



# Ashurst Wood School Newsletter

## 9th March 2026 (Week 23)

**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 9th**

No Board Games Club this week (new dates added)

#### **Tuesday 10th**

Year 1 Forest School (PM)  
Brambletye Cross Country Races for Y5/6 (1.30pm to 4pm)

#### **Wednesday 11th**

Reception Forest Schools (PM)  
Karate (3.25pm to 4.25pm)  
Football League Matches (3pm to 4.40pm)  
No Football Club (rearranged to 23<sup>rd</sup> March)

#### **Thursday 12th**

Bags 2 Schools  
Y6 Forest Schools (PM)  
Y6 SATS Club (3.30pm to 4.30pm)

#### **Friday 13th**

Non-Uniform Day £1 Donation  
Frazzled Parent Coffee Morning (9.15am to 10.15) - (see poster)  
Y3 Forest Schools (PM)  
Achievement Assembly (3pm)  
Netball Club (3.20pm to 4.20pm)  
PTFA Mother's Day Flower Sale after school.

**Attendance this week: 96.64%**

**Attendance from September 2025: 96.85%**

Dear Families

It is going to be a very busy few weeks in school as we head towards the Easter break. We have now begun the *Finding Nemo* auditions for our KS2 children. These will continue up to Easter, but children will not find out their parts until after SATs, as Year 6 need to stay focused on their preparations.

On Monday, the boys in Falcon Class will have the opportunity to take part in a special dance workshop through our HET partnership. The Osprey boys have already taken part and thoroughly enjoyed the session, throwing themselves into all the activities with great enthusiasm.

On Friday, it will be a Non-Uniform Day with a £1 donation. There will also be a PTFA run Mother's Day flower sale after school.

The final week of term is especially full of exciting events. On **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** we will be holding our **Easter Bonnet Parade**. If your child is in **Owl Class**, please send them into school with a decorated bonnet or hat. We saw some amazing creations last year, and we can't wait to see what they produce this time! At 9.00am, the children, together with the preschool, will walk up and down School Lane to welcome the Easter season and show off their wonderful hats to the village.

**For Y2-Y6 there is an Easter cake competition.** Children make Easter cakes and there will be three prizes up for grabs, with the cakes being sold off at the end of the day to raise funds for the school. Please bring in your creations on the morning of **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** for judging.

On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be holding two **Easter Services at St Dunstan's Church**:

KS1 at 1.00pm (Owls Class need to wear their Easter Hats)  
KS2 at 2.00pm

All parents are warmly welcome. We will also need help walking to and from the Church, so please let us know if you are able to support.

On the last day of term (**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**), our amazing PTFA will be organising a whole-school **Easter Egg Hunt**, which is always a highlight for the children before we break for the holidays at **1.30pm**.

When we return after the Easter break, we will be launching our STEM Week, and further details will be shared soon.

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Year 5: 59%  
Doodle Tables Year 6: 19%

Doodle English Year 5: 65%  
Doodle Spell Year 6: 13%

# Polite Reminders and Notices

## Clubs

Board Games: Unfortunately, due to Mrs Purba attending ILP Review Meetings on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and the Parent Consultation evening taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no Board Games club on these dates. These have been rescheduled and the remaining dates are as follows: 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Football Club: Elite Development Coaching are unable to run a club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and this has been rescheduled. The remaining dates for this term are as follows: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

STEM Club: This club will run from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May (5 sessions) as it did not run in February/March as originally planned.

Club details for the summer term will go out the first week back after Easter.

## **Brambletye Cross Country Run (Y5/Y6) – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

The selected children will be walked under staff supervision to Brambletye School for the Cross Country Run on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The event commences at 2.15pm with a walk around the course followed by the girls and boys race. At the end of the event there will be prize giving and refreshments. Parents are welcome to come and support their children at this event. If parents are unable to attend, please collect your child from Brambletye School at **4pm**. Please refer to the letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February for further details.

## **Football League Matches (Girls and Boys) – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

The final round of Football League Matches will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, from 3pm to 4.40pm. Both teams need to be collected from school at **2.30pm** and transported to the East Grinstead Sports Club. The matches commence at 3pm and finish at **4.40pm** when the children should be collected. Mr Gowers will meet the team at the club. Please refer to the letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> March for further details. **Please can all consent forms be returned to the office no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in order for your child to take part** – thank you.

## **Bags 2 Schools – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

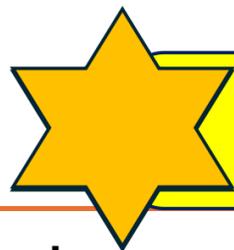
Further to the communication from the Pre-School on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, please leave any donations outside the Pre-School on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March no later than 8.45am** – thank you.

## **Parents Evenings – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

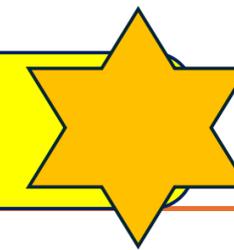
These will be taking place after-school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** and we would like to encourage you to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Timings are available in the School Reception area. If your child is on the SEN register you will have received an invite to attend a meeting, so there is no need for an additional appointment.

## **Chartwells 'Back to School' Menu– Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

The school will be on a 'back to school' menu on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** (jacket potato with choice of toppings). Chartwells have asked us to advise that parents will need to re-order for the first day back. Thank you.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



## Mid-Sussex Cross Country Finals

Florence and Isabelle (Year 5), represented our school at the Mid-Sussex Cross Country Finals on 26th February, where they placed 4th and 10th respectively. We are delighted to share that both pupils have qualified for the Sussex Finals on Thursday 26th March. We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them every success in the upcoming race.

## Netball Matches

*Report by Ida & Max (A team):* "On Wednesday night, Ida, Max Leo, William, Sofia, Haven, Poppy and Esme played netball at the East Grinstead Sports Club. We won our game (14-1) against Baldwins Hill. We played strongly in our first game, and we gave it our all in our second match against Estcots but lost 5-3. However, we still tried our hardest and got through to the finals."

*Report by Samuel & Grace (B team):* "On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the B team Samuel, Grace, Ellie, Isabella, Emma and Aria played netball strongly, but we sadly lost against The Meads. For the second match, we got two goals but lost against Blackwell. On our third match, we tied 2-all against St Peters. At the end of the matches, we all got rewarded with a nice hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both our teams who have played brilliantly throughout the season. The children have all played with enthusiasm, resilience and motivation. We are delighted and very proud of our A team for getting through to the finals (date to follow) and we are also very proud of our B team, who have grown and developed their skills over the season which will put them in good stead for next year. Congratulations to all our children who have taken part during the course of the season.

We would also like to offer a huge thanks to Mrs Pitcaithly and all the staff and parents who have accompanied & supported the children at these matches, in particular to Mrs Loveday, Mrs Jussen, Mrs Young and Mrs Phillips. We cannot have gotten this far without your encouragement and coaching.



FACE	
March 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
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**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
Frazzled Parent Coffee Morning (9.15am to 10.15am) (see poster)  
Non-Uniform Day £1 donation to PTFA  
Mother's Day Flower Sale after school. PTFA
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<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**



School Lottery  
Support our amazing school *and* be in with a chance to win this month's exciting Super Draw prize—a home robot bundle! 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!**

[Link to School Lottery](#)