

Dear Parent/Carers,

Although an exceptionally short half term, it nevertheless remained action packed; bursting with learning, a wonderful trip to We the Curious, a Parkour assembly, a pond renovation and a brand, new purple slide, which, of course, has added further excitement to the KS1 playground. Recognition must be apportioned to our Year Six children, who confidently approached their SATs with a true sense of calmness and maturity. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

Earth Class

Every single moment, of every single day, proves to be a fantastic learning experience for our Reception children. Relishing the activities encountered, absorbing the information received, collaborating beautifully between themselves and playing joyously through a world of imagination, all children continue to develop in confidence and self-belief. This term we are fortunate to be joined by Miss Young, who is training to become a teacher. She is thoroughly impressed by every child's enthusiasm, curiosity and listening skills.



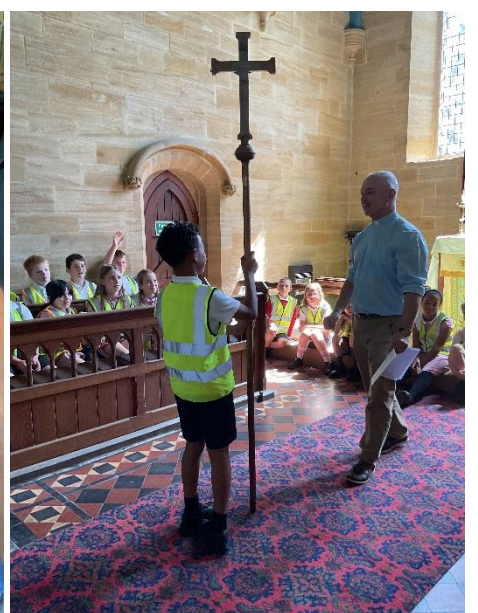
Saturn Class

We are unbelievably fortunate here at Ash, surrounded by beautiful countryside. There is nothing better than the children enjoying the outdoor environment and the glorious weather we have currently been experiencing! We have even used natural materials to create some wonderful weaving.



Church Visit

Reverend Paul, Bridget and Pat Tucker were our hosts for two special workshops held over at Holy Trinity Church. It all began with our reception children, as they discovered the wonders of the church, experienced a pretend baptism and even morphed into mini campanologists, as they were offered the opportunity to perform bell ringing. After, it was the turn of Neptune class, who were fascinated by the whole experience and equally as thrilled with the bell ringing, as the EYs children (if not more to be quite honest!)



We are the Curious visit.

As a special treat, to celebrate the end of SATs week, Year 6 accompanied by the interlopers from Years 5, 4 and 3, visited We are the Curious. We were enthralled by the scientific delights this intriguing location had to offer. The workshop was incredibly informative, highlighting the impact Global Warming is having upon our world and ever rising temperatures / water levels. The Planetarium transported us through the realm of our Solar System. A fabulous day was had by all, and we thank the PTA once again for subsidising this trip.



Pond Renovation

A huge thank you to Sowenna for organising and orchestrating this rejuvenation, which will entice and encourage a vast range of wildlife / new plant growth to the area.

Actualise Parkour

Alex Ginter demonstrated his amazing agility and astounding acrobatic dexterity, as he promoted the benefits of Parkour through one of our Monday afternoon assemblies. He left us all captivated and with a certain degree of disbelief at the movements he performed. We are extremely fortunate to have our very own after school Parkour club on a Tuesday.



For further information about Parkour outside of school please visit:

<https://www.actualiseparkour.co.uk/>



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

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.

School Matters!



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.

Instrument tuition

Charles Harrison commenced with his guitar and violin lessons at the start of this term. If you would like your child to enrol and learn one of the instruments, then please contact the school office for further information.

PTA

Superb, enthusiastic and brilliant! There are many more positive adjectives, that would qualify as descriptors for this amazing bunch of volunteers, but I will limit it to just three. Now it's your turn. The PTA needs you!



This fantastic team of parent volunteers are looking towards next year and are hoping to recruit the positions featured below. (All roles are voted in at the AGM - **Date to be confirmed.**)

PTA Chair

Leads the PTA and oversees meetings, events, and communication with the school. Ensures smooth coordination and teamwork.


Secretary


Takes accurate minutes during meetings, handles communications, and keeps everyone informed of PTA activities.

PTA Treasurer

Handles all PTA finances, including budgets and records. Keeps track of income, spending and financial reporting.

Come to our Info Meeting!

 Friday 6th June









 2:30 PM

 Meeting with Mrs Gibbons

In school classroom

If you're curious, want to learn more, or think you could help—even a little—please join us. Everyone is welcome!

A Big Thank You for a Successful Year! Your support has helped fund so many wonderful things this year:

-  We the Curious Trip (Subsidy): £700
-  Noah's Ark Farm Trip (Subsidy): £400
-  Sensory Trail Contribution : £600
-  Wicked Theatre Trip (Yr 5/6 - London, subsidy): £715
-  Joseph Theatre Trip (Bristol, Subsidy): £755
-  House Point Shield: £185
-  Christmas Party: £482
-  Ice Cream Van for Sports Day: To be confirmed

These events and experiences were only possible with your support—thank you!

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SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

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IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

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BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

PTA+
The home of school fundraising

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BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

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LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

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IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Whether you are a parent, grand parent, auntie Nelly, uncle Bob or simply cousin Joe. The more the merrier. Everyone's help and support is greatly appreciated.

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CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

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 2nd June – INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June – New Starters Evening 6pm

Friday 6th June – PTA meeting 2.30pm

Monday 9th June – Wednesday 11th June – Year 5/6 Residential to Okehampton

Thursday 19th June – Class photos – Whole School

Friday 20th June – Sports Day – Nursery, Reception & KS1 am, KS2 pm – times to follow.

Tuesday 24th June – Earth and Saturn class to Noah's Ark Farm

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June – Year 6 Enterprise

Friday 27th June – 1st reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 6 transition day to Secondary schools

Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July – Art Week

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Performance

Monday 21st July – Art display 2pm

Tuesday 22nd July – Year 6 leavers Assembly – 2pm

Wednesday 23rd July – Summer Holidays begin