Spring Timetable	
all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

FACE Spring 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

Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means ALL parents and ALL staff get unlimited FREE access to ALL 16 parent talks

Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00 FREE	Responding to Angry Behaviour What can we do in the moment?
Tuesday 18th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24	Anxiety Explained Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.
Thursday 3rd April 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 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24	Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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)