



# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Merry  
**Christmas**



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## DECEMBER 2024/2025 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our festive newsletter for December 2024. We really hope that everyone has been able to enjoy all of the many festive events, which have been taking place at the school recently. Our wonderful Christmas performances were a pleasure to see. We were also delighted to hear our Choir singing at the Christmas Fair last Friday. The Choir also sang at the Bluewater Shopping Centre and to our retired community at the local Youth Centre. We are very proud how the children have worked incredibly hard with these events, so we do hope that you have enjoyed them all. As we finish Term 2 and head into the festive break, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all the children return for the start of **Term 3 on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Mrs C.A. Cain, Executive Headteacher

**Our School Choir Last Week at Bluewater**  
Well done to all the children who took part  
in this very special event!





Some of the Children from this week in their Nativity Costumes.  
We hope you enjoyed all the festive events!



**New Ash Green PTA - A Thank You!**

A huge thank you to the PTA who very kindly provided the Christmas Crackers for the children's special festive school dinner last week - the children and the school were delighted with them. Thank you also to the PTA for working tirelessly to ensure our Christmas Fair was such a success.



We would also like to thank all of the other companies who supported our Christmas Fair with their stalls and donations. The Christmas Fair was a huge success, which would not have been possible without the support from our local community.

**New Ash Green PTA - Funds Raised - Thank You!**

Thank you very much to all of our school community for supporting our festive events which have been organised by our PTA. Through your incredible support, we have been able to raise a total of **£1,500.98** from all of the recent events as listed below:

- **Presents for Parents = £606.42**
- **Christmas Fair = £894.56**

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair last week. From your incredible generosity, you can see what an amazing amount was raised. This is hugely appreciated for not just the funds raised at our Christmas Fair, but also for your support with the other festive events, which in particular supported our Grace Tutt Appeal. Thank you, once again.



# New Ash Green Primary School: MONTHLY SEND UPDATE



## SEN Support

Welcome to our new section within our newsletter, which provides support to those families with children who may have special educational needs. In this respect, please find attached two posters from Children's Therapies, which we hope you find informative.



### Calling all practitioners and parents!

Did you know that there is a fabulous NHS website that you can visit full of helpful information created by professionals surrounding Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy?



The website is full of helpful workshops, links to useful sites and information covering:

**Speech and Language Therapy:** Communication Aids, Autism, Bilingualism, Cleft Lip and Palate, Early Language and Communication, Feeding/Swallowing, Hearing Impairment, School Aged Language, Selective Mutism, Speech Sounds, Stammering and Voice.

**Occupational Therapy:** Dressing and Undressing, How to help your child learn new skills and have fun, Meal times, Movement and Coordination Skills, Pre-writing and writing, Sensory processing and strategies.

**Physiotherapy:** Being active, Co-ordination and gross motor movement development, Hypermobility, movement and co-ordination skills.

You can also refer children via The Pod, with more information and useful supporting documents available.

**Give it a try, you might find something that can support your child!**

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>



Attention!

Have you called the advice line?

0300 123 7004

Professionals from Children's Therapies are ready and waiting to help any practitioners and parents with:

- Suggestions of strategies that may support a child in your care/setting.
- Signposting to appropriate **free** workshops/websites.
- Guidance on whether to refer a child into our service.
- Advice on when to re-refer a child.

Available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.	
Speech and Language Therapy	10.00 am -12.30 pm and 13.30 pm -15.30 pm
Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy	9.30 am - 12.00 pm <b>or</b> 14.00 pm - 16.30 pm

Press option 1 to speak to the Admin Team – they will connect you to the Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist working on the Advice Line that day. ☺

**Please note this is a service for children who are not already being supported by the Children's Therapies Service.**

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## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - DECEMBER 2024

R3 - Reception The Busy Bees	R4 - Reception The Lion Cubs	R5 - Year 1 The Cosmic Crew	R6 - Year 1 The Paddington Bears	R1 - Year 2 The Pangolins	R2 - Year 2 The Hodgehegs
93%	95%	74%	85%	84%	90%

B1 - Year 3 The Persevering Penguins	B2 - Year 3 The Tenacious Tribe	B3 - Year 4 The Jaguars	B4 - Year 4 The Speedy Sloths
90%	89%	89%	95%

H3 - Year 5 The Myth Makers	H4 - Year 5 The Alpine Adventurers	H1 - Year 6 The Baskervilles	H2 - Year 6 The Air Chief Marshalls
96%	92%	94%	91%



The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **December 2024** is  
**Mr Nurdin: H3 Class - Year 5**  
who will be given £50 to spend on new books for his classroom

**WELL DONE TO H3 CLASS!**

### Our Grace Tutt Appeal

We would like to thank all of our school community once again with your ongoing support in helping us raise funds for Grace Tutt; most recently from a hugely generous response to the donations provided after our

Rocksteady Concert as well as the festive performances this week.

Many thanks for supporting our appeal and raising the following amount during these events:

**£397.94**

Thank you so much for all your support. We know Grace's family are equally appreciative and so they have asked us to pass on their gratitude to everyone within the school community.

### Reminder: Hearing and Vision Testing for Children in Reception Classes

Please refer to our earlier letter from the Kent Health Team regarding a forthcoming visit at our school (date to be confirmed), to carry out a hearing and vision test with all of the children in our Reception classes.

**If you wish your child to take part in this screening, then no further action is required.** However, should you wish for your child **to opt out of this programme**, then please confirm this via the link which has been included in the letter sent to you, by no later than

**Thursday, 2nd January 2025.**



## **New Ash Green Primary School** **Academic Term Dates 2024-2025**



### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>

### **SPRING TERM 2025**

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Term 3</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>

### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Bank Holidays</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>Term 6</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July