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Spring Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Improvement Plan here.

I hope you've had a fantastic week. Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating!

We have had a busy and exciting week at Ash Hill again. Thank you to the parents who attended our SENDCo coffee morning. We will continue to offer these throughout the year so keep an eye on the bulletin if you would like to attend the next date.

Last Week of Term
We have lots of events next week, starting with our Learning Champions assembly on Monday. We are looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements for the spring term with our Let's Get Celebrate afternoon and our attendance Hot Chocolate Thursday.
A reminder that we close at 2pm next Friday.

Book Fair
A reminder that the book fair is visiting Ash Hill next week. Please do come and have a look at the end of the school day throughout the week. Your purchases allow the school to gain important funding for books for our school library, so we really appreciate your support.

Parents Evening
We have parents evenings on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Please ensure you have booked an appointment - we need to meet with a parent for every child to ensure their learning and progress can be well supported next term.

Easter Bonnets
We are excited to see the children's Easter bonnet creations next Friday! We will meet on the playground at 8:45am and will hold the parade before children go to their classrooms. Please do come and join us! Please check the Easter bonnet letter on parent mail for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

We're delighted to welcome Mrs Vaughan, who joined us on Monday as our new Office Administrator. She brings a warm, professional presence and a wealth of organisational experience that will support the smooth running of our day-to-day operations.

Mrs Vaughan has already made a fantastic start, getting to know the team and settling into the role with confidence and enthusiasm. We're excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she'll bring to the office.

Best Wishes

Mrs Campbell

Business Manager

Attendance W/C 23/02/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	96.7	13
Year 1	91.0	7
Year 2	94.3	9
Year 3	93.3	4
Year 4	97.3	0
Year 5	98.3	4
Year 6	95.2	3

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	EVENT	Year groups
23.03.2026	Learning Champions Assembly	
27.03.2026	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 2pm	
30.03.2026-10.04.2026 Easter break		
13.04.2026	INSET Day	
14.04.2026	Back to School for start of Summer Term	All
24.04.2026	Year 5 trip to Amersham Field Studies	5
30.04.2026	Year 1 Class Assembly 2.30pm	1
01.05.2026	Year 3 trip to Ashmolean Museum	3
07.05.2026	Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30pm	3
25.05.2026-29.05.2026 May Half Term		
01.06.2026	Back to School	All
12.06.2026	Nursery visit to The Goats Centre	N
18.06.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm	2
22.06.2026	Bikeability Day 1	
23.06.2026	Bikeability Day 2	
24.06.2026	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

Year 6 Parents and Carers: Please note the Year 6 residential dates for your diary: 5th June 2024 - 7th June 2024. (2 nights at Whitemoor Lakes)

Letters/Parentmails this week

- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Reception Class update from the School Nursing Service

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a very green week thinking about plants and what they need to grow. The children have enjoyed playing with soil and mark making in a range of materials. The children have also been learning about the story 'The Enormous Turnip' and talking about a range of vegetables. The children created some lovely pictures of turnips and were keen to talk about them with their friends! Well done Nursery. Enjoy the sunshine.

Reception

Reception has also had a green week thinking about the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' The children have been measuring beanstalks, creating their own very tall ones, as well as pretending to be little beans and growing into beanstalks! Everybody pretended to be Jack and wrote letters to the giant apologising for taking his belongings! Well done Reception. We are very proud of all of you. Enjoy the sunshine.

Year 1

Year 1 had another fantastic week. We worked on improving dull sentences and making sentences more interesting such as 'The cave was big.' turned into 'The dark, damp cave was humongous.' We know that even when we are writing independently, we need to focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. This is also something that can be worked on at home alongside letter formation. In Math we have been looking closely at Place Value to 50. We have been using Base 10 which supports us in partitioning numbers into tens and ones. In Science, we create a weather chart by drawing a picture and writing the weather for every day of the week. We discussed how the weather changes in every season and what the typical weather is like in Spring. In DT, we made our own fruit smoothies. We used our designs where we chose 3 different fruit. We chopped the fruit ourselves and then used a blender to blend the fruit into a smoothie. We had lots of fun making the smoothies and drinking them! In Computing, we used the BeeBots and used the four different directions on the robots to move to different places on a mat. In History, we looked at cars in the past and in the present and how they have changed over time. We focused on how car safety has changed over time.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have started writing our own versions of *Kassim and the Greedy Dragon*—the children have come up with some wonderfully creative ideas, so do ask your child what their monster is called! In maths, we have continued learning about capacity and volume, building our understanding through many activities. In PSHE, we continued our discussions about feelings, identifying both good and not-so-good emotions and how we can manage them. In DT, the children began designing their own finger puppets and explored different ways to join materials. In science, we have continued learning about habitats and the different environments where living things can be found.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been working incredibly hard and enjoying lots of exciting learning across the curriculum! In English, we have been really enjoying exploring the emotions of the main character in our class text. The children have shown great thoughtfulness in discussing how characters feel and why. We have also been perfecting our text maps, and it has been wonderful to see the growing confidence and creativity in retelling our story. In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. This has been a challenging skill, but the children have shown fantastic perseverance. We are very proud of how they have supported one another and kept going even when it felt tricky! In PSHE, we have been learning all about how to keep our teeth healthy. The children were fascinated by the anatomy of a tooth and have learned lots of important ways to look after their smiles. In Geography, we have been exploring the different ways settlements are used, including for business, farming, living, shops, and schools. The class has enjoyed discussing how different places are organised and why. In Computing, we have been exploring 'branching databases'. The children used yes/no questions and pictures to create their own simple databases, showing great logical thinking and creativity. We are SO excited for Ready to Celebrate next week and can't wait to share all our achievements! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring electrical circuits that make sounds and create light in our science and D.T lessons while planning podcasts in Computing. In Maths, we have been calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes with missing sides and thinking about using efficient methods. In English, we have been imagining dragons and what happens when you ignore warnings with some fantastic descriptive language emerging from the misty hollows. The features of rivers are key to our understanding of their journey, power and how we can protect them. As some of our children celebrate Eid-al-Fitr, we learned about Eid-al-Adha, the festival of sacrifice and discussed the power of being willing to sacrifice something to show your commitment. With the final swimming session next week, we look forward to more time for P.E outside with cricket and athletics. I look forward to seeing you all next week at parents' evening and hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 5

This week we have continued to look at the relationship between decimals and fractions. The children have worked hard and are really getting to grips with the concept. We have also been planning our version of the model text and they have been busy writing their own Warning Tale. I can't wait to see their independent stories next week!

We have begun a new unit in Science entitled What is the human life cycle and what are its stages? How do mammals life cycles differ? This week we looked at the human life cycle. In Geography, we discussed further the impact that humans' are having on climate change.

Following on from a parent mail a few weeks ago. Please can the children bring in an old t-shirt or top next week so they can upcycle it as part of their Design and Technology unit next term.

We would also love to have some parent volunteers for our trip to Amersham Field Centre next month.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at parents' evening. Have a great weekend!

Year 6

We are rapidly moving towards the end of Spring Term but we are still taking every learning opportunity in Year 6. In Maths, we have moved on to fractions, decimals and percentages and we have been learning about equivalence between them. Our English has reached its shared write stage and the class are coming up with some excellent ideas for their warning tales. In Spanish we have been developing our conversational skills through telling the time and being at the airport. Whilst this week's History learning has looked at the importance of trade to the Ancient Islamic Civilisation. Just a reminder that we have Parents' Evening next week. Can please ensure that you have booked your appointment online. This is a really important point in Year 6 and it is extremely beneficial for myself, your child and you to discuss progress. I hope that you have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

2026 Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to Ash Hill next week so come and browse some wonderful new books, comics, non-fiction and fabulous stationery too. Payment can be made via contactless card/phone only and you can also redeem your World Book Day tokens for £1 off per book.

Over the last three hears, you have helped us raise over £500 to spend on fantastic fiction, fascinating non-fiction and new atlases for the school so thank you for your support.

We hope to see you next week to find something great to read.

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March

Time: 3.15 – 4.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday (parents' evenings) until 6pm

Location: Library