



Spring Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 17th April 2026



Dear Parent/Carers,

Well... didn't this half term simply fly by in a fervent flash. Finding it difficult to believe the last few weeks have rocketed past and we are speedily sailing into the Summer Term. Hope you all embarked upon exciting adventures over your two week holiday, which involved loads of laughter, fun and a marginal degree of sunshine. A well-deserved, relaxing break was needed for all children, as their concentration, determination and commitment to learning has been AWESOME, so far this year. They all, truly are fantastic learners, bursting with enthusiasm, curiosity and a zest for knowledge. What a truly amazing and flourishing community we are! Thank you all for your continued support and smiles over the last term. We look forward to seeing you all once again, Tuesday 21st April.

Spectacularly Stupendous Science

Yet again this year, Science week provided the children with fantastic learning opportunities, as we delved into the theme of 'curiosity – what's your question?' Hands on Science opened our week with a series of workshops, where children were encouraged to pose as many questions as possible. Carymoor provided a powerful insight into the world of recycling, with their schools against waste workshops. Stem ambassador and engineer Henry Duke expertly led our whole school challenge day of Bridge Building. Whether exquisite, luxurious, simply practical or merely humble in style, children were provided the premise of creating a design suitable to support a 500g bag of sugar. Equipped with limited resources, their imaginations, ingenuity and problem-solving soared.



Culmination of the week was dress-up, an activity which we all absolutely love at Ash, young or old. There were some original and ingenious outfits fashioned!



Wells Cathedral

Fascinated and intrigued, the youngest learners within the school had a fantastic excursion over to Wells, where they explored the rich history surrounding the cathedral. Glorious sunshine radiated across the course of the day, as they were guided around the grounds and the magnificent building by a wonderful volunteer guide. He beguiled the children with his extensive knowledge, captivating their attention and igniting a range of sparky questions. They all had a truly amazing time, creating badges, stained glass windows and writing prayers.





Book Share

A massive thank you once again for all the support offered to the children. They relish these opportunities, displaying true joy as they share their work with someone special, accentuating their pride and sense of achievement for their learning.



Bristol Museum

Enthusiasm and intrigue radiated, as we were treated to the historical delights offered by the fantastically vast range of exhibits, featuring local and international wonders. Free to explore with our class, we were truly fascinated by what we encountered, learning new facts and information. Rocks and fossils fuelled the premise of our workshop, enabling us to strengthen our understanding of the world around us.



World Book Day

Book characters galore adorned the classrooms and corridors of Ash, as we celebrated the importance of authors, illustrators and reading. Our costumes were appreciated and paraded in the morning, as we gathered for our World Book Day assembly. A variety of books were shared throughout the course of the day. It was wonderful to see the children immersed and engaged whilst reading to each other.



Reading

Children at Ash love to read, whether independently, on a 1:1 basis with an adult, with a friend, amongst a group or even out aloud in the whole class. Reading ignites imagination, fuels creativity, enhances vocabulary, improves comprehension, increases knowledge, promotes oral confidence and articulation. It is the foundation for learning and future academic success. Please keep your passion for reading strong.



Easter baking

Baking with our buddies, we created the best tasting, chocolate Rice Krispy cakes ever seen on the planet (or we thought so anyway!). They snapped, crackled and popped in a rather chocolatey way.



Drama

Stanchester students and their marvellous Drama teacher, Mr Dan Morgan, enthralled and inspired yet again through their wonderful workshops. This time, Year five and six had a whistle stop introduction to Hamilton and the challenge... to perform the whole show in 6 minutes! Each group of children rehearsed a given snap shot of the Musical Hamilton (without the singing) under the guidance of a Stanchester Student, then performed their exert to create a entire piece.



Design Technology in Year Six

Feverishly designing and experimenting with the materials, Year Six collaborated and communicated fantastically in order to achieve their design mission.



Skeletons in Neptune

Year Three and Four followed instructions meticulously to create their very own skeleton, recognising where each bone sits in order to create a moving, functioning human skeletal system.



Cross Country

Thank you once again to Mrs Cockram, who dedication and efforts in orchestrating the children for these events never goes unnoticed. All children who participated this year were amazing, representing the school beautifully. Mrs Cockram was very proud of each and every single one of them. Huge congratulations to Hugo and Joshua, who have the opportunity to represent Yeovil in the Interarea Cross-Country Race at Mudford Rec, Wednesday 29th April. Good luck boys!



Easter Artwork and Service

Colourfully creative pictures added a magnificent degree of vibrance to our Easter Service this year, alongside beautifully poetic pieces written by the children. We also discovered interesting facts regarding celebrations across the world during Easter time. All this and some truly amazing singing.



Parkour and Beatboxing returns!

One of the absolute best and most energetic workshops of 2025 returned again this year. However, this time Kal and Jack were ready for Parkour, instead of Break-Dancing. Children throughout the whole school thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.



Outdoor Learning

Friday is an extra special day for our Yr1, 2, 3 and 4 learners, as they bound and bounce boldly out into the wilds of Forest School. Sowenna lead a brilliantly structured programme of activities, which empowers our children to embrace, understand and appreciate their surroundings and environment.

How lucky we are to have access to such magnificent grounds!

Nursery

Curious, creative and collaborative children, make our Ash Explorers a fantastic learning environment. Recently, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their mini excursions, as they navigate the wild terrain and lengthy distance between Nursery and Earth Class. Cheerfully, they mingle with the Early Years children and discover life over at the main school building.



Attendance

Last year's National average attendance figure for the country was 93.5%, here at Ash we are currently 95.53% for the academic year. Every single minute at school is significant to a child's development, therefore it would be fantastic, if together we could achieve a slightly higher percentage by the end of the year.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

PTA

Supportive, generous, inclusive and a fantastic community feel! We are exceptionally fortunate to have such a dedicated team of parents, who donate their time and effort to organising a variety of events across the year. The team have donated money across the course of this term to support both workshops and travel costs for trips. Super efforts culminated toward the final event of the term - Easter Bingo 27.3.26.

A fantastic showing from the whole community.

Please remember, your involvement counts. If you would like to become a member of this wonderful team, please contact the school office for further information.



Ash School Prayer

Let our school be a place of respect for one another .

Help us to remember that as many hands build a house , so many hearts create our school .

Help us to work together and help each other to meet new challenges .

Keep us firm in your love for us and each other .

In Jesus' name .

Amen

Dates to remember

Monday 20th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 21st April – Children return to school

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May – May Half Term begins

Monday 1st June – Return to school