



Ashurst Wood School Newsletter (Week 13)

8th December 2025

THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 9th

Y6 to sing at Community Café
Christmas Lunch (PM)
Year 1 Forest Schools (PM)

Wednesday 10th

West Sussex Parent Forum
(9am)
Rock Steady Music Concert
(2pm)
Reception Forest Schools (PM)
Football Club (3.20pm to
4.20pm)
Karate Club (3.25pm to
4.25pm)

Thursday 11th

Year 3 Forest Schools (PM)

Friday 12th

Christmas Jumper Day
Year 6 Forest Schools (PM)
Elfridges Shop
No achievement Assembly
Netball Club (3.20pm to
4.20pm)

Upcoming Parent
Workshop
Wednesday 28th
January (2.30pm)
'My Digital Child'

Run by Paula
Betsworth, Early
Help and Mrs Blake-
Hatton

Attendance this week: 95.59%
Attendance from September 2025: 97.27%

Thank you for all your support in improving our attendance and
reducing the number of lost learning days.



Dear Families,

It has been a busy start to December, filled with exciting opportunities for learning and sharing across our school community. A special thank you goes to Mr. Jussen, who kindly brought in all the PlayStation consoles from PS1 through to PS5. This gave our KS2 children a unique chance to step back in time and see how gaming has evolved over the past three decades - can you believe the original PlayStation is now 30 years old! The children were fascinated to compare the differences in graphics, hand controls, and the overall gaming experience between each generation of console, and they gained a real appreciation for how technology has developed over time. It was history in action, and a wonderful reminder that learning can be both fun and inspiring.

We also had the pleasure of hosting the preschool children, who joined us to borrow a book from the library. Watching their excitement as they explored the shelves and chose stories to take home was a joy, and it highlighted the importance of fostering a love of reading from the very earliest years. Moments like these remind us how valuable it is to connect different parts of our school community, sharing experiences that spark curiosity and build lasting enthusiasm for learning.

We want to give a huge round of applause to Mike, who comes in once a week and seems able to fix absolutely anything! From putting up shelves, cutting down tables to the perfect height, and even repairing the playground gym, Mike's skills and dedication make such a difference to our school. Honestly, we're not sure what we did before he joined the team; he is an amazing asset and we are so grateful for all the time and care he gives. Thank you, Mike, for keeping everything running smoothly.



Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Year 4: 69%
Doodle Tables Year 4: 15%

Doodle English Year 4: 77%
Doodle Spell Year 4: 23%

Polite Reminders and Notices

West Sussex Parent Forum – Wednesday 10th December

Ashurst Wood Primary School are hosting a parent/carers session run by the West Sussex Parent Carer Forum on **Wednesday 10th December (9am to 10am)** as part of their work in our school on the PINS project. The WSPCF is an independent charity for the parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. There is a sign-up sheet in the main reception area. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Rock Steady Music Concert – Wednesday 10th December

We look forward to welcoming families of the children that attend Rock Steady Music to their first concert on **Wednesday 10th December at 2pm.**

Christmas Jumper Day and Elfridges – Friday 12th December

These events are taking place on **Friday 12th December**. Please see over page for details. **Year 6 Forest Schools will still go ahead**, with the Year 6 children attending the Elfridges shop first to choose their gifts. There will be no music lessons as Mr Godfrey has advised that the last session of the term is 5th December. **There will be no achievement assembly as the hall will be in use.**

Project Joy

We are looking for more volunteers to support Project JOY, our wonderful intergenerational sessions at the village hall each Thursday from 2.00-3.00pm. If you can spare 90mins prior to pick up, to help with walking the children to/from the hall and supervising the activities and games (it doesn't have to be every week, and you don't need to do anything taxing!) then please let us know via Emma in the office or via Filippa Brundish who leads the sessions (07815 048080). Thank you.

School Clubs

Just a polite reminder that all sports clubs finish on **Friday 12th December** for the term.

Chartwells 'Back to School' Menu – Monday 5th January 2026

The school will be on a 'back to school' menu on **Monday 5th January**; if you have already booked a lunch, you will need to reorder for the first day back. Thank you.

KS1 Universal Free School Meals for Census Day – Thursday 15th January

Further to our letter dated 1st December, please could we ask every **KS1** family to order a hot school lunch by **18th December** for their child on Census Day (15th January) so that we can receive the full funding. Thank you for your support.

External Clubs

Please find attached posters regarding a Holiday Gymnastics Club taking place at school on 23rd December. Ashurst Wood Football Club are also looking for players for their new under 6's team for the upcoming session.

Weekly Craft

Week 13- Starfish. Please be creative and use whatever craft method you like. You can buy polystyrene shapes to paint, sew and stuff a felt star fish or use a colourful plastic bottle. It doesn't have to be red either.

No larger than:



**New Lottery Prize !
Someone has to win**

Join Our School Lottery!

This month, the school lottery has a bonus Christmas draw alongside the usual chance to win cash. Remember, the more tickets we sell, the bigger the cash prize! Please share with relatives and friends.

We're aiming for **60 tickets** and currently have **19**, which have already raised **£340** this year to support activities and equipment for the children. Every ticket makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

[Your School Lottery - Online Fundraising for Schools and PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)



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.

DECEMBER



Tuesday 9th December

Y6 to sing at the Community Café Christmas Lunch (PM)

Wednesday 10th December – Rock Steady Concert (2pm)

Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Christmas Jumper or something festive. £2 donation with 50% going to a local charity chosen by the children and 50% going to support the school. There is no need to go out and purchase anything (a Christmas bow, tinsel or hat will suffice).

Friday 12th December – PTFA Elfridges Afternoon

This event gives the children a chance to shop for a present for family members without adult support, making Christmas Day special as the family unwrap a present chosen by their child.

Saturday 13th December - Christmas Crafts Day

Following the success of our Christmas plate painting last year we are running an afternoon of Christmas crafts. A fun way to start the festive season.

Monday 15th - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th December - KS1 Nativity (2pm)

Owl Class families are invited on 17th December and Hawk Class families on 18th December as we designate one day for each class but there is some flexibility if needed.

Wednesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Service (6pm) at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row. Start the Christmas season with this traditional evening and enjoy a mulled wine and mince pie. The event is open to all families and the community to attend.

Friday 19th December – End of term with a 1.30pm finish

SPRING 2026

Monday 5th January - First day of term

Wednesday 28th January – Parent Workshop 'My Digital Child' (2.30pm)

Friday 23rd January – Non Uniform PJ Day

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February Arts Week

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February Half term

Friday 27th February – Art Exhibition

Friday 13th February Non Uniform Day

Thursday 5th March World Book Day (Not a dressing up year)

Friday 6th March Cookie Sale

Wednesday 11th March – Parent Workshop 'Healthy Friendships & Relationships' (2.30pm)

Week commencing 16th March - Parent Consultations

Wednesday 18th March 2pm Rock Steady Concert

Monday 23rd March - Easter Bonett Parade (Reception)

Easter Cake Competition (KS2)

Tuesday 24th March - Easter Service @ ST Dunstons. KS1 1pm / KS2 2pm

Thursday 26th March last day of term (1.30pm finish) - Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 27th March – Inset Day

SUMMER 2026

Monday 13th April Term starts

Monday 13th – Friday 17th April Science Week

Friday 24th April Non Uniform Day

Wednesday 20th April – Parent Workshop 'Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate'

Friday 8th May Brownie Sale

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May Y6 SATs week

Saturday 16th May Crazy Golf Day

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May – Enrichment Week

Monday 1st – Friday 5th June Y4 Multiplication tests

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June Y1 Phonics screening

Friday 5th June Rock paper Scissors Day

Friday 12th June Non Uniform Day

Friday 19th June Sports Day
Friday 26th June Reserve Sports Day

Monday 8th – Friday 12th June Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 25th June Movie Night

Friday 26th June Donut Sale

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July Sackville Y6 transition days (TBC)

Monday 6th July week SHOW Week

Wednesday 15th July 2pm Rock Steady Concert

Monday 20th July Last Day of term