

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28th

Willow Planting
Year 3 Forest
Schools (AM)
Reception Forest
Schools (PM)

Wednesday 29th

Basketball
Competition (4pm to
6pm)
Football Club
(3.20pm to 4.20pm)
Karate Club (3.25pm
to 4.25pm)

Thursday 30th

Year 2 Forest
Schools (AM)
Whole School
Pantomime (PM)

Friday 31st

Achievement
Assembly (3pm)

Maths vocabulary

Maths: 'Scale Factor'

For two similar
geometric figures,
the ratio of
corresponding edge
lengths



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 17 – 27th January 2025

Attendance this week: 91.93% 😊
Attendance from September 2024: 94.19%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Chartwells Back to School Menu – Monday 24th February

We have been asked to advise you that the school will be on a 'back to school' menu on **Monday 24th February**. If you have already ordered for that day, we need to advise that these orders have been cancelled, and **you will need to re-order for the first day back**.

Breakfast and After-School Club

Please can we remind families that when booking onto our Wraparound Care Clubs for the first time, the consent forms in our Breakfast and After-School Club policy need to be completed and returned to the office prior to your child's first session. This is important due to safeguarding and dietary requirements. The policy can be obtained from our website or the school office – thank you.

Free School Meal Eligibility

We have been advised by West Sussex County Council that from 1st April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end. Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1st April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025. These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, we urge you to apply between now and the end of March 2025 to ensure your claim and future funding are protected. The link to additional information and application is: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Basketball Competition – Wednesday 29th January

Please can the selected Y5/6 children be transported to Sackville School for **3.40pm**, where Mr Gowers (taking the children for the first half) will meet you at the entrance by the car park barrier. Please collect your children at **6pm**. The children will need to wear PE and trainers. Please refer to the letter sent on 13th January – thank you.

Whole School Pantomime – Thursday 30th January

The Pantomime 'Robin Hood' that was rescheduled from November, will be taking place during the afternoon of Thursday 30th January, **therefore there will be no Forest Schools for Eagle Class on that afternoon and there will be no PE for Kestrels**.

Achievements

We would like to congratulate Sofia Loveday and Ellie Johnson for getting through and taking part in the Mid-Sussex Cross Country Finals which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd January. Both children did tremendously well, and we are extremely proud of their achievements and for representing us at this event.



Willow Planting – 28th January 2025

Our school council have designed a willow structure for the field. On Tuesday 28th all the children will be taking part in planting the structure which comprises of two 3-meter domes connected by a tunnel with four windows and a door. We would like all the children to bring a pair of wellies in so that they can take part in the project. If any parents would like to help with the planting, we would be very grateful for any help you can offer.



Meet your Member of Staff

My name is Alice Down and I am an Individual Needs Assistant in Owls class (am) and Kestrels class (pm). I'm lucky to have worked at school for nearly a full school year now and I've loved every second! Both my children attend the school and so did my Fiancé!

I've had lots of interesting jobs before working here including being a cake maker, an eyelash artist and an apprentice mechanic at Audi. I often get questioned by the children about these jobs!

In my spare time I love to make sweet treats with my children and sit in the garden relaxing with my pet Rabbit - Nardo!



This Term's Events

Thursday 30th January – Whole School Pantomime (Robin Hood) - This has from November due to the flooding of the school hall.

Thursday 13th February – PTFA Valentines Disco - Further details to follow.

Monday 10th to 14th February – Eco Week - Further details to follow.

Friday 14th February – Eco Fashion Show (2.15pm) - Further details to follow.

Friday 14th February – PTFA Cake Sale (3.20pm)

Friday 28th February – Parents Forum (9am to 10am)

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March – Parents Consultation Evenings - Timings to follow.

Tuesday 4th March – Star Books Café (2.15pm) – Further details to follow.

– PTFA Book Sale – Further details to follow.

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day and PTFA Wonka Bars – We will be asking children and adults to dress up as book characters for this event. Further details to follow.

Wednesday 19th March – Inset Day

Monday 24th March (2.45pm) – Owl Class Assembly

Friday 28th March – Parents Forum (9am to 10am)

Friday 28th March – PTFA Mother's Day Flower Sale – Further details to follow.

Wednesday 2nd April – KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – Further details to follow.

Thursday 3rd April – Easter Services:

KS1 Easter Service at St. Dunstan's at 1pm (parents welcome)

KS2 Easter Service at St. Dunstan's at 2pm (parents welcome)

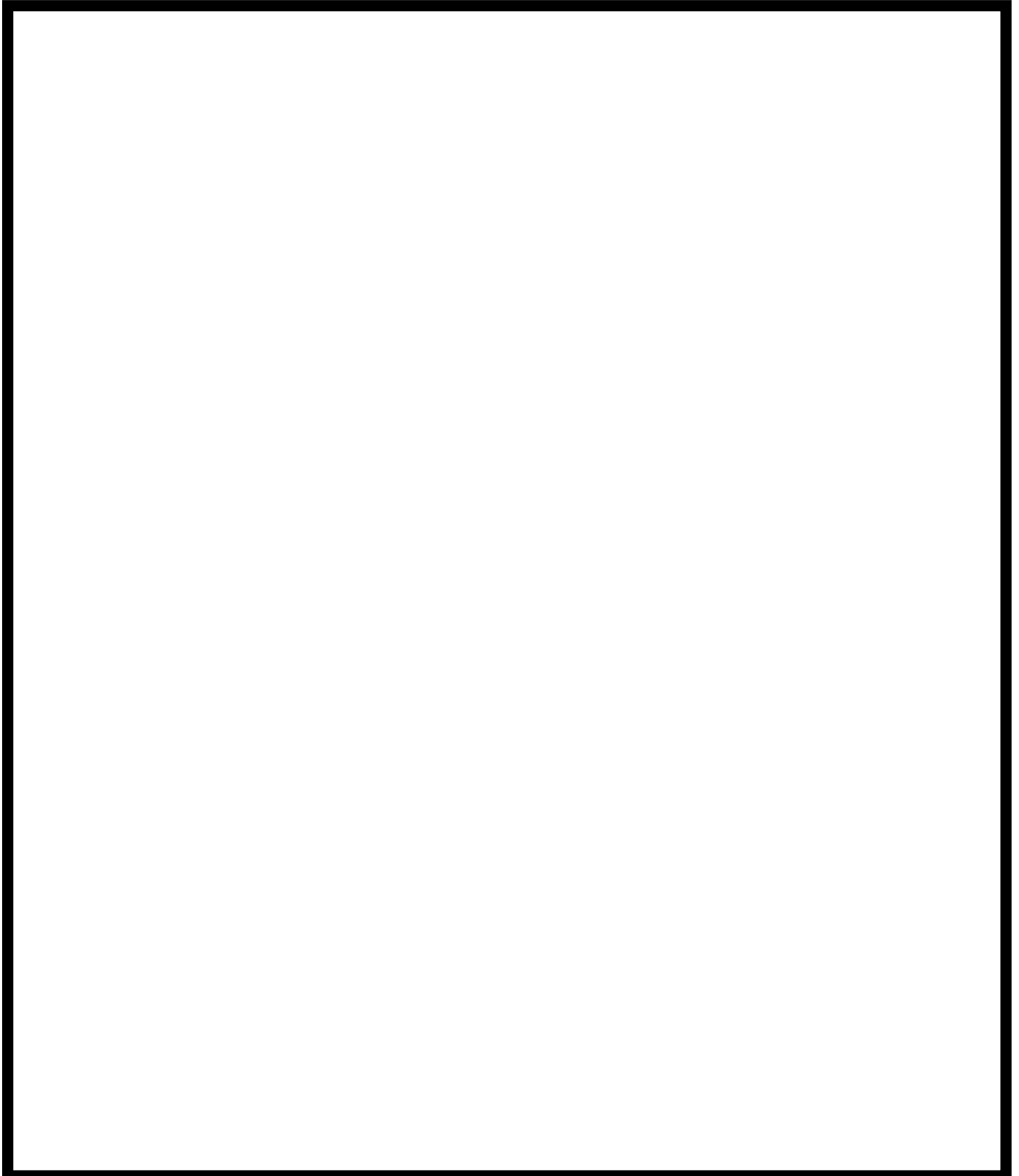
Friday 4th April – PTFA Non-Uniform Day and Easter Egg Hunt - Further details to follow. **School finishes at 1.30pm for the Easter Break.**

Thursday 1st May (2.45pm) – Kestrel Class Assembly

Tuesday 6th May (2.45pm) – Hawk Class Assembly

Calling all Ashurst Wood pupils. We need your help to design a new achievement certificate. Draw your design in the box below and hand it to your teacher by Monday 10th February. Good luck, we can't wait to see your designs. 😊

Name _____ Class _____

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for drawing a certificate design.