



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful and busy time across our school, filled with achievement, celebration and creativity. We are incredibly proud of our children for the enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitudes they continue to show, both in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations to our Dodgeball Champions!

A huge well done to the children who took part in the Aspire Dodgeball Tournament last Friday and came home as winners! Their fantastic achievement was celebrated in assembly this morning, where we proudly shared their success with the whole school. The children were awarded medals, and the trophy is now proudly on display for everyone to see. We are so proud of their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship – a brilliant accomplishment!

Mental Health Awareness Week – Dansicality Workshops
To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week, all children across the school took part in exciting Dansicality workshops over the past two days. These sessions gave everyone the chance to enjoy dancing, movement and music together. Dance is a wonderful way to support both our physical wellbeing and mental health, helping children to express themselves, build confidence, boost mood and release energy in a positive way. It was fantastic to see so many smiles, enthusiastic moves and happy children enjoying the experience.

Today, we were delighted to welcome special visitors into our school to see financial education in action. They had the opportunity to observe our children engaging in meaningful, practical learning that helps build essential life skills for the future. Financial education is extremely important to us as a school, as it equips children with the knowledge, confidence, and decision-making skills they will need as they grow into responsible, independent adults. We are proud to place such strong emphasis on preparing our learners for real-world challenges.

We look forward to our Valentine's Disco next Thursday, which will be a wonderful way to end the half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Elliott
Deputy Head

Dates for your diary

2025 - 2026 Academic Year

- 9 Feb - Year 5 Money Ready Workshop
- 12 Feb - Valentine's Disco
- w/c 16 Feb - **Half-Term**
- 23 Feb - Pupils return to school
- 4 Mar - Parents' Evening
- 10 Mar - Year 4 trip to Whipsnade
- w/c 16 Mar - Scholastic Booky Fayre
- 20 Mar - Annual Beehive Cup
- 27 Mar - **END OF TERM (finish 1:30pm)**
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- 13 Apr - **Pupils return to school**
- 13 Apr - Year 5 Joy of Movement workshop
- 14 Apr - Year 5 Bikeability Try-it-out Day
- 19 Apr - Year R Dance performance & Family craft activity: Rosen AM and Donaldson PM (times to be advised)
- 27 Apr - Year 2 Money Ready Workshop
- 28 & 29 Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training
- 4 May - BANK HOLIDAY
- 7 May - Year 2 Hampton court
- w/c 11 May - Year 6 KS2 SATs
- w/c 25 May - **Half-term**
- 20 May - Sports Day
- 1 Jun - Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 3 Jun - Year 5 Wetlands
- 8 Jun - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10 Jun - Class Photographs
- 10 Jun - Year 5 Maya Workshop
- 11 Jun - Year 3 Natural History Museum
- w/c 14 Jun - Year 6 Bude Residential
- 25 Jun - School Readiness Meeting
- 30 Jun - Secondary Transition Day (please check with individual schools as the date may differ)
- 1 Jul - New Nursery stay & play
- 6 Jul - Moving up day
- 22 Jul - **END OF TERM (finish at 1:30pm)**

(Dates subject to change)

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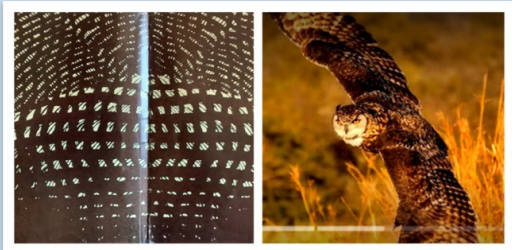
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Highlights from the week

EYFS

The children in Early Years were curious this week when we received an email from an abandoned baby owl telling us he had been left all alone just like the owls in our new story 'Owl Babies.' We immediately went in search around the garden and found him inside his nest in one of our trees. The children thought about how we could help him and make him feel better. They tried to build a ladder out of sticks and a tower of bricks to try to reach him, they drew him lovely pictures and stayed near him as they played to keep him company. We wrote an email to Mr Oyewusi to ask if he could help and by the next morning he had been rescued and was safely tucked up in his new larger nest with his mummy who had been waiting for him.

Before reading the story, we looked at the pattern on the first illustration and guessed that it was from an owl. We were proved correct when we watched a video during our non fiction learning, and saw an owl in flight showing the same pattern on the underside of his wings. We look forward to finding out more about owls and other nocturnal animals as we continue with our story.



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting visit to Brooklands Museum to support their learning about travel and transport in history. The children explored a wide range of vehicles from the past to the present and discovered how transport has changed over time. They were fascinated by the different types of cars, buses and aeroplanes on display and loved seeing them up close. The trip helped bring their classroom learning to life and gave them a memorable hands-on experience. Everyone had a wonderful day, full of curiosity, learning and smiles.



Year 2

In Year 2 science, children learn how exercise can affect their bodies by taking part in a range of physical activities. They complete different exercises, such as

running, jumping, and stretching, and observe the changes that happen to their bodies. The children notice that their heart beats faster, their breathing changes, and they may feel warmer or tired after exercising. Through these activities, they begin to understand that exercise helps keep their bodies healthy and strong, and that different types of exercise can have different effects on how their bodies feel.



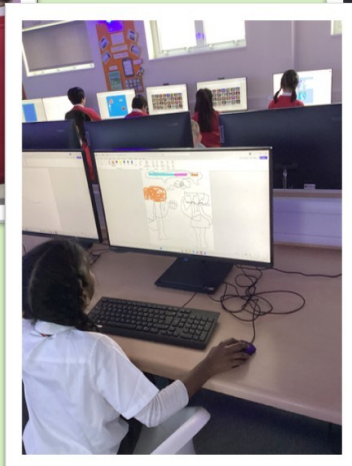
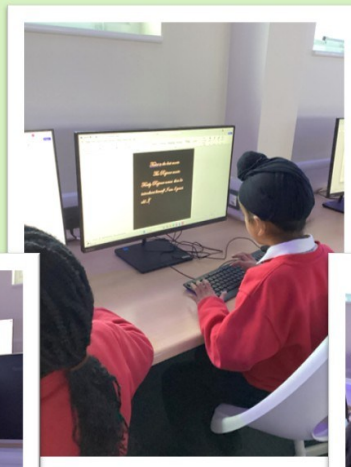
Year 3

We have had a super exciting and productive week in year 3. We have been role playing with props in English, as the build up to writing a letter in the role of 'Hannah' from our Power of Reading text – Gorilla. We have been measuring the equipment in our classrooms and comparing our findings, as the entry point to our new maths unit on length and perimeter. We have been learning all about the Bronze Age and the importance of the beaker people to the advancement of the British civilisation, culminating in the pupils making their own beakers!



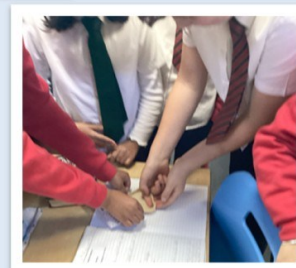
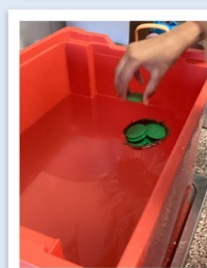
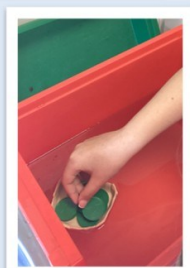
Year 4

This week in Computing, Year 4 focused on developing their word processing skills using Microsoft Word. The children learned how to create posters and explored how to present information clearly and effectively. They considered the purpose of their posters and the intended audience, making thoughtful choices about font style, size, colour, layout, and images. Through this work, pupils developed their digital literacy skills and learned how to use technology to communicate messages in a purposeful and engaging way.



Year 5

In Year 5, our Science topic is Forces and we were investigating the effects of upthrust. We firstly had to make a shape that would float on water, in a shape of a boat. We then floated our boats and placed counters in them, to see how many it would hold. We concluded that the wider the surface area on the water, the more counters could be placed.



Attendance Matters

Year Group	%
Reception	91.0%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	94.5%
Overall attendance to date	94.7%

Best Attendance this week

1st Place - Ahlberg & Blyton

97.3%

2nd Place - Hawking & Monet

96.6%

3rd Place - Beethoven 96.3%

Most improved - Ahlberg by 8%

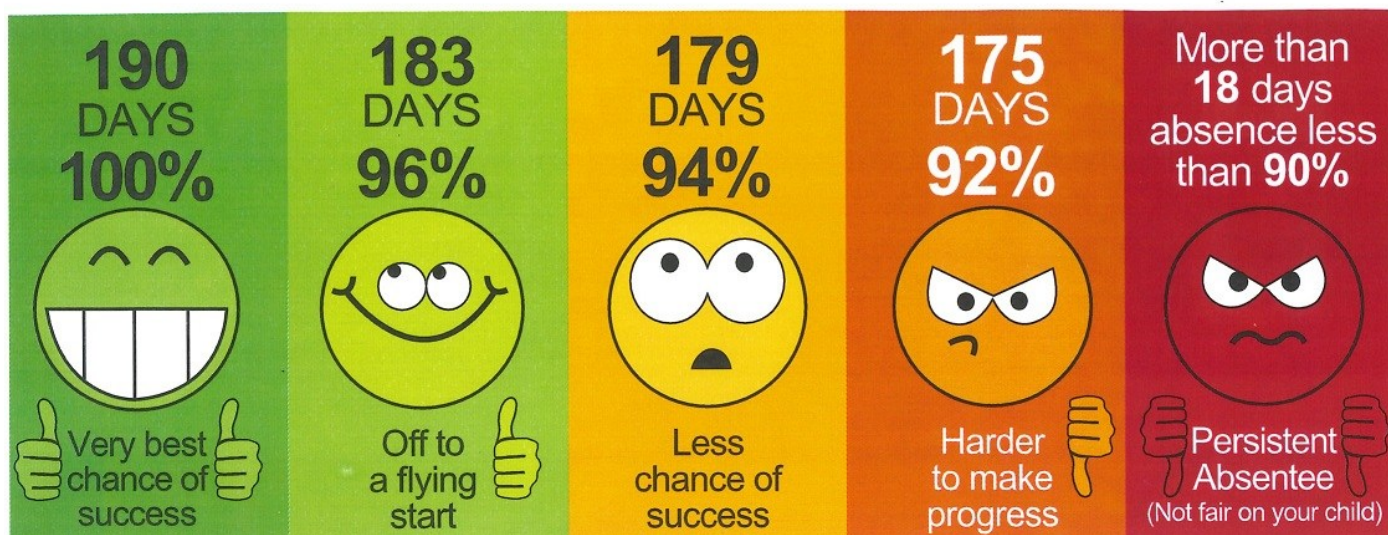
Statutory Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) HOCKEY CLUB



HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMP



18th, 19th & 20th of February 2026



Girls & Boys Ages 6 - 14



All abilities welcome!



10:00 - 15:00 (Lunch 12:30 - 13:30)
Drop-Off from 09:30



£20.00 per day (3 days for £50.00)
Discount for siblings



Ashford Sports Club - Short Lane
Stanwell - Middlesex - TW19 7BQ

Bring water, a packed lunch, a gum shield and shin pads. Hockey Sticks can be provided.

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