



# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Week 29)

**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 4th**

May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

#### **Tuesday 5th**

Y5 Forest Schools (PM)  
STEM Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)  
Drama/Singing Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Y4/5 Tennis Festival  
EG Tennis Club (12.30pm to 3pm).  
Reception Forest Schools (PM)  
Karate Club (3.25pm to 4.25pm)

#### **Thursday 7th**

Year 4 Forest Schools (PM)  
Y6 SATs Club (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

#### **Friday 8th**

Year 2 Forest Schools (PM)  
Achievement Assembly (3pm)  
PTFA Brownie Sale (3.20pm)

**Attendance this week: 96.82%**

**Attendance from September 2025: 96.75%**

Dear Families

Following several extremely busy weeks, this week has been a little calmer across the school. However, we were delighted to welcome John Belsey, our Town Mayor, who visited to speak to the children during assembly about local politics and the importance of the Rule of Law, ahead of his forthcoming stand-down. The children were highly engaged throughout and asked a range of thoughtful and insightful questions.

As part of my regular visits to classrooms, it has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm our pupils continue to show for their learning. They have been keen to share their work and have spoken with confidence and pride about what they are achieving, which is always wonderful to see.

The recent spell of beautiful weather has been thoroughly enjoyed by the children, particularly during breaktimes, PE lessons and Forest School sessions. A highlight of Forest School is the shared hot chocolate, which staff have kindly been providing from their own funds. Moving forward, we are therefore asking that each child brings in one tub of hot chocolate in the term in which they attend Forest School. A standard supermarket brand is perfectly suitable; please do not feel the need to purchase a premium brand. If your child is in Year 2, Year 4 or Year 5, please send them into school next week with a tub of hot chocolate.

Preparations for *Finding Nemo* are well underway, with an incredibly supportive group of parents and friends busy creating props and costumes. If you have made any pieces of coral, we would be grateful if these could be brought into school by half term so they can be added to the coral reef and help complete this section of the set.

Finally, a reminder that the May Day Bank Holiday falls on Monday 4th May. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 5th May.

### Top Doodlers

**Doodle Maths Year 5 59%**

**Doodle Tables Year 5 18%**

**Doodle English Year 6 69%**

**Doodle Spell Year 5 12%**

# Polite Reminders and Notices

## **Tennis Festival**

The Year 4/Year 5 Tennis Festival is taking place at the East Grinstead Tennis Club on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Please could parents of the **selected** children collect their children from school at **12 noon** and transport them to the Tennis Club where Mrs Pitcaithly will meet them. The event finishes at **3pm** when the children should be collected directly from the Tennis Club. Please refer the letter sent out on 29<sup>th</sup> April for the full details. We would appreciate receiving consent by **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

## **PTFA Bring and Buy Bake Sale – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Just to mix it up a bit, the Bring and Buy Bake sale this term will be Brownies and Blondies. Please bring any donations to the office or after school as usual. Thank you all so much for your contributions and support. Please come with some pennies to buy some of the delicious items on offer on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at **3.20pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Hot Chocolate Donations**

Please would it be possible for each child to bring in one tub of hot chocolate in the term in which they attend Forest School. A standard supermarket brand is perfectly suitable; please do not feel the need to purchase a premium brand. If your child is in Year 2, Year 4 or Year 5, please send them into school next week with a tub of hot chocolate. Thank you.

## **Curriculum Enrichment Week – w/c 18<sup>th</sup> May**

We are looking forward to Curriculum Enrichment week in May. Just a polite reminder to families to give consent and, if possible make a contribution towards the activities and trips by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. Consent and contributions can be given via the MCAS App or via the school office.

## **Bikeability Training for Year 6 – w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Please can we mind Y6 families that the **deadline** for submitting the consent form for the Bikeability training is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Payment for this course can be made on the MCAS App or via the school office. We have to submit names to West Sussex County Council and the deadline is Tuesday. **Consent forms returned after this date cannot be accepted**. Please refer to the letter sent out on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Universal Free School Meals on Census Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May (KS1)**

As you are aware all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. The amount of money our school receives to cover these meals is dictated by the number of children eating a hot meal on Census Day, which this term is **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. We would therefore, like every child in **KS1** to have a hot meal on this day as a one-off so that we receive the full funding.

Therefore, if your child does not usually have a hot meal, please could you order one for 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please can we ask parents to login to ParentPay to order the meal by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** if possible. Activation codes and instructions for ParentPay can be obtained from the school office. If you are unable to order the meal, Mrs Fish will do this automatically for every child in KS1 on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** in order to receive the full funding. If you know your child will not eat the meal, they are still welcome to bring in a packed lunch.

# PTFA Events

Bring and Buy Bake Sale – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (3.20pm)



## PTFA FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Join us for a fun, multi-generational evening of trivia, games and surprises, designed for all ages to enjoy together. Bring family, friends and brainpower for a lively night raising funds for the school.

## Mini Golf Day



Saturday 16th May

1pm - 3pm

£5 per person per course

*Family Fun Day Out!!*

BBQ!

2 courses!



All ages welcome!  
No limits.

**GD**  
GYMNASTICS &  
DANCE ACADEMY

*May*

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY  
27TH MAY**

**9:00AM – 3:00PM**

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PER CHILD**

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FROM 8:30AM  
+£4**

**LATE PICK-UP  
UNTIL 3:30PM  
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& ABILITIES**  
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where children can  
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ASHURST WOOD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FRAZZLED  
PARENT COFFEE  
MORNING!**

INFORMAL CHAT WITH OTHER  
PARENTS OVER A CUPPA WITH A BIT  
OF ADVICE THROWN IN!

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY – 9.15 –  
10.15 AM



**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 our 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.

**May 2026**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
May Day Bank Holiday – School closed.

**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 (1pm to 3pm)**

**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

[Link to School Lottery](#)

We have been running the school lottery for 7 years this month and in this time our wonderful supporters have raised £5000 which has directly benefitted the children in our school. Thank you .

**June 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 (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day).**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June possible Y5 Sports Day at HET.**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA Family Quiz Night**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June SEN Website Meeting (9am to 10.30am)**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Movie Night**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Donut Sale**

**July 2026**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Sackville Y6 transition days**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Transition/Moving on Morning for all year groups including new reception intake.**

**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 (Break Up 1.30pm)**



**School Lottery**  
Support our amazing school *and* be in with a chance to win this month's exciting Super Draw prize — £1,000 cash or an IKEA voucher! We currently have just 10 supporters, so we'd love your help to boost that number. Every ticket sold helps fund extras that make a big difference to our children, from new library books to sensory and play resources. **Please spread the word to family and friends - every ticket helps, and every supporter counts!**