



# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## 2nd March 2026 (Week 22)

**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 2nd**  
Board Games Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)
- Tuesday 3rd**  
Year 1 Forest School (PM)
- Wednesday 4th**  
Reception Forest Schools (PM)  
Netball League Finals (3.45pm to 5.30pm)  
Football Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)  
Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)  
Football League Matches (3.50pm to 4.40pm)
- Thursday 5th**  
World Book Day  
Y6 Forest Schools (PM)
- Friday 6th**  
Y3 Forest Schools (PM)  
Achievement Assembly (3pm)  
Netball Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)  
PTFA Cookie Sale (after-school)



**Attendance this week: 96.07%**  
**Attendance from September 2025: 96.86%**  
"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**

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. Although it was the first week back, we have had a very productive start.

On Tuesday, four of our Year 3 children were invited by the Hurst Education Trust (HET), whom we will be joining in June, to take part in a Science Enrichment opportunity at Crawley Down Primary. The children designed and developed their own rockets and aircraft and had a wonderful time. Thank you to Olly, Tabitha, Elouise, and Isla for representing our school so brilliantly.

We also welcomed Luke Bohanna from HET, who delivered dance sessions specifically for boys. Luke is passionate about encouraging boys to explore dance, particularly those who may not otherwise have the opportunity. He aims to create a positive and supportive introduction to movement in a boys only environment. The first session, offered to the boys in Ospreys, was extremely well received - they absolutely loved it. A similar session will take place for the boys in Falcon Class in March.



### Top Doodlers

**Doodle Maths Year 6: 63%**  
**Doodle Tables Year 3: 13%**

**Doodle English Year 6: 56%**  
**Doodle Spell Year 4: 23%**

## Polite Reminders and Notices

### **Netball League Final Matches – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

The Netball League Final matches take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Both the A and B teams need to be collected from school **at 3.15pm** and transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club. The matches commence at 3.45pm and finish at 5.30pm when the children should be collected. Mrs Pitcaithly will meet the team at the club. Please refer to the letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February for further details. **Please can all consent forms be returned to the office no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in order for your child to take part** – thank you.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. As this is a 'non dress up year' the children will not be coming into school in costume but are instead invited to bring in a book / comic to share with their class. This is not a book to be given to the school, just shared and brought home again.

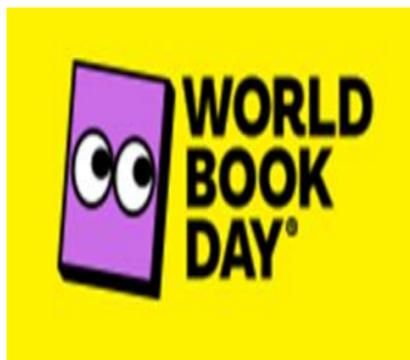
Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities designed to celebrate our love of books and reading. There will be opportunities to share stories, explore new authors and take part in creative tasks linked to reading. All the children will be given a special book token on the day which can be used to buy one of the £1 World Book Day books, or to get £1 off a full-price book. We are looking forward to a fantastic day celebrating the joy and importance of reading together.

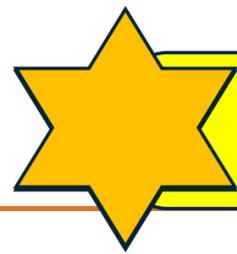
### **Parents Evenings**

These will be taking place after-school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Timings will be available next week, and we will advise you of this. If your child is on the SEN register, there is no need to sign up as you will be receiving individual appointment letters shortly.

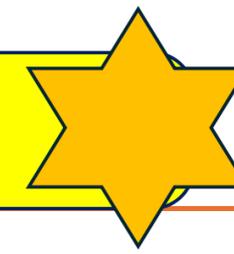
### **PTFA Cookie Sale**

The PTFA will be holding a Cookie Sale on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at the end of the school day and they would very much welcome lots of lovely donations of cookies either home baked or bought. These can be brought into the office on the Friday morning or given to a member of the PTFA. Thank you for your support.





# ACHIEVEMENTS



## Football Matches

*Report by Leo Small:* "On Wednesday, Max; Callum; Benji; Harry; Joshua; Jayden; Leo; Archie; William; Jacob; Samuel and Ayaan went to play football at the East Grinstead Sports Club. In the first game against Estcots we lost 5-0. We played Blackwell in the second game and lost 6-1 with a great finish from Max to get our goal! After, Harry had some trouble opening his Lucozade."

Despite the loss, we want to congratulate our team who played with great team spirit and enthusiasm. Thank you also to Mrs Purba for supervising the team at this event.

## Mid-Sussex Cross Country Finals

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Florence Hibbett and Isabelle Buckler represented our school in the Mid-Sussex Cross Country Finals. We would like to thank both girls for competing and we are extremely proud of them. We have not received the results as yet, we will publish these hopefully next week. Congratulations to both of them.



**FACE** March 2026 Timetable  
 All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
 Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm



## 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.

### March 2026

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parent Workshop 'Healthy Friendships & Relationships' (2.30pm)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Frazzled Parent Coffee Morning (9.15am to 19.15am) (see poster)
- 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)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
Y6 to House of Parliament
- 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**
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Y6 Leavers Treat
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
2pm Rock Steady Concert
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.45pm**  
Leavers assembly Y6 parents and families only (Please note change of date from 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of term**