



Spring Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 4th April 2025



Dear Parent/Carers,

Well... didn't this half term simply whizz by in a flash. Finding it difficult to believe we are at the end of the Spring Term and heading into the Easter holidays. Hope you are all embarking upon exciting adventures over the next two weeks, which involve loads of laughter, fun and hopefully sunshine. Think all children deserve a well-deserved relaxing rest over the holidays, as their concentration, determination and commitment to learning has been AWESOME. 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.

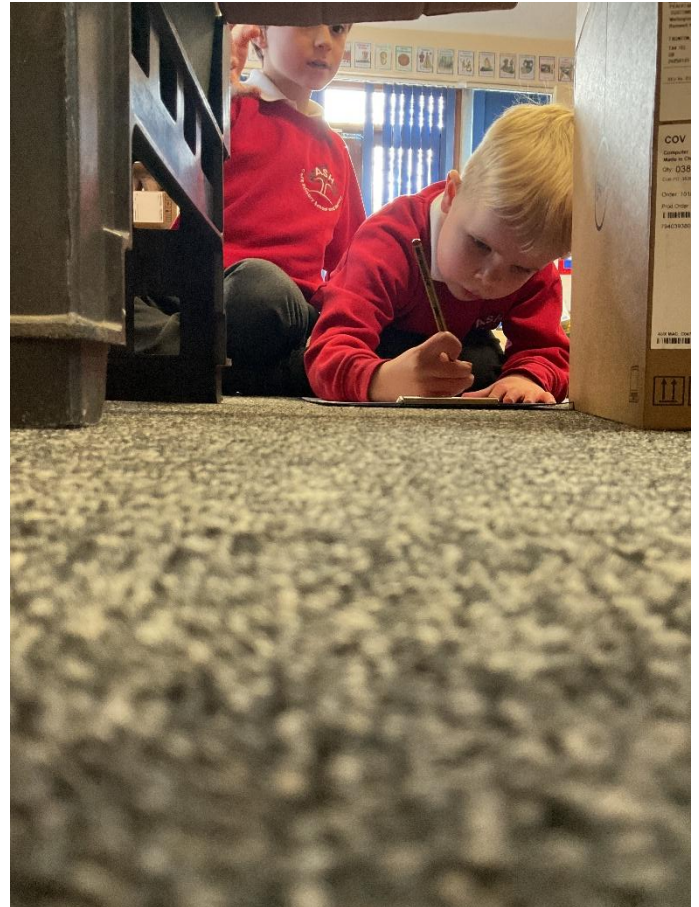
Bristol Hippodrome

Excitement, awe and wonder pulsed through each and every one of us, as we watched Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Bristol Hippodrome. Captivated and enthralled by the theatre, singing and acting, our Yr1, 2, 3 and 4 children were mesmerised and inspired. Superb! Their behaviour and sensible attitude radiated through. It was even commented upon by members of the public, who thought they were wonderful children.



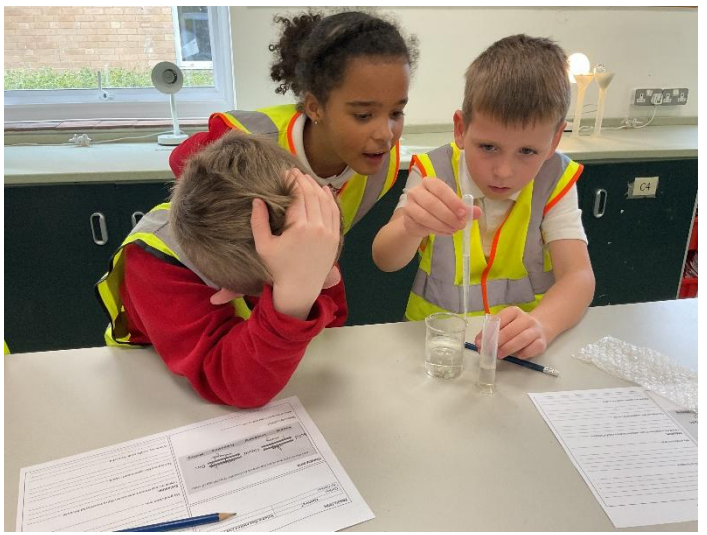
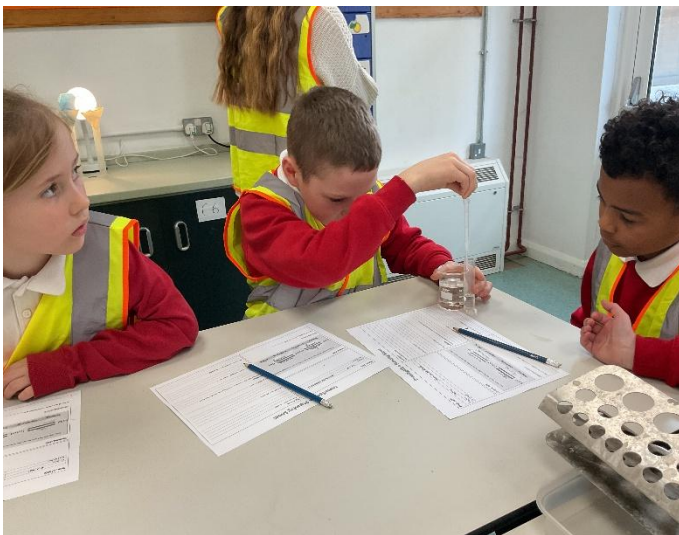
Spectacularly Stupendous Science

Yet again this year, Science week provided the children with fantastic learning opportunities, as we delved into the theme of 'change and adapt'. Stem ambassador and engineer Talia expertly led our whole school challenge day of seat design. Whether exquisite, luxurious, simply practical or merely humble in style, children were provided the premise of creating a design suitable for a specific individual. Equipped with limited resources, their super imaginations, ingenuity and problem-solving soared, producing simply spectacular results. Many designs and prototypes could even hold Mrs Gibbons.





Within this week, children from Neptune class experienced an afternoon which stretched their investigative skills and furthered their experimenting prowess. A science lab at Stanchester Secondary school was the host, where the children encountered an actual, real life, fully qualified secondary school Science teacher. It was a great adventure for all involved and every single member of Neptune class relished the whole occasion.



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!





World Book Day

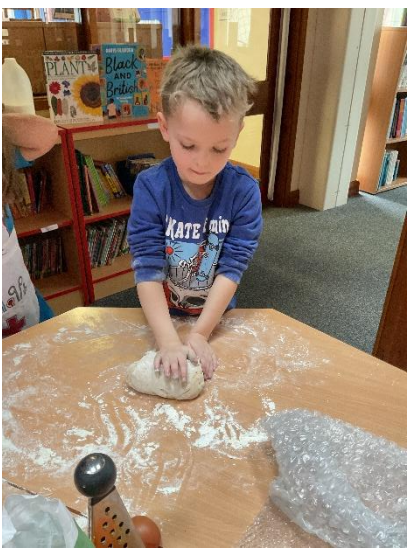
Absorbing ourselves into the wonderfully rich and diverse world of literature became the main focus of Thursday 6th March. It all began with a gathering of every character in the hall, where we celebrated different authors, illustrators and books. We shared a quiz, deliberating over questions posed and conferring over possible answers. We even had a fantastic reading of 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' by Julia Donaldson.





Curriculum Enrichment

Benefiting greatly this term, from our tremendously successful Friday afternoon initiative, have been the Year 1 and 2 children. Under the enthusiastic support and guidance of Mrs Fullerton and Mrs Pearce, all children have thoroughly enjoyed cooking, whilst exploring and understanding a variety of different foods. They have also been led to recognise nutritional values and understand the importance of safety within the kitchen. Experimental, practical science stimulates curiosity and provokes excitement, which in turn develops an enthusiasm for learning beyond the realms of school. That's Mrs Fullerton's Friday enrichment summarised in one sentence. A massively mammoth thank you has to be given to both ladies, for organising, orchestrating and leading all activities the children encounter and relish.



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.



Boots and Cats

The whole school had a fantastically energetic day, as we threw ourselves metaphorically and literally into Breakdancing and Beatboxing. It all began with a totally captivating assembly from Jack and Kal (CreActive), who talked around the importance of perseverance, determination and effort to achieve your goals. Children loved learning a variety of different moves, that required huge levels of flexibility and strength to perform. Alongside this, children were vocally challenged as they attempted beatboxing. Some were even confident enough to perform with a microphone, in front of the whole class.



Nursery

The tiniest members of our community continue to flourish and shine, relishing this weather and the ability to maximise the learning space outdoors. All children possess a wonderfully inquisitive nature, intrigued by new knowledge and love asking lots of questions.





Wraparound Provision

Every morning from 7.30am and every afternoon until 5.00pm, we have a superb team, who organise and lead activities for the children before and after school. From badminton to sewing, the children thoroughly enjoy each activity they encounter. Make sure you contact the school office for further information or to book a place for your child.



Drama

12 Stanchester students visited us in March, under the supervision and guidance of Dan Walker (Drama Teacher) - their aim and goal to deliver a workshop highlighting the importance / benefits of cooperation, collaboration and working as a team. Yet again, the enthusiasm and wonderful manner from our children was simply amazing.



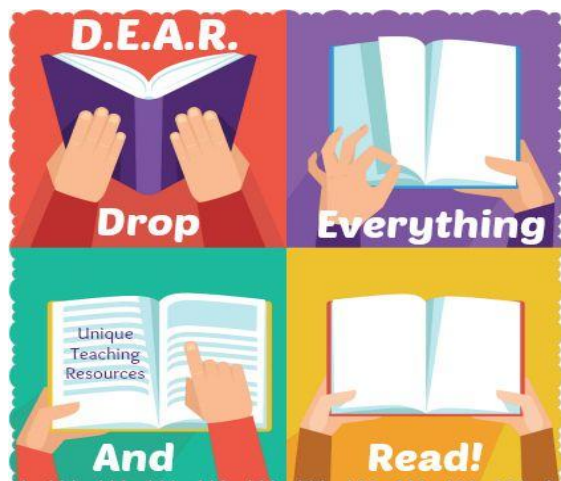
Attendance

Last year's National average attendance figure for the country was 93.5%, here at Ash we are currently 95.52% 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!



Reading



Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.

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.

PTA

An unbelievable amount of enthusiasm for the Readathon has generated great generosity throughout the wider Ash community, where many family members have kindly donated money. Thank you to all who have dedicated time or money to this event. Superb! Another hugely successful event arrived in the form of Easter Bingo, where, young or old, a great time was had by all. The most exciting tea towel in the world will soon be in production, ready to adorn your kitchen side or special hook. Sought after by the country's most talented designers and fashion critics, Ash school tea towel will be ready for purchase at some point in the second half of Summer Term.



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

Tuesday 22nd April – INSET Day

Friday 16th May – We Are The Curious Trip (Yr3, 4, 5 and 6)

Friday 23rd May – Last day before Half Term

Monday 2nd June – INSET Day

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Easter Excitement

7, 9, and 11 April 2025

Get ready to celebrate the joy of Easter with our seasonal trail, and crafts to make and take home!

Monday 7: Cross Creations

Collect beads on our Easter crosses trail and make a necklace or keyring

Wednesday 9: Glorious Gardens

Discover the Easter story as you follow our Cathedral map, then make an Easter garden

Friday 11: Card Crafts

Follow our Easter story trail and make a card or decoration

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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Wells Cathedral Registered Charity Number: 1007269

Rama Life Holiday Club

Frogmary Green Farm

Easter Holidays 2025

Reception - Yr 7



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LIFE

Mon 7th April Lights, Camera, Action

Design your own award, add your handprints to our "Ramalife Walk of Fame" and join in some fun drama games and movie quiz!

Tues 8th April Around the World: Argentina

Bingo, Paper Llamas, Cooking and Fun Facts about the Country famous for the Tango and Football (and much more!)

Weds 9th April Paddington in South Petherton

Follow his journey from Peru to London, learn about bears in the wild and make some orange flavoured delights!

Thurs 10th April Spring Fling

Come along to celebrate Springtime with painting, crafting and outdoor games!

Fri 11th Feb Harry Potter

A magical day of spells, potions, mythical creatures and broomstick training!

Mon 14th April Outer Space

Help us to create the solar system, make a rocket and learn some galactic facts! Space games finish off a very fun day.

Tues 15th April Ancient Egypt

Write in Hieroglyphics, help us create a massive outdoors map and learn about some of the famous Pharaohs and history of Egypt.

Weds 16th April Bushcraft

Den building, cook on the fire, nature art and adventure!

Thurs 17th April Easter-Eggstravaganza

Egg Hunting, Creative Activities, Games and lots of fun!

8:45am - 3:30pm (8am-5pm available)

From £35

ramalife.co.uk/holidayclub

