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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a great week. We have been busy at Ash Hill as always!

SATs

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 children as they will be sitting their SATs papers. The SATs test the children's understanding of content from Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) and they have been working so hard this year to be prepared for this. We are really proud of how dedicated the children have been to their learning, and how parents and carers have supported them with additional learning at home. If your child is in Year 6, please support them to be ready for next week by ensuring a restful weekend.

We will be providing a special SATs breakfast for Year 6 in the hall from 8:15am. This is to ensure they are as relaxed as possible before the start of each paper. The breakfast is funded by school and free for the children. We have found previous Year 6 children have found this a really positive addition to their testing week. If you cannot get to school for 8:15am, please do not worry, but we will need children in on time to ensure registers can be done and test administration can begin quickly. If children arrive after the start time of their test session, they will not be able to be with their peers until they have sat the test at a later time. We want to avoid this if possible.

Thank you again for all of your support in preparing the children for this important week. We are looking forward to children demonstrating their fantastic progress.

Attendance

This time of year is an essential time to ensure your child is in school every day. We are busy preparing children for final assessments and working on transitions to their new year groups. Any day missed is valuable learning time. If you are experiencing any challenges with your child's attendance, please reach out for support. Mrs Rosser works in the school office as our Attendance Officer, but she also holds a Family Liaison role and she can advise and signpost lots of useful local support. Please be aware that it is our policy that holidays during school time are never authorised. If you do take a holiday during term time, you may receive a fine from the local authority.

NUT FREE REMINDER, and new tables!

Please can we remind all parents that we are NUT FREE at Ash Hill. It is extremely important that children do not bring any nut containing products in their lunches e.g. hazelnut chocolate spread. We have children who have allergies and could experience anaphylaxis (a life threatening emergency) if they have contact with nuts, so it is vital that no nuts are on site. We also expect that children do not bring in sweets and milkshakes. These are not appropriate for lunchtimes and should remain as treats to have at home only. Thank you for your understanding.

You may have heard the exciting news that we have purchased some lovely new tables for our dining room! They are very smart and we think will make the dining room a much nicer environment for eating. We are having an assembly today to talk to the children about the Ash Hill restaurant! We will be discussing what restaurant behaviour is like and thinking about how we can make our eating experience positive and enjoyable. The children will be using the new tables next week and we look forward to enjoying a more joyful eating experience.

Best wishes,

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 20/04/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	87.9	11
Year 1	91.8	13
Year 2	93.4	15
Year 3	95.5	7
Year 4	94.7	7
Year 5	95.7	4
Year 6	96.3	2

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96-99.9%	Good
90-95.9%	Needs to improve
98.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	**EVENT**	**Year groups**
11.05.2026	Year 6 SATs Week	6
25.05.2026-29.05.2026 May Half Term		
01.06.2026	Back to School	All
18.06.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm	2
22.06.2026	Bikeability Day 1	
23.06.2026	Bikeability Day 2	
23.06.2026	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach	2
11.06.2026	Reception Class Assembly 09.15am	Rec
20.07.2026	Learning Champions Assembly	
21.07.2026	Ready to Celebrate Afternoon	
22.07.2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm	6
22.07.2026 Summer Break - finish at 2pm		

Year 6 (current Year 5s) residential dates to Marchants Hill - Surrey (2 nights) Wednesday 7th October - Friday 9th October 2026

Letters Home This week:

- Year 6 SATs week arrangements
- School Census Day

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a fun week continuing to think about the story 'We Are Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have enjoyed listening to the story lots and joining in with the actions. The children have had fun drawing bears using a variety of materials, as well as going on a bear hunt around the school grounds. Thank you to those parents and carers who have been encouraging their children to write their names. Please do bring in any examples of your child's name writing to school so that we can celebrate it with their peers. Have a fabulous weekend everybody.

Reception

Reception has had another busy week thinking about farm animals, and in particular the story 'Farmer Duck'. The children enjoyed listening to it lots and joining in with key phrases and actions. The children made great lazy farmers! Everybody enjoyed playing with messy eggs - there was lots of mark making involved. Plus, many children practised the tricky words 'my' and 'was'. As always outside has been popular, here the children have had fun creating 'look out' dens and using these areas to read with their friends. Well done Reception. You deserve a rest!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been changing parts of the story we learnt from Paddington and turning it into Katie in London. We have been describing different places around London using our senses.

In Maths, we have started learning about fractions. We have been looking at halves by finding half of shapes and objects, as well as half of a number.

In Science, we went on a walk around school to look at the different plants we could spot. We used a hula hoop and placed it over some daisies and dandelions. We then counted how many of each flower were inside the hoop. We also looked at different trees and carefully examined their leaves to help us identify what type of tree they were.

In History, we learnt about the famous nurse Edith Cavell. We discussed why she is significant and how she helped many people, including soldiers.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued imitating our class story to help us create our own versions, with the children showing great creativity. In maths, we built on our fractions learning by focusing on quarters and how fractions add up to a whole. The children also enjoyed their violin lesson this week. In science, we started our new topic on plants, learning about bulbs and seeds by exploring some fruits/vegetables in class. In DT, we made our sandwiches, which was great fun and a lovely way to bring our learning together. The children chose their ingredients and were able to put them together in a sandwich, wrap or pita bread. Year 2 will be completing the optional SATs at the end of Summer 1; we have been preparing for these in class, and the weekly homework can be used to support your child in getting ready

Year 3

This week in Maths, we have been exploring perimeter and learning how to measure the perimeter of different shapes around the classroom. The children worked carefully to add the lengths of sides and enjoyed applying their measuring skills in practical activities. In English, we have been practising our text map and exploring the language and skills used within our writing. The children have been developing their understanding of key vocabulary and how authors make their writing interesting and engaging. We have also enjoyed a range of exciting activities in History, including writing our names in Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics! The children are thoroughly enjoying our History unit and have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity during lessons.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have been finding equivalent fractions this week using fraction walls and bars with some mathematical paper folding too. In English, we have been writing our shared stories and diving through portal doors to magical kingdoms and the feasts that come with a warning if you dare to eat from them. An introduction to the Victorians and the railways they built has taken us back in time while we've been enjoying the outdoors in Science in search of invertebrates and vertebrates as well as flowering and non-flowering plants. Describing the buildings in our home town in Spanish will hopefully help us explore other towns and cities one day. This has tied in well with our map-making in Art of a familiar place while dance and ukelele (not at the same time) have provided the music and movement breaks. Keep reading and please remember that homework is due in on Wednesdays. Enjoy your weekend.

Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5. We have begun a new unit in Maths, Statistics. The children have been plotting and reading graphs, as well as looking at different tables. I am hoping they are enjoying this strand as it is a bit different. There has also been lots of preparation and planning towards our writing and the children have just begun writing a Suspense and Action tale. It is going to be very exciting reading next week.

The children are really enjoying Cricket in their PE lessons and are really building their skills. In Science it has been very interesting looking at the gestation period for different animals and investigating if there is any correlation between the size or lifespan of an animal.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

We are hurtling headlong towards SATs next week and I have been really proud of how the class have applied themselves to all of the preparation we have been doing. Just a reminder that we have SATs Breakfast at 8.15am, Monday-Thursday next week. It would be great if we could get the whole of Year 6 there, as we have in previous years.

In Maths this week we have covered a range of topics including angles, coordinates and translation. In English we have been thinking more about suspense and action and in particular how we can describe a setting suspensefully. In DT with Miss Harris the class have been designing menus and we are looking forward to a day of cooking in the coming weeks. Whilst in RE we have been considering non-religious views of creation, especially the Big Bang Theory. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

School Census Day is Thursday 21st May

To celebrate, the catering company are serving Pizza for lunch!

Remember, all lunches must be ordered in advance on Parent Mail. This includes free school meals.

If you have not yet ordered lunch on Parent mail, please speak to the office by Tuesday 12th May.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free School Meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.

Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school...

The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of £1,100 - £1,550 per pupil whose parents qualify for free school meals under the **targeted** eligibility criteria listed overleaf on this application form.
The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers

Q. How can I apply?
A. Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

Q. Why should I apply?
A. You and your school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £1,100 - £1,550 per pupil. As well as this, if your child is in year 3 or above this form is also used to apply for Free School Meals and could save you hundreds of pounds a year.

Q. My child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?
A. Yes! Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free meals at school completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

Could you also be entitled to free school meals?

If you think you may be eligible, collect an application form from the office and return to us.