



# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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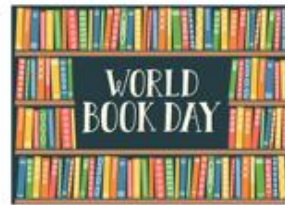
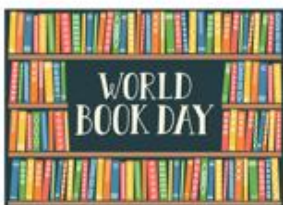
INDEPENDENCE

SELF-MOTIVATION

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our February 2025 Newsletter. The school has been as busy as ever since the half term, with a number of events taking place next week, beginning with our **Scholastic Book Fair** which will be running after school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** to **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. We do hope that you will come along with your children to buy a few books. Please also remember that **World Book Day** will then follow the next day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Please refer to our recent communication regarding this, as well as a further reminder below. I would also like to let you know that our **Parents and Carers' Consultations**, which will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, will be taking place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** and **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. This is with the exception of our Roundwood 2 class as these took place earlier this week. Details of when to book your appointment via our new 'My Child at School' (MCAS) App, will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, if you have not yet had a chance to download this App, then please contact the school office for a new link to be sent to you.

Kind regards, Mrs C.A Cain, Executive Headteacher



### Reminder: Scholastic Book Fair and World Book Day from Monday, 3rd March

We would like to remind parents and carers of the forthcoming events taking place next week:

**Scholastic Book Fair after school from Monday 3rd March to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Please refer to our earlier letter regarding the full details of this event.

**World Book Day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Children are invited to attend school on World Book Day, either wearing a costume to reflect their favourite book character or they may wear bright clothing instead, if they prefer.



World Book Day is for children to explore the characters they enjoy reading about the most, in a way that celebrates the joy of reading for pleasure and sharing books they love. We hope the children enjoy taking part.

## Diary and General Reminders:



The poster features a blue background with illustrations of a girl in a red superhero costume and a boy in a pirate costume. At the top, it says 'greener Kent' with a leaf icon and 'Kent Libraries' with a horse logo. The main text reads 'CHILDREN'S COSTUME SWAP' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'FROM SATURDAY 1 MARCH' in a red banner and 'HARTLEY LIBRARY' in a red banner. To the left, there is a yellow banner for 'WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025'. At the bottom, it says 'Donate items from Saturday 15 February, pick up a new costume from Saturday 1 March'. There are also social media icons and the Kent County Council logo.

greener Kent  
Kent Libraries

# CHILDREN'S COSTUME SWAP

FROM SATURDAY 1 MARCH

HARTLEY LIBRARY

WORLD BOOK DAY  
6 MARCH 2025

Donate items from Saturday 15 February,  
pick up a new costume from Saturday 1 March

Speak to our local team for more details. You can find library details including opening times and accessibility information on our website.

kent.gov.uk/libraries  
03000 41 31 31

Kent County Council  
kent.gov.uk

## Reminder: Whole School Stay and Learn Session regarding Online Safety

Following Safer Internet Day on 11<sup>th</sup> February, we would like to invite all parents and carers to a Stay and Learn session at the school from **9:15am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025** to support you with online safety at home. A brief talk will be held in our Main Hall from 9:15am to 9:30am, which will then be followed by some time for you to see your child in their classroom regarding this topic. We look forward to seeing you there.



## REMINDER: PTA Non-Uniform Day Last Day of Term 4: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Children are invited to come to school on the last day of Term 4 wearing their own clothes for Non-Uniform Day.

A £1 donation from each child to support the PTA would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## PTA Donations - Funds Raised Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our school community for your continued generosity in raising the following funds in support of the PTA.

Thank you for raising **£241.12** for the last Non-Uniform Day to mark the end of Term 3.

## Remainder of Class Assemblies: Thursdays at 10:00am-10:30am

- R1 Class, Year 2: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- R4 Class, Reception: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025
- R6 Year 1: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- R3 Class, Reception: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025
- R5 Class, Year 1: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Class & Residential Trips for 2025:

**\* This is a new date**

- Year 5, London Experience: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 6, Residential Trip to Carrot Wood: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 4, Herstmonceux Observatory: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April \* **Letter due next week**
- Year 1, Chatham Dockyards: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Reception, Wingham Wildlife: Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Year 3, Canterbury Roman Museum: Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 2, Hever Castle: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

## Learning and Support at New Ash Green



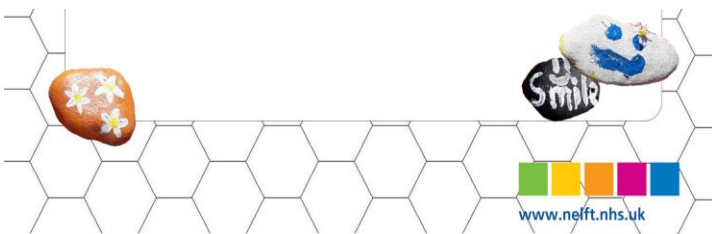
### Parent Workshops



We would like let you know of the following online workshops due to take place by the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams:

- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Understanding Anxiety
- **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Sleep and Autism
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** - Understanding Resilience

For further details of when these online workshops will take place during the dates above, please refer to the attached information included with this newsletter, where you will be able to use the links to join these online events. These workshops offer information around key topics to help understand your child with strategies to support them. If you require materials in another language or require further assistance, please contact the team on their email address provided below.



### Feedback in Action



Now, all our workshops are 2 hours long leaving room at the end for questions for those that want to stay! We also rotate the time at which they are hosted to work with your busy schedule!



You said you wanted to know more about our service offer.

We now have slides illustrating the various workshops we host, the interventions we offer and how to refer yourself to the service.



You requested we record sessions so that you could watch them back later.

Unfortunately, as our workshops are interactive, we are unable to record them for confidentiality reasons. Instead we share our slides and provide handouts to review later!



You wanted more information on specific topics.

In addressing these gaps, we now include information on ADHD in girls as well as neurodivergent parenting.



You asked for handouts to accompany workshops.

Our team is hard at work to make sure each workshop has a handout you can use to follow along and use later.

Thank you all for attending our online workshops and for providing such valuable feedback. We sincerely read all feedback and aim to constantly improve our service.

Best care by the best people

For queries regarding any of these workshops, please contact the Emotional Wellbeing Team direct, via their email on:

[EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk)



## Recycling with the Local Community

Thank you very much for all of your kind clothing donations recently in support of  
**The Little Recyclers School Fundraising Programme.**  
We are delighted to be able to confirm that our community raised **£40.95.**  
Thank you for supporting this important initiative.



**THE LITTLE RECYCLERS**

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.  
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

**02 APRIL**  
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

**WE ACCEPT**

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

**WE DON'T ACCEPT**

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- VVorkwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

**PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!**

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, our amazing **Years 5 & 6 Netball Team** played in their first league match against Dartford Bridge School. It was a fantastic match, with brilliant netball skills on show! The final score was 2-1 to New Ash Green. Well done to **Bella, Halle, Elliott, Sinelya, Mollie, Leah** and **Nellie**, for all playing their first netball match for the school.



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, our **Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Team** played Sutton-at-Hone in the Dartford Schools League. After a tough match, the final score was unfortunately 6-1 to Sutton-at-Hone. Well done to **Noah (H3)** for his amazing goal.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, our **Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Team** played in the County Finals at Thamesmead Sporting Ground. This was an amazing opportunity won by our team after their success in the Gravesham Tournament back in October. After a tough qualifying round, and drawing every match 0-0, our team unfortunately did not qualify for the semi-finals. Well done to our brilliant team once again for outstanding teamwork and determination.



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, our **Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Team** played Shears Green Junior School in the Gravesham Schools League. After a brilliant match, the final score was 3-0 to Shears Green. Our team played outstandingly well, a huge well done.

We are also delighted to confirm that New Ash Green Primary School has been awarded the honour of becoming the **Girls' Football School Partnerships Equal Access School**, due to our involvement of the many Girls' Football Tournaments and Leagues we have undertaken. Well done everyone!

## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - FEBRUARY 2025

<b>R3 - Reception The Busy Bees</b>	<b>R4 - Reception The Lion Cubs</b>	<b>R5 - Year 1 The Cosmic Crew</b>	<b>R6 - Year 1 The Paddington Bears</b>	<b>R1 - Year 2 The Pangolins</b>	<b>R2 - Year 2 The Hodgehegs</b>
93%	97%	85%	90%	92%	90%

<b>B1 - Year 3 The Persevering Penquins</b>	<b>B2 - Year 3 The Tenacious Tribe</b>	<b>B3 - Year 4 The Jaguars</b>	<b>B4 - Year 4 The Speedy Sloths</b>
91%	95%	91%	95%

<b>H3 - Year 5 The Myth Makers</b>	<b>H4 - Year 5 The Alpine Adventurers</b>	<b>H1 - Year 6 The Baskervilles</b>	<b>H2 - Year 6 The Air Chief Marshalls</b>
96%	96%	95%	92%

The teacher whose class achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **February 2025** is:

**Mrs Gingell: R4, Reception**

who will be given **£50 to spend on new books for her classroom**

**WELL DONE TO R4 CLASS!**

### Class Photos - Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We would like to let our parents and carers know that all children will be having their class photo taken at the school on the above date, by Braiswick Photography. Thank you.



### Mother's Day Presents: **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Children are invited to bring in £2 to buy a Mother's Day present on the above date. Further reminders will be sent again nearer the time.

### Diary Dates for of Term 4

Date	Time	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> March	After School	Scholastic Book Fair - <b>All Parents &amp; Carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am-9:45am	Stay & Learn: Online Safety - <b>All Parents &amp; Carers</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	World Book Day - see earlier reminder and letter
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	3:45pm-4:15pm	Final Carrotty Wood Meeting - <b>Year 6 Parents and Carers</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Class Photos - all school
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am-10:15am	Family Focus Group Meeting
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Year 5 London Experience Trip
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	All Day	Red Nose Day - further details to follow
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Day & Overnight	Year 6 Residential Trip to Carrotty Wood
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	R1 Class Assembly - <b>All R1 Parents and Carers welcome</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Mothers' Day Presents - <b>Children to bring in £2 per gift</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1:30pm-3:00pm	Rock Steady Easter Concert - <b>Selected Invitations Only</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Details to follow	To book via the new MCAS App - further details to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Details to follow	To book via the new MCAS App - further details to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day	Last Day of Term 4, Non-uniform Day <b>£1 please for PTA</b>

# New Ash Green Primary School

## Academic Term Dates 2024-2025



### SPRING TERM 2025

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

### SUMMER TERM 2025

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

### New Academic Term Dates for 2025-2026

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Term 1	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
HALF TERM	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Term 2	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January

### SPRING TERM 2026

INSET DAYS	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Term 3	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
HALF TERM	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Term 4	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February - Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April and Easter Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
EASTER BREAK	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2026

Term 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Bank Holidays	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
HALF TERM	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET DAY	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Term 6	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June - Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

#### Next Foundation

#### Workshop:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
2025 at 3pm**

Parents and Carers with children in Reception classes are warmly invited to attend our next Foundation Workshop at the school at the above date and time, where you will be given an opportunity to observe your child's learning in their classroom until the end of the day. We do hope that you will be able to attend and so look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Polite Reminder:**

We have been asked to remind parents and carers of the need to take extra care with pedestrians when parking near to the rear exit of the school in Church Road. Thank you.

