

Dear Parent/Carers,

September and the beginning of the year seem a distant memory, as we bound excitedly into the summer holidays with a string of lasting memories trailing behind us. A wave of energy, enthusiasm and new adventures surged across the course of this year, enriching our learning and school environment. What a wonderfully supportive and ever-evolving community we are! Here, is a selection of highlights from this whirlwind of a half term.

### Noah's Ark Farm

Exceptionally fortunate with our range of trip opportunities this year, Earth and Saturn class were enthusiastic and eager to arrive at the zoo. With excitement flowing and a small degree of nerves pulsing, they were faced by lions, tigers, bears and even some inquisitive meerkats. Great fun was had by all.



## A Message from Kathy Maple at the Royal Albert Hall



I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and staff who so generously donated to my retirement present of Royal Albert Hall vouchers. I booked two consecutive nights of performances at the beginning of May. We had great seats for Gregory Porter. He and his band were absolutely outstanding and we also thoroughly enjoyed the very impressive Prom Praise. We had the unexpected treat of an upgrade from the cheap seats to the stalls! We were able to enjoy a very special weekend which was very much needed at the time. Thank you once again for making this possible for us.

## Year Five and Six Residential

Comfort zones abolished, new challenges embraced and fantastic memories linger. Oakhampton did not disappoint... riddled with adventure in the guise of climbing, gorge scrambling, weaselling and an abundance of teamwork. All children were absolutely fantastic over the course of three days, relishing the experiences presented.





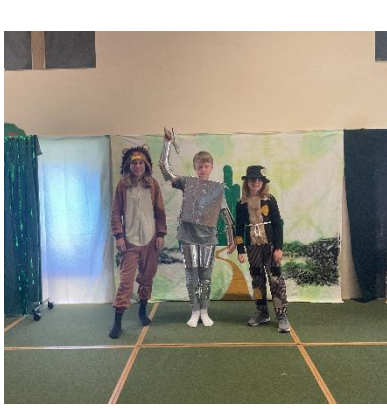
## **Sports Day**

The stage was set, the tensions were high, and nerves were rife, as future Olympians took pride of place upon the Ash field of glory. It all began in the morning with the smallest of athletes, cheered and occasionally cajoled by expectant parents. They did not disappoint! Proceedings were continued, helped by the dulcet tones of DJ Gibbons on the PA System, across the morning and into the afternoon, separated only by a wonderful picnic lunch (with free ice creams provided by the PTA) involving the whole community.



## Wizard of Oz

Confidently navigating the stage, Jupiter class captivated our hearts with their wonderful end of year performance. Word perfect with their lines and harmoniously hypnotic with their songs, the audience were enthralled. A night to remember and treasure. Below is a selection of images from the dress rehearsal.



## Musical Celebration

Quipped with violins, drumsticks, recorders, ukeleles, voices and a piano, KS2 exemplified their musical prowess in a wonderful performance. Confidence was flowing, in harmony with their rhythmical melodies, as they highlighted their learning from across the term. A special thank you goes to Sephi Williams from Somerset Music, who organised and orchestrated the whole occasion – obviously with a little help from school. Please remember - peripatetic violin, guitar and piano lessons are available from September, just contact the school office for further information.



## Art Week

Prominent American artist Sol Lewitt sparked colour and geometric patterns throughout the course of the week. Brimming with beaming smiles and tremendous skill, all children had a fabulous week of drawing, painting, weaving, sewing, illustrating, sculpting and printing. A huge thank you to Ellen Jones for her planning and organisation, alongside all the wonderful parents who offered workshops.



## Year Six Enterprise

Another fantastic display of ingenuity and entrepreneurial skills this year, as the wonderful Year 6 became business gurus. The support from parents and our whole community, as always, was simply amazing.



## Stem Leaders and Learning



## Water Fight

Steeped in tradition from years gone by, the year six water fight is the pinnacle of any child's educational journey through Ash. The photographer maintained her distance, fearful of the saturation factor.



## Outdoor Learning

How fortunate we are to be encompassed by such beautiful landscapes and countryside. The children relish their Friday opportunity, bounding enthusiastically out to Forest school, investigating nature and creatively exploring the outdoors, under the fantastic supervision and guidance of Sowenna.

## Gardeners Galour



A huge, huge appreciative shout out and thank you, for all the wonderful efforts of Jonathan and Sowenna. Our wonderful garden has benefitted from a spruce and major cut back, however, needs constant attention and a little love. If you would be willing to volunteer your time, to maintain the upkeep of this amazing space, then please contact the school office or Sowenna.



## PTA

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone involved with the PTA this year. Such a fantastic group of parents support and help our school. Simply TREMENDOUS. Any time you can volunteer and offer to this wonderful team, would be greatly appreciated.

### PTA EVENTS 24/25

*Thank you to everyone who helped and supported*

#### Funds raised this year

- Millennium Wood Festival - £108
- Halloween disco - £585.28
- Wreath making - £956.21
- Sponsored skip - CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER
- READATHON - £1055.50
- Easter bingo - £568.14
- Ash Parish Fete - £100
- Tea towels - £40
- Ice cream/tuck-shop sales - £500

**Current total raised = £3,913.13**

### FUNDS DONATED BACK TO SCHOOL

#### Funds spent

- We the Curious Trip (Subsidy) - £700
- Zoo 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 - £250
- Art supplies - £35
- Annabelle Tempest - £100
- PA system - £TBC\*

**Current total spent = £4,297\***

PTA Annual General Meeting

# AGM

## 2025-26

for Ash C of E Primary School and Nursery PTA

Tuesday 9 September  
in school hall **from 6pm**

Parents/Guardians support is important to provide the school with additional funds to enrich children's learning

Everyone  
**Welcome**

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## Inspiration on our doorstep

Some of us even sought inspiration for our nature infused poetry, whilst we listened to the sounds and absorbed the atmosphere provided by the Millenium Woods. Date for the diary Millenium Woods Festival Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September



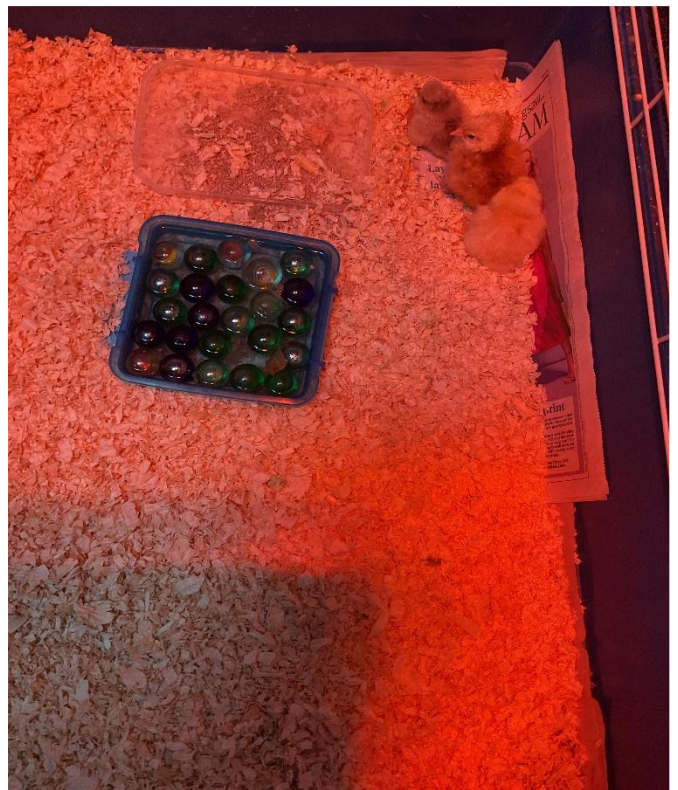
## New Beginnings

Early Years information evening was a tremendous success with smiles all round from parents and children. They were reassured, totally informed and now fully prepared to embark upon their new adventures in September... all you need is a brand new, bright red book bag and a winning smile!



## Chicks

We have been exceptionally lucky this term because our eggs hatched. Unlike the saying, we were able to count them. Three in total... to be exact.



**To all our wonderful Year Six children**, I would like to say a heartfelt farewell and good luck. Teaching you was one of the greatest privileges. Progressing forward into next year and beyond, I want you to always remember how amazing, thoughtful, kind and unique, every single one of you is. All the very best fortunes  
Mrs Gibbons.

## 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 for the Diary -

Summer Holidays begin (INSET Day) – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 (INSET Day)

INSET day - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

INSET day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Teddy Bear's Picnic – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm – 3pm