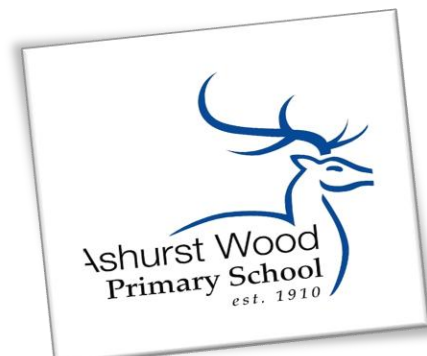




Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

6th July 2026 (Week 37)

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Monday 6th

Y5 Taster Day at Sackville School (9.15am to 1.20pm)
KS2 Children at Brambletye School Theatre (8.50am to 3.20pm)

Tuesday 7th

KS2 Children at Brambletye School Theatre (8.50am to 4pm)
Y1 Forest Schools (PM)
Finding Nemo Performance at Brambletye (7pm)

Wednesday 8th

Year 6 Swimming (9am)
Open Register for KS2 children until 10am (except Y6 swimming)

KS2 Children at Brambletye School Theatre (between 8.50am/10am to 6pm)
KS1 Multi-Sports Festival at Imberhorne Upper School with Y5 CREW
(Y5 to arrive 9am to 11.30am & Y1 & Y2 children to arrive 9.30am to 11.30am)
Reception Forest Schools (PM)
Matinee Performance (4pm)

Thursday 9th

Finding Nemo Performance at Brambletye (7pm)

Friday 10th

Y3 Forest Schools (PM)
Achievement Assembly (3pm)

Attendance this week: 85.04%

Attendance from September 2025: 95.85%

Dear Families

School has returned to its usual routine this week, with our KS2 children busily preparing for next week's production of Finding Nemo Jr. Excitement is certainly building as rehearsals continue, and we are looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic performance.

The children have been rehearsing tirelessly, and we hope that parents, carers and extended family members will come along to support them. Please refer to our letter dated 18th June for full details. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, there is still time to do so via the PTFA shop.

Most of our Year 6 children attended their three-day transition visit to Sackville School this week. We hope they settled in well, enjoyed the experience and are feeling excited about the next stage of their education.

Some of our children were recorded for BBC Radio Sussex and one of our recordings will play out all next week on Small Talk. Usually it airs at 0750, 0820 and 0850. Please tune in.

There are still plenty of exciting events taking place before the end of the summer term, so please keep an eye on upcoming communications and diary dates.

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 4th July, and we would encourage all of our children to take part. Further information can be found further down in this newsletter.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another busy and enjoyable week ahead.

Polite Reminders and Notices

Finding Nemo Rehearsals and Performances – Brambletye School Theatre

Please refer to the letter sent out on 18th June for rehearsal and performance times. A copy of which will be forwarded with this newsletter.

Y5 Taster Day at Sackville School – Monday 6th July

Please can the Year 5 children be transported directly to Sackville School at **9.15am** where Miss Bizios will meet the children at the main entrance to Sackville. The day will run from 9.30am to 1.20pm. As this is the first day of rehearsals at Brambletye, please collect your children at **1.20pm** and transport them directly to Brambletye. Pupils should wear school uniform and come equipped with stationery and a packed lunch, drink and a snack for the breaktime. Please refer to the letter dated 18th June for further information.

Multi-Skills Festival at Imberhorne Upper School (Y1 & Y2 + Y5 CREW) – Wednesday 8th July

Please could the Y5 CREW members meet Miss Hayley Young in the car park of Imberhorne Upper School at **9am** and the Y1/Y2 should meet in the car park at **9.30am**. The event runs until **11.30am** when the children should be collected and returned to school (**Y5 CREW should be transported directly to Brambletye**). Please refer to the letters dated 23rd June for further details. Please return all consent forms to the office by **Monday 6th July at the latest** – thank you.

School Clubs

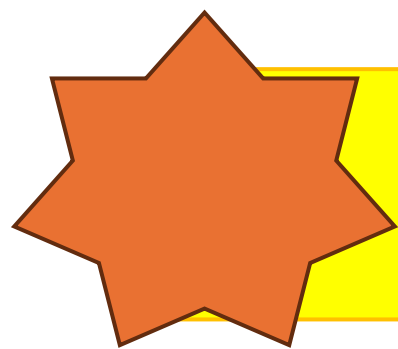
Please note that Karate has now finished for the term and there is an additional session of TAG Rugby on **Monday 13th July** due to a session missed on Monday 22nd June.

Wraparound Care – Outstanding Balances (Action Required)

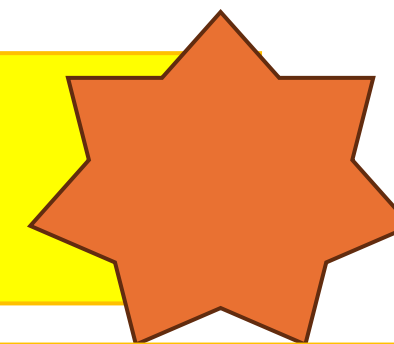
Thank you to those families who have responded to our payment request for wraparound care balances. Despite reminders, there are still some outstanding balances on Breakfast and After-School Club for this academic year. Can we remind families that these need to be paid urgently so that we can release the dates for the next academic year. Until these balances have cleared, we will not releasing further dates.

PTFA Paint Party Deadline

The deadline for ordering paint for our end of term paint party is **Friday 3rd July**. Spares will be ordered but if you want more than 1 packet of paint for your child, please order it now. We are very strict about not bringing your own due to health and safety. Order in PTFA shop. <https://ashurst-wood-school-ptfa.sumupstore.com/>



ACHIEVEMENTS



Area Sports

Thirty-three of our KS2 children took part in the annual Area Sports Event on Tuesday 30th June, competing against other schools from across the area. Although we did not secure a placing this year, our children represented the school with fantastic enthusiasm, determination, and excellent team spirit throughout the afternoon.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, and thank you for your effort, commitment, and sportsmanship. We are very proud of you all! Congratulations and thanks go to: Max, Gabriel, Grayson, Enzo, Isla, JJ, Mia, Fran, Esme, Sofia, Ayaan, Isabelle, Bear, William, Haven, Leo, Callum, Harry, Maisie, Samuel, Brian, Rufus, Halley, Harrison, Millie, Lily, Freddie, Holly, Jacob, Florence, Jayden, Joshua and Poppy.

Thank you to Miss Walker and Mrs Tjong for supporting the children at this event and to parents who went along to support the team.

KS1 Mixed Football Festival

Ten of our Year 2 children recently took part in the KS1 Mixed Football Festival, organised by Mid-Sussex Active. Rather than being a competition, the festival featured a carousel of fun football skills and activities designed to develop the children's confidence, teamwork and fundamental movement skills.

Our pupils represented the school brilliantly throughout the event. They were exceptionally well behaved, showed great enthusiasm and approached every activity with determination and a positive attitude. We are very proud of the way they supported one another and embraced the opportunity to learn new skills while having fun. Thanks goes to the following children for representing our school: Iylah, Layla, Remy, Raife, Joe, Millie, Dolcie, Poppy, Sophie and Bea.

Thank you also to Mrs Davis for accompanying and supporting the children at this event.

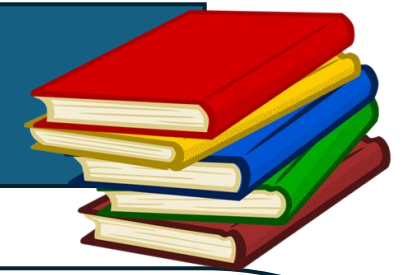
Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Year 5	59%
Doodle English Year 5	47%
Doodle Tables Year 5	18%
Doodle Spell Year 5	12%

Keep Doodling 😊



2026 Summer Reading Challenge



The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat' is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, nearly 11,000 children joined the challenge in West Sussex.

Read to the Beat encourages children to read amazing library books of their choice over the summer holidays. They will receive a music-themed sticker booklet, collecting special stickers and other exciting rewards each time they return to the library. There are fun activities in libraries throughout the summer, as well as a character hunt with a prize draw. Children who finish the challenge by Saturday 12 September will be rewarded with a certificate and medal!

Registration is now open, ahead of the official launch in every West Sussex Library on Saturday 4 July. Please spread the word amongst your pupils and their families, so everyone can Read to the Beat this summer! The links for registration and further information are below:

[Summer Reading Challenge 2026 | West Sussex Libraries](#)

[Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge 2026 - Voiceover | The Reading Agency](#)

<https://ashurst-wood-school-ptfa.sumup.link>

PTFA EGM- Thursday 16th July at 3.30pm

The current PTFA will be standing down and looking for new volunteers to be voted in as trustees and accountable to the charity commission in the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you would like to stand for these roles, please do get in touch. If we do not have people to step into these roles OR we do not have a quorum to officially elect them, the PTFA will be closed, and the exiting committee will agree how to spend any remaining funds with the school before disbanding.

PTFA Events

**Summer Performance
Tickets for Finding Nemo
Jr- Now available from the
PTFA shop.**

Show Dates

Tuesday 7th July - 7pm
Wednesday 8th July - 4pm
Thursday 9th July - 7pm

The Paint Party

After school on Monday 20th July , we will gather for the end of term paint party. Strictly NO bring your own paint due to risk assessment. As many packs as you like can be purchased from the PTFA shop. Adult participation highly encouraged 😊

Everyone participating must have eye protection, this can be provided from home or sun glasses purchased from the PTFA shop.





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.



Money raised this year

£229.20

Thank you

School Lottery

Support our amazing school *and* be in with a chance to win this month's exciting Super Draw prize — £1,000 last minute holiday! We have sold **47** tickets this week. Thank you. We would 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!**

July 2026

Monday 6th July week **SHOW Week**

- **Tuesday 7th July 7pm performance**
- **Wednesday 8th July 4pm performance**
- **Thursday 9th July 7pm performance**

Tuesday 14th July

Y6 Leavers Treat

Wednesday 15th July

2.30pm Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 16th July @ 3.30pm **PTFA EGM**

Thursday 16th July @ 2.45pm

Leavers assembly Y6 parents and families only
(**Please note change of date from 17th**)

Monday 20th July Last Day of term (Break Up 1.30pm) and PTFA Paint Party

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Instagram



[Link to School Lottery](#)