

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

KS1 Inclusion Festival
(10.30am to 12.30pm)
Football Matches
3.50pm to 5.15pm)
Football Club (3.20pm
to 4.20pm)
Karate Club (3.25pm
to 4.25pm)

Thursday 6th

Year 2 Forest Schools
(AM)
Eagles Forest Schools
(PM)
Willow Planting for
Falcons & Kestrels
(1pm onwards)

Friday 7th

Achievement
Assembly (3pm)

Maths Vocabulary

Maths:

'Dissection'

To cut into parts



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

Week 18 – 3rd February 2025

Attendance this week: 91.37% 😞

Attendance from September 2024: 94.04%

Polite Reminders & Notices

Attendance

As you will have seen, our school attendance is unfortunately below national average. Thank you to all the parents who support our endeavours to improve attendance by sending your children to school every day. Attached to this newsletter is a helpful guidance sheet which may help you decide whether your child should attend school. We also now have a new 'request for absence' form to be completed at least **14 days** prior to any planned absence. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

School Lunchtimes

You may be aware from your children that we have changed the way lunchtimes are organised. We now send KS1 into the hall to sit down to eat at 12 noon. The KS2 children then join KS1 in the hall at 12.15pm to eat their lunch. This has enabled all the children to have enough time to eat and digest their food before they go outside to play at 12.30pm. In addition, this has enabled us to put all of our lunchtime staff on the playground at 12.30pm increasing the ability to both supervise and interact with the children at playtime. Feedback from the children and staff has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope that your children have come home saying how much they have enjoyed lunchtime play.

Parent Plea: Accountant Technician/Chartered Accountant

We are currently seeking an Accountant Technician or Chartered Accountant to **voluntarily** support us with our School Fund Accounts. This would entail 1 to 2 days work per year to verify the end of year accounts. If this is something you feel you can assist us with, please speak to Mrs Hobby for more information.

Parent Plea: Spare Clothing for Owls Class

If anyone has any aged 3/4 or aged 5/6 leggings/tracksuit bottoms or t-shirts that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate them as spares for Owls Class – thank you.

KS1 Inclusion Festival – Wednesday 5th February

Please can the selected children be transported to Imberhorne Upper School, leaving school at **10.10am** to meet Mrs Blake-Hatton at 10.30am by the blue gates of Imberhorne's car park. The children will need to be transported back to school at **12.30pm**. As this event finishes towards the end of lunch, please provide your child with a packed lunch. Please refer to the letter dated 20th January for the full details. Please ensure all consent forms are returned to the school office no later than **Monday 3rd February**. Thank you.

Football Matches (Boys and Girls) – Wednesday 5th February

Please could both teams be transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club for 3.30pm, leaving school at **3.10pm**. Please collect your children from the Sports Club at **5.15pm** when the matches will finish. Please refer to the letter dated 28th January for further details. Please ensure all consent forms are returned to the school office no later than **Monday 3rd February**. Thank you.

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**.

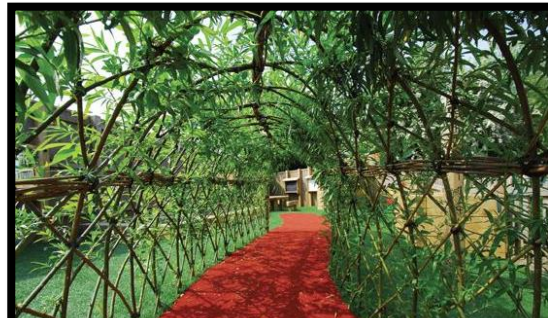
Achievements



On Wednesday 29th January, two teams of our Year 5 & Year 6 children took part in the Basketball Tournament against other primary schools in the area. Our A team came joint 5th and our B team came 5th overall. All of our children showed great team spirit and were very supportive of one another. They were up against some very strong teams, competing with children who are in basketball leagues. Our thanks and congratulations are offered to: Delilah; Evie, Ella, Poppy; Max; Leo B; Harry and Ozzie.

Willow Planting

As you are aware, disappointingly the Willow planting did not take place this week due to late delivery of the Willow. We have now rescheduled this for **Thursday 6th February** from 1pm for **Falcon and Kestrel class** and on **Monday 10th February** from 1pm for **Eagles, Owls and Hawk class**. 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 on their allocated day, 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

Hello, I'm Ellie Bizios and I am a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at our lovely school. I currently live in East Grinstead, with my daughter and partner Tom, but I was fortunate enough to live and grow up in Ashurst Wood. I have been associated with Ashurst Wood Primary School since 1997, where I attended as a child and loved it so much, I returned as an adult in 2014! I made the decision to make a career change in 2018 and became a nanny for a couple of years, before returning to our school in 2020. My Dad was also the Premises Officer for many years until 2014 and my Nan (a retired teacher) was previously a governor.

I returned from maternity leave in September and now work two days a week covering classes across the school. I love the variety this gives me and allows me to get to know all our wonderful children from reception all the way up to year 6.

I have one daughter of my own now, lone, who is 18 months old and will be joining Ashurst Wood Pre-School in September.

In my spare time (which I don't seem to have much of anymore since having lone!) I enjoy cooking, watching a good series, listening to music and podcasts and days out at National Trust properties with my family.



This Term's Events

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

Friday 14th February – Y4/Y5 to the Sackville Performance of Footloose

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.**

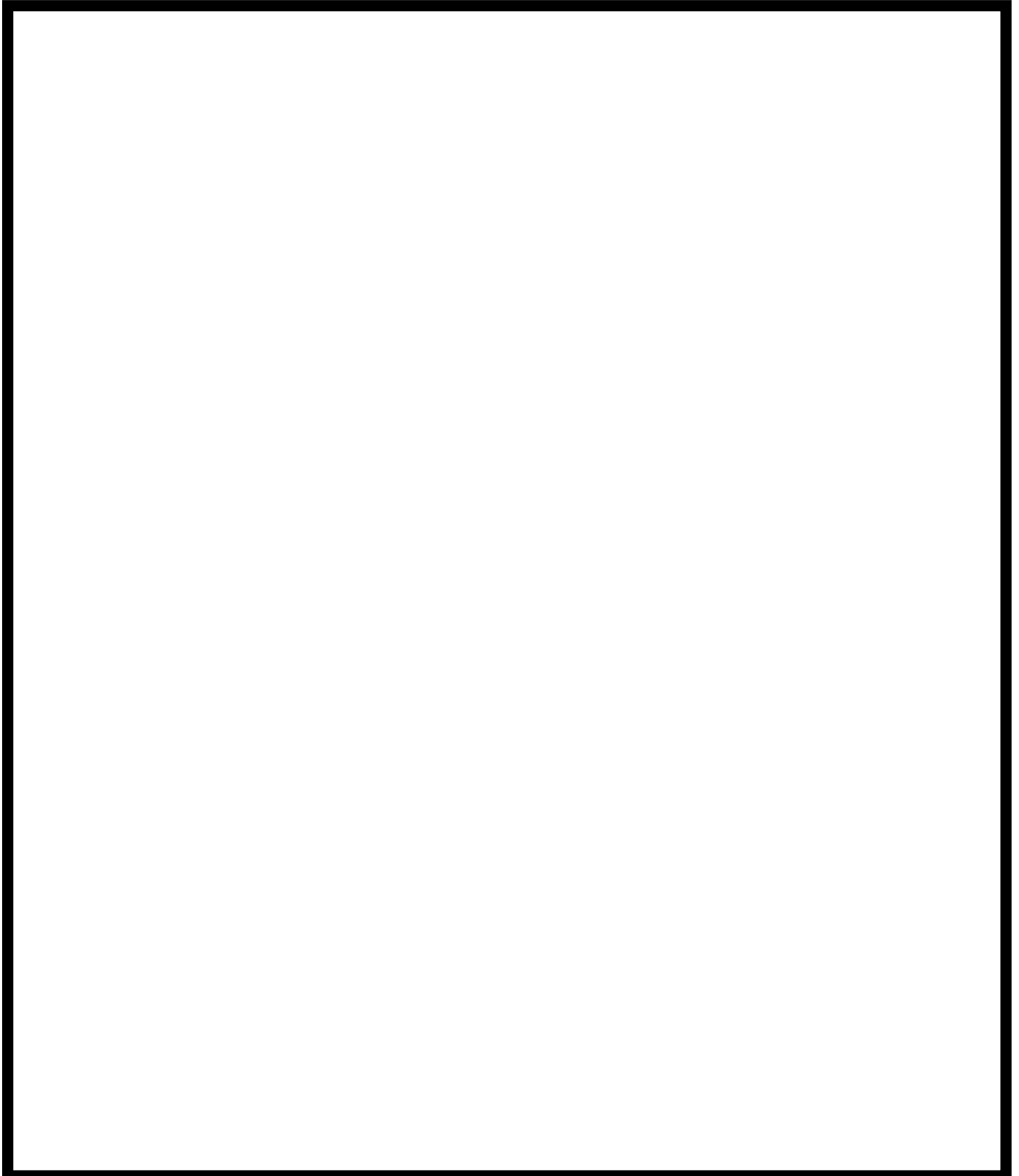
Thursday 1st May (2.45pm) – Kestrel Class Assembly

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

Tuesday 10th June (2.45pm) – Falcon 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 students to draw their design for a new achievement certificate.