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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 all had a great break and a positive week.

Ofsted Follow-Up and Parent Meeting

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to submit questions following our recent Ofsted inspection. We appreciate you sharing your thoughts and concerns.

I will be holding a parent meeting next Wednesday at 2:45pm in the hall. During this meeting, I will respond to the themes and questions that have been raised so that we can keep the session focused and productive. To ensure this, I will not be taking questions during the meeting itself. I am happy to speak to parents one to one if you have further concerns following the meeting.

Celebrating Our Pupils - Underpass Artwork

Last term, some of our children's designs were selected as part of the local underpass project. These designs are now being brought to life by a professional artist, and it has been fantastic to see them taking shape.

We would highly recommend that families take the opportunity to visit the underpass with your children to see and celebrate their work—it is a wonderful example of our pupils contributing to the local community.

Lost Property - Coats and Jumpers

We have had a number of parents contact us recently regarding missing coats and jumpers. We would be grateful if you could please check at home for any items that may have been taken by mistake. Ensuring all clothing is clearly named really helps us to return items quickly to their rightful owners.

Mobile Phone Safety

We would also like to remind families about the importance of keeping children safe online, particularly when using mobile phones. Where possible, mobile phone use should be avoided or carefully restricted at primary age.

We have had some concerns raised in school regarding issues arising from WhatsApp and other messaging platforms. These situations can have a significant impact on children's focus, wellbeing, and happiness in school. We ask for your support in monitoring your child's online activity and ensuring that any communication is age-appropriate and safe.

Working Together Respectfully

Finally, a reminder that we are all working towards the same goal: the very best for your children. We are always here to listen and to support, and we encourage any concerns to be raised with us. We do ask that all communication with staff remains polite and respectful so that we can work together in a positive and constructive way.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Attendance W/C 23/03/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	85.2	14
Year 1	90	7
Year 2	92	7
Year 3	90.7	3
Year 4	91.7	4
Year 5	89.3	4
Year 6	95.3	1

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	**EVENT**	**Year groups**
30.03.2026-10.04.2026 Easter break		
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

Letters Home This week:

- Confirmation of PE dates for Reception to Year 6 classes
- Attendance reports to parents for Reception to Year 6 classes
- Year 5 Technology reminder

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a busy week back trying to remember those Nursery rules and expectations! Everyone has enjoyed using the garden trying to find mini beasts. There has been lots of talk around the similarities and differences between bugs. The children using the large outdoor shapes to make pictures. The children are becoming much more interested in letters and have had fun drawing around them to make their names. Thank you parents and carers for encouraging your children to find their own name cards without pictures to help them. Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Reception

Reception has had a very busy week learning about the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes! The children enjoyed the surprise at the ending and this promoted lots of discussion about good and bad choices. The children also enjoyed making play dough pancakes and investigating the use of weighing scales. Outside has been very popular, especially using the whisks in the water tray and creating their own jungle using the grass, tyres, water and animals. A brilliant week back Reception - well done. Enjoy the weekend everybody!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we had a very exciting surprise visit from a special bear—Paddington! We first noticed clues when we found marmalade sandwiches left around the classroom, and even some marmalade on the whiteboard. We went on a walk around the school and discovered more sandwiches in the corridor, lunch hall, playground and on the field.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass by weighing objects using cubes. We have also explored capacity and volume, describing when containers are empty, full, nearly empty or nearly full. In Art, we have been printing using our hands, and in Science, we have been learning about the different parts of plants and trees.

In History, we discussed what the word 'significant' means and thought about people who are important to us and why. Half of the class also enjoyed their Forest School session, where they had fun making butterflies. They will continue with Forest School throughout the term.

Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break! This week in Year 2, we have made a great start to the new term. In English, we began our new story Gerald the Giraffe, and the children are already enjoying exploring the characters and themes. It was wonderful to see the children confidently showing off their talents to their classmates—there were some fantastic performances! In maths, we started our new unit on fractions, focusing on the vocabulary of part and whole. In PSHE, we discussed the importance of money and how we make choices about spending it. In science, we explored microhabitats and even created our own. In DT, we also began our new topic, How do I make a tasty, nutritious sandwich?, which the children are very excited about.

Year 3

It has been a very exciting week in Year 3, full of mystery, exploration and hands-on learning!

In English, we have been busy following a series of jungle-themed clues that led us on a thrilling adventure around the classroom. The excitement built even further when we received a mysterious delivery! This has sparked lots of fantastic ideas, predictions and descriptive language, and we are looking forward to seeing where this leads next. In Maths, we have been learning all about measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres. We particularly enjoyed taking their learning outside, where they measured objects around and how far they could jump on the playground. There were some very impressive jumps and great teamwork when measuring accurately! Our new History topic has begun with great enthusiasm. We are learning all about the Ancient Egyptians! This week, we explored who the Ancient Egyptians were and how we know so much about them today. We also had a go at making their own pyramids, which was a fantastic way to bring the topic to life. In Computing, we have been exploring media, focusing on images and text. We've been thinking carefully about the advantages and disadvantages of each and when it is best to use them. In Reading, we have started our new class book and have already read up to Chapter 3. We have taken part in some lovely activities to develop their understanding, including discussions, drama and creative responses.

It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the story so far. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring life through portals this week with our new writing unit taking us in search of secret doors on trees in the school grounds. Some magical, fantastical ideas and vocabulary coming out from those dream-like spaces. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions as a part of a whole and making sure our understanding is secure before we venture into the unknown with improper fractions and mixed numbers. Retrieving knowledge from our river model experience last term has led to studying how rivers erode and shape the land with their power and determination to keep flowing. Being like a river in your studies this term will serve you well Year 4. In Art, we have learnt about typography and created new designs for writing our names in different ways. Making and break circuits in Science finished a busy first week back. It's great to see everyone again and here's to another fantastic, fun term full of learning. Keep reading everyone.

Year 5

It has been lovely to have the children back in school. They have come back refreshed and enthusiastic after the break.

We have begun looking at our new model text for our new writing unit. This is a Tale of fear and we are focusing on writing suspense and action. We have begun learning the model text and have had a lot of discussion around what suspense is - it is not horror! It is a very exciting text and unit.

We continue with our Maths unit learning about Decimals and Percentages. This week we started learning about per centages and the children have grasped this concept well. We are also continuing our Geography unit and have been discovering what fossil fuels are and why our use of them is harming the planet.

As you know for our Design and Technology unit we are upcycling an item of clothing. Thank you to those of you who have supplied a t-shirt for your child. If you haven't please send it in early next week so we can begin our project.

Have a great weekend.

Year 6

The final term at Ash Hill for Year 6 always seems to come around so quickly and we have lots to do and look forward to in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have completed our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages and are now thinking about area and volume. English has seen us finishing off last term's warning tale work and we have been completing our independent writes. Our new topic in History is looking at inspirational historical figures with our focus on Nellie Bly. Whilst in Science we are continuing to learn more about healthy lifestyles. Please keep encouraging your child to complete any additional work that we send home in their booklets as this will help them consolidate their understanding in those areas. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.