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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 wonderful week. We have been starting to enjoy glimmers of sunshine here and there and hopefully the warm weather will be on its way soon!

Year 6

I would like to start by saying how proud we are of our Year 6 class this week. They have faced the challenge of SATs with such a positive and mature attitude. It was fantastic to see them working through the tests to the best of their abilities and we are hopeful that they have been able to show their excellent progress this year. We would like to thank the parents and carers of Year 6 who have supported at home with additional learning to allow them to make good progress this year. We are not only proud of the class for their dedication to their assessments, but also their growth as people. We talk about becoming our best at Ash Hill, and Year 6 should be proud of the values and skills they have developed here. All of our children in Year 6 are unique and truly wonderful individuals. They will be an asset to their new schools and we are looking forward to spending a really positive second half of the summer term celebrating their journey at Ash Hill.

You will receive your child's SATs results in the final report of the Year.

Smart Phones

We recognise that some children who walk home from school may need a mobile phone as part of their safety arrangements, so they can contact parents or carers if needed.

At Ash Hill, pupil safety is always our priority, including their safety online. For this reason, our current approach is that pupils who bring a phone to school should keep it switched off, out of sight at all times, and sign it in to the school office on arrival. Phones can then be collected at the end of the day.

We are also aware of increasing concerns about smart phone use among primary-aged children. To support children's wellbeing and online safety, we encourage families to consider providing a basic phone where possible. Some families have already chosen this option, and we are exploring the possibility of moving towards only allowing basic phones in school in the future. If you are planning to provide your child with a phone, particularly in upper Key Stage 2, this may be helpful to keep in mind.

If you would like to find out more about this topic, further information is available via the link provided.

We also kindly ask that adults keep their own phone use on site to a minimum where possible, as this helps support a calm and connected environment at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 27/04/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	89.2	5
Year 1	90.7	11
Year 2	95.5	10
Year 3	95.5	6
Year 4	94.7	6
Year 5	92.3	5
Year 6	94.3	3

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 enjoyed listening to Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have had discussions around feelings and whether it was a good choice to go into a strangers house! We encouraged children to think about ways to keep safe, e.g. hold a grown ups hand when crossing the road. The children also enjoyed playing with porridge oats - scooping and pouring them into different sized bowls, as well as making their names in the oats. Well done Nursery!

Reception

Reception has had a busy week thinking about pets. They enjoyed listening to 'I want a Pet' and talking about the pets that they would like. Rabbits are a very popular choice! The children have had fun role playing the vets with sick animals and writing prescriptions. We have also spent some time thinking about different occupations, especially those people that help us and animals. Have a lovely weekend Reception!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy planning our own stories. We changed parts of Paddington to create our own ideas and characters. Next, we will independently write our stories using our plans to help us.

In Maths, we have been learning more about fractions. We already know a lot about halves and this week we focused on quarters. We know that a quarter means a whole has been split into 4 equal parts.

In Art, we explored printing using plasticine. We used different objects to press patterns into the plasticine and then used ink pads to create colourful prints.

In Science, we investigated different seeds that we are going to grow: watercress, spinach, lettuce and chives. We looked carefully at the seeds and matched them to the plants they will grow into.

In History, we compared the lives of Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. We discussed how they were similar and how they were different, and learned about the important ways they helped others.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been busy writing and editing our own stories, and the children have worked hard to improve their writing by checking for punctuation, spelling and interesting vocabulary. In maths, we started our new unit on time, recapping o'clock and half past before moving on to quarter past and quarter to. The children also enjoyed another violin lesson this week. In science, we explored different types of bulbs and seeds, discussing how plants grow and what they need to survive. In DT, we reviewed our sandwiches and reflected on what we liked and what we might change next time.

Year 3

What an amazing week we have had in Year 3! In English, we have been consolidating our text map and enjoying lots of short burst writing activities, as well as exploring poetry. The children created wonderful poems all about an underwater world – their imagination and descriptive language were fantastic! In Maths, we immersed ourselves in the world of fractions. We learned about numerators and denominators and practised comparing and ordering fractions with growing confidence. In History, we continued our exciting learning about Ancient Egypt. This week, we explored Egyptian hieroglyphics in even more detail and created value posters using hieroglyphic symbols. In Science, we investigated transparent, translucent and opaque objects. The children learned so much new vocabulary this week – Year 3 could almost write their own dictionary! In Art, we explored negative space and enjoyed a fun "painting with scissors" activity inspired by Egyptian art. Well done, Year 3, for another brilliant week of learning! Parents: Thank you for your patience with the class assembly! It has been rescheduled for Wednesday 20th May at 2:30pm! We hope to see you all there!

Year 4

Year 4 have been going full steam ahead learning about the invention of the railways in the Victorian era and how this changed the country forever. From locomotives and coal power to HS2, the railways have transformed our landscape but with some bumps along the way. Our portal stories are exploring new worlds on faraway planets or even back in time to the Romans. Where would you like to escape to through a mysterious door? We can't take anything away from Year 4's effort when subtracting fractions from whole amounts and mixed numbers or practising our predicting and summarising skills in reading lessons with our novel, Varjak Paw and non-fiction texts too. In Art, 3-D models have appeared to recreate the world that Varjak lives in using clever cutouts and folding stands. Cricket matches outside in the spring sunshine and more exploring habitats in the school grounds finished up the week.

With the Multiplication Test Check in the first week after half-term, please support your child in practising their times tables - especially the ones they find difficult.

These websites may be useful alongside the paper practice we will send home.

www.timestables.co.uk

ttrockstars.com

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Year 5

Year 5 have been working very hard on their writing this week. I have been impressed with their ideas and the vocabulary that they have used when innovating the model text. I can't wait to see their independent writes next week. In Maths we have completed the unit on Statistics and have just begun a module on Shape, where we will be investigating angles. We have been looking at evidence from Anglo Saxon times to discover more about the people and the culture. We have had lots of interesting discussions. We continue to learn about Pilgrimage in RE.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Year 6

Quite a brief bulletin from Year 6 this week as I'm sure you are all aware that our focus has been fully on SATs. I have been so proud of all of the class for their hard work leading up to the tests and the way they have applied themselves and focused throughout the week. Our attention now turns to preparing the children for their transition to secondary school, with a number of schools already booked in to visit Ash Hill and meet their new Year 7s to be. We will also be starting to think about our end of year performance. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

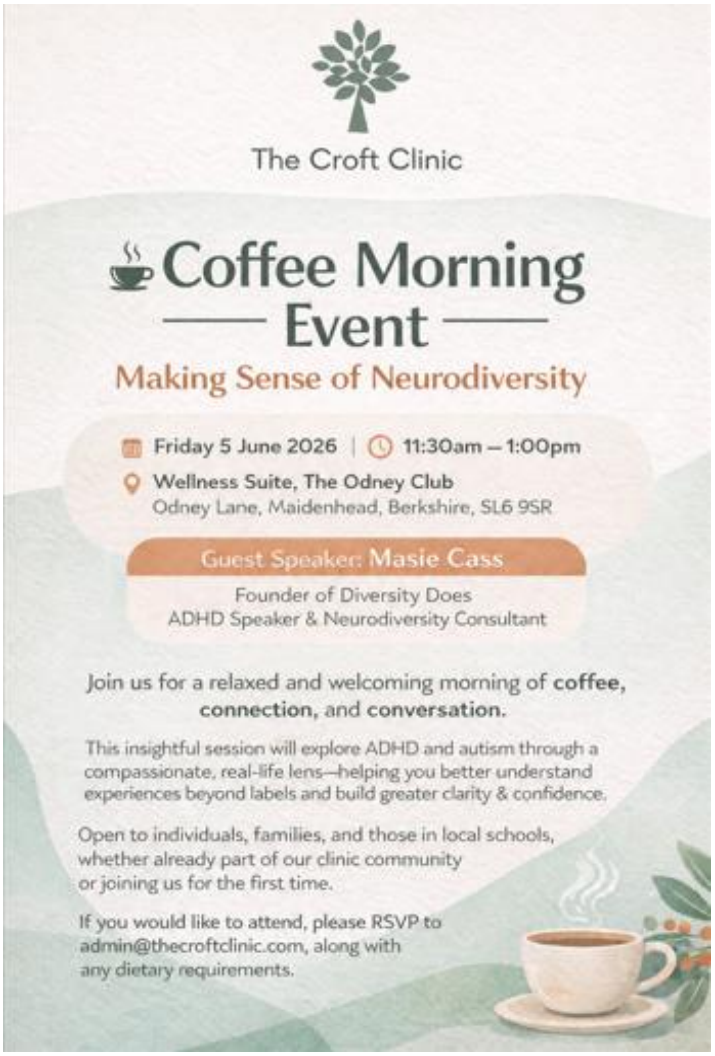
Year 6 should have received a letter regarding the Leavers Hoodies with all details on.

Just a reminder that the bank transfer of £10 along with the slip detailing colour, size and name IDEALLY need to be in before half term on Fri 22nd May so the order can be processed in time for the end of the school year.

We are aware the letter stated a later date, but as this is during half term if all orders can be in before half term we can then order within time limits.

Any issues, or if your child didn't receive a letter, or has lost the letter, please speak to the office or email FOAH at foah@ashhillprimary.co.uk

Community Events
Please take a look at the flyers attached for full details



"Spend the late May Bank Holiday at Adams Park by coming along to our first ever Picnic on the Pitch event between 12pm-4pm.

We've got entertainment for the whole family whilst on the Adams Park turf with great food and drink available to buy, local stalls, kids' activities including a bouncy castle (weather permitting), outdoor activities and entertainment on the big screen.

So, bring your blankets, gather your loved ones and enjoy a truly unique afternoon at the home of the Chairboys. You're welcome to bring your own food and drink, or purchase at the stadium.

Tickets can be purchased via: https://tickets.wwfc.com/Stadium?eventId=15270 which costs £5 per person."