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Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a great week and you are enjoying the sunshine today.

Half Term

A reminder that it is half term next week, so children will be back in school on Monday 1st June.

Half term is an opportunity for pupils to relax and recharge, and we know they will be having lots of fun outside. The school holidays can be such a fun time for children, but they do present additional risks. The weather is set to be very hot at the beginning of the week, so please do carefully consider sun safety. There are some top tips here. Please also think carefully about road safety and water safety with children outside more often.

Our school community are all very good at looking out for each other, and many parents come to speak to us about concerns for children. If you have any concerns about children in the break it can be difficult to know what to do. If you do have safeguarding concerns about children, did you know you can report them yourself online? The website here contains an online form.

Year 6 Hoodies

A reminder that FOAH are working on providing leavers hoodies for our Year 6 pupils, an eagerly anticipated Ash Hill tradition! They still have some order forms and payments outstanding, so please do come back to them as soon as possible.

Smart Phones and Devices

Last week I wrote to you about smart phones and asked that parents consider avoiding phones for children, or only providing a basic phone. As a school we are moving towards a smart phone ban in the new school year.

This week I want to remind parents that smart devices are not allowed in school. Children are not permitted to wear smart watches, such as Fit Bits and Apple Watches. Please ensure these stay at home.

Thank you for your understanding.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 04/05/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	94.5	4
Year 1	86.5	3
Year 2	93.1	12
Year 3	96.4	6
Year 4	92.9	3
Year 5	99.6	5
Year 6	100	2

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96-99.9%	Good
90-95.9%	Needs to improve
88.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	**EVENT**	**Year groups**
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

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a busy week thinking about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have enjoyed role playing the story and learning about different sizes, such a big, medium and small. The children have also had fun mark making in porridge oats and using runny glue to make some lovely porridge oat pictures! Everyone has had fun in the garden, especially in the mud kitchen and at the water area. Well done Nursery - have a fantastic break next week but don't forget to carry on practising your name!

Reception

Reception has had fun continuing to think about pets, and in particular spiders! The children enjoyed listening to the story Aargh Spider and joining in with the repeated phrases, as well retelling the story. The children even worked in a news station and had to write questions to ask the spider when they interviewed him! Junk modelling has been very busy this week, some lovely spider catchers were made inside, as well as using the large blocks outside! The water area has been fun using guttering and watering cans to pour spiders down, just like Incy Wincy. Well done Reception, another fantastic week. You all deserve a rest but don't forget to carry on practising those tricky words and putting them into a sentence!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy finishing lots of exciting learning before half term!

In English, the children have been writing the stories they planned. Their characters explored different areas of Ash Hill Primary School, including the lunchroom, playground and corridors. The children used the plans they created to help support their writing and worked hard to include lots of detail in their stories.

In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction. We explored quarter turns, half turns, three-quarter turns and full turns. We also practised using positional language such as left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below.

In Art, we created our very own gallery. Each child chose their favourite piece of artwork from this term and talked about what they liked about it, as well as what they might improve next time. We then walked around the classroom gallery to look at each other's artwork and share positive comments.

In Science, we planted lots of seeds including spinach, watercress, lettuce and chives. We also replanted our sunflower seeds after they did not grow the first time. We are looking forward to seeing how they grow!

In History, we discussed who was the most significant out of Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, and explained our reasons why. We all had different opinions, which showed some fantastic critical thinking skills.

We also enjoyed our "Ready to Celebrate" afternoon, where the children chose activities based on the number of tokens they earned this term. Everyone had lots of fun celebrating their achievements together.

Have a lovely half term, everyone!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been writing acrostic poems and proudly published our class story book. The children were very excited to see their hard work brought together and should feel incredibly proud of their achievements. In maths, we continued our learning on time, focusing on reading and understanding 5-minute intervals. The children also enjoyed their violin lesson this week. In science, we planted seeds to observe how they grow and to investigate the effect temperature has on plant growth. I am so proud of all of our Year 2 children for completing their SATs this week — they have worked extremely hard, shown fantastic resilience and are all very deserving of a well-earned break next week!

Year 3

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3!

In Maths, we have become true fraction experts, immersing ourselves in the world of equivalent and non-equivalent fractions. The children have shown great determination and confidence when comparing and identifying fractions, and we are so proud of the progress they are making. In English, we completed our exciting hot write inspired by Where the Wild Things Are. The children produced some wonderfully imaginative writing and worked hard to apply all the skills they have been developing this term. This week, we absolutely smashed our class assembly! The children performed brilliantly and represented Year 3 with such confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork. People are still talking about how amazing it was! We are also thrilled to share that we are scheduled to receive our BAFTA in early June — a wonderful achievement for the whole class. In PE, the children have loved dancing sessions with Miss P and have shown fantastic energy and creativity throughout. We were also incredibly impressed during violin lessons this week — the children demonstrated excellent focus and musical talent. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely week!

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy writing and editing their portal stories and it seems they have all returned to their home world from faraway planets and the Roman Empire. We've heard some incredible description and imagery and I look forward to reading the finished stories over half-term. Writing and calculating with decimals has challenged us this week but Year 4 have risen to meet this with a positive attitude. In History, we've been discussing the impact of the railways on Great Britain and whether it was more important to be able to go on holiday to the seaside or transport coal to fuel the Industrial Revolution. In Science, we've been gathering more data outside in the sunshine on the living things and their habitats in our local area. With 3D modelling in Art and considering how religious communities help people, it was a busy week topped off by some fabulous Ready to Celebrate activities. As the multiplication test is shortly after half-term, the children will have some times tables activities to complete. Any practice on- or offline is useful and will mean the children go in as confident as possible. Have a great holiday everyone.

https://ttrockstars.com/

www.timestables.co.uk

Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5. We enjoyed a water safety talk from the Police, which was very informative and will hopefully keep us all safe over the summer.

We have been doing lots of measuring and drawing angles, in Maths. This has been very tricky to do accurately but the children have worked really hard. There has also been some fantastic suspense and action writing in English where they have written a sequel to an animation that we watched and wrote about earlier in the learning sequence. In Science we have been identifying the lifecycle of mammals and looking at some mammals that are a bit unusual. We have also been working on our DT project to upcycle an item of clothing. We look forward to finishing this after half term and embarking on lots of exciting new learning.

I hope you all have a restful half term.

Year 6

With SATs completed we have taken the chance in Year 6 to look at a couple of other subjects more frequently this week. In History we have been considering our big question, 'why was Nellie Bly inspirational?' In our PSHE finance unit we have been thinking about being critical consumers, identifying value for money and working out how to budget. This has linked well with our new Maths unit looking at the world of work, where we have found out more about hourly rates of pay, salaries and tax. In Design and Technology with Miss Harris the class have been learning about High Wycombe's chair making history and they have been designing their own chairs. I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and half term.

Community Events : Take a look at the attached flyers for details

OPPORTUNITY BUCKS | SUCCEEDING FOR ALL

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY

Thursday 28 May 2026, 11am - 3pm

Wrights Meadow Centre, Wrights Meadow Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1SQ

Residents and community members are invited to come along and discuss any matters with multi-agency teams:

- **FREE Crime Prevention advice and security items**
- **FREE Health Checks and advice**
- **FREE bouncy castle and activities for children and young people**
- **FREE Waste/recycling advice and products**
- **Housing- discuss any concerns and issues**
- **Adult Learning- advice on courses available to you**

Teams and local volunteers will be in the area undertaking high visibility patrols, engaging with residents, completing litter picks and dealing with a range of issues identified by the community.

Scan the QR code

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