



## Spring Term Newsletter 1 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parent/Carers,

Hope this newsletter finds you all happy, healthy and brimming with positivity. We have certainly endured some rather interesting weather over the last few weeks, but the sun continues to shine here in school. Children are relishing their learning, stretching their potential and proving, yet again, how fantastic they all are. Trips galore, visits in, explosive enrichment experiments, KS2 Wednesday afternoon music, forest school, KS1 Gymnastics, swimming, cooking and much, much more.

### **Lion's Club**

This fantastic charity generously donated a set of indoor, soft play footballs, which the Early and Late birds thoroughly love. A huge thank you to Ria Blackmore and obviously the Lion's club.



### **Celebration Assembly**

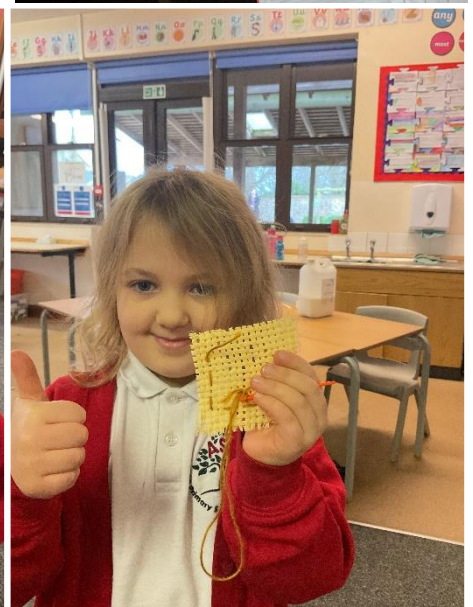
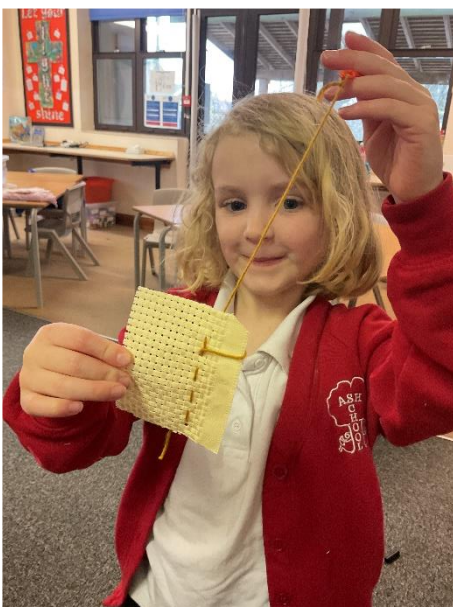
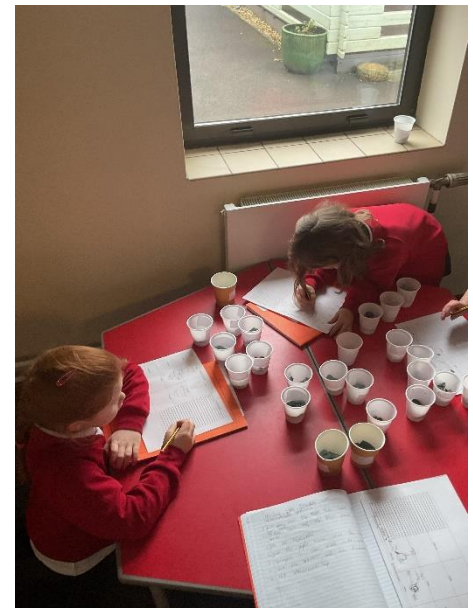
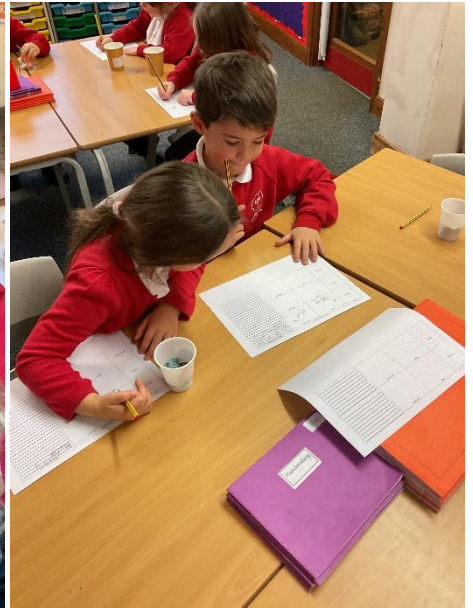
Every Friday afternoon we hold a special assembly, which highlights achievements across the course of the week. Our focus of attention is not merely limited to academic success but encompasses all elements of school life. We exemplify the importance of manners, kindness, respect and effort in everything we do or attempt. We concentrate upon perseverance, courage and resilience, when approaching or encountering new scenarios. It's also a celebration of weekly house successes. House Captains collate the school's house points from each class, before the assembly begins, then present the totals at the front of the hall. Birthdays are also an integral element of the Friday celebrations, whether on the actual Friday or during the course of the week, we love sharing our special day anecdotes.

### **Careers, professions and people within our community**

Our successful parent led career assemblies continued across part of this half term. The children remained enthralled to learn about the professional world that awaits them and the various opportunities available. A massive thank you to all parents involved. Your time and efforts truly are greatly appreciated. Please remember, there is still time to volunteer if you wish... just contact the school office with a suggested Monday date. Assemblies run from 2.45pm. We even had a visit from two Thales engineers, who told us all about their successes as a multinational company, highlighting the role they play in aerospace and security design.

## Year 1 and 2

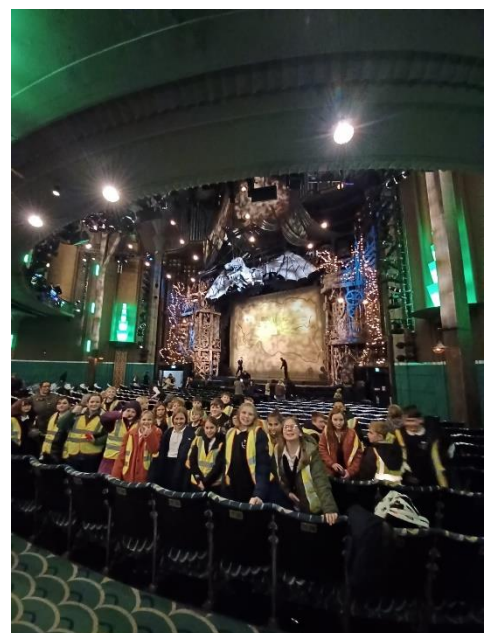
Whenever this classroom is entered, children are consistently enthusiastic to discuss their learning and converse freely over their activity. All of this with a massive smile upon their faces. They are always engaged and ready to learn.



**Sutton Bingham**



**Victoria Apollo – London**



## Haynes Motor Museum



A truly amazing trip, where all children displayed exemplary behaviours, listening skills and super enthusiasm for the vehicles. A huge thank you to our extra helpers.

## Cross Country



A huge thank you has to go out to Ms Cockram, who dedicates her time through organising and attending every single event. Her support and encouragement for every child is fantastic. Ash always have a superb group of runners, who demonstrate great levels of camaraderie, teamwork and enthusiasm.

All children performed exceptionally well. Individual credit goes to: Hugo – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 3 boys. Jules – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 4 boys, with Rowan and Warren also in the top 10. Year 4 girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Year 5/6 boys 4<sup>th</sup> overall, Year 5/6 girls 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and a wonderful performance from the Year 4 boys, who finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall. There were nearly 400 children from 30 schools attending, which shows just how awesome we are!

## Worship and Open the Book

We have been introduced to more wonderful ladies this term, who deliver our worship assemblies on a Wednesday. Pip Davies and Sarah Slade are both retired Secondary School teachers from the local area. They have both been tremendously impressed by our children's listening, singing, thoughtfulness and general eagerness to contribute sensibly.



## Clubs

Again, this term, our clubs are varied with a range of activities on offer with a particular excitement and enthusiasm for both sewing and water colour art.



## Enrichment afternoons

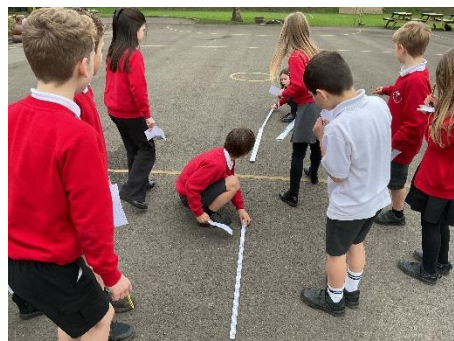
Year 1 and 2 have been fortunate to receive cookery and Science on a Friday afternoon, alongside Forest School. Cookery has explored different tastes, food hygiene, an understanding of nutrition... unleashing some budding future chefs into the Ash Community. Science investigations, explosive experiments and chemical reactions stimulated curiosity and intrigue as the children explored the how, the why and the what of science. A huge thank you to both Mrs Fullerton and Mrs Trenchard for their fantastic enthusiasm and dedication.



## Year 6 – Heart dissection



# Year 3 and 4



## Volunteers Needed

Our school garden is in desperate need of some tender loving cutting back, weeding, digging and planting. If you are interested in giving time towards refreshing this area of the school, then please contact the school office.



## Ash School Garden



Ash School is lucky enough to have its very own vegetable garden with established raised beds, woodchip paths, compost bins and sheds.

All the garden now needs is someone to help maintain it, could this be you?

The garden is used by the pupils but needs someone to oversee its management. This could be one individual or a team of people.

If you would like to help maintain this fantastic space please contact either the school office or Sowena Stonestreet directly (07933730064).

## School Prayer

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children return after half term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Cross Country Competition  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Readathon Begins  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Dress as your favourite character)  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Non-Uniform Day (Easter Egg or Cash donation)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 Bristol Hippodrome  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Dress as a Scientist or an experiment  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bikeability  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Bikeability  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day – Non-uniform (Cash donations)  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Cross Country Competition  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Bookshare  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter BINGO!  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Readathon ends  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 5 WOW Day Stanchester  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Parent’s Evening  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parent’s Evening  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Church Service 2.15 start

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY**  
**FRIDAY 7TH MARCH**

We would appreciate a donation of an **Easter egg** (of any size) or a cash donation (so we can buy some) for our **Children's Chocolate Easter Bingo**

**Thank you**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

**Sponsored READATHON**  
4 March - 1 April

**Sponsored readathon – Let's have some fun!**  
From March to April, let's read away, For World Book Day – hip, hip, hooray! Let's spark some magic, turn each page, Adventure and wonder at every stage! Even if books aren't quite your thing, Find words around – let reading begin!

**No pressure at all, just give it a go, Document your reading and watch it grow! Ask your family and friends to sponsor your read, Turn the pages, plant the seed.**

**Read together, big or small, Have some fun – enjoy it all! A treat and certificate, just for you, For joining in and seeing it through! Top two prizes – who will they be? For KS1 and KS2 – We'll have to see! For raising the most in sponsorship cash, who will be the top readers here at Ash.**

**Prizes for most sponsorship**  
**Enjoy and explore**  
**Have fun!**

**Document all reading**  
**Certificates for all who participate**

**Sponsorship forms and money to be handed in by 1 April**