

NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our January 2025 Newsletter. It has been a pleasure once again to see how hard the children have worked during this term, as well as enjoying the invaluable support from our parents and carers working alongside the school. During January, I was delighted to be able to join our wonderful School Choir attend the Young Voices event at the London O2 Arena. The children's behaviour was, as usual, exemplary and as you will see from the great pictures, it was an amazing event. I was incredibly proud of all the children who took part. We have now listed at the foot of this newsletter the dates of the new year for 2025/2026, for your information. As we head towards the half term break, please note that the last day of this current term is **Friday 14th February** where as usual, we invite all children to participate in an end of term Non-Uniform Day in support of the PTA. We look forward to seeing all the children return, ready to learn for the **start of Term 4 on Monday, 24th February 2025**.

Kind regards, Mrs C.A Cain, Executive Headteacher

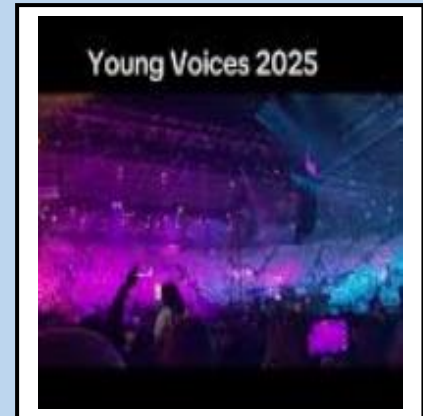


Many congratulations to the School Choir for such tremendous performances at the recent **Young Voices event at the London O2 Arena**, which took place on **Thursday, 23rd January**.

We were incredibly proud of everyone involved. Well done!



Another amazing photo from the fantastic Young Voices Event!



Diary and General Reminders:

Next Foundation Workshop - Maths:

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Parents and Carers with children in Reception classes are warmly invited to attend a Foundation Maths Workshop at the school from

9am to approximately 9:30am/9:45am

on the above date. On arrival, there will be a talk in the Main Hall before then spending some time in your child's class. We do hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

A Polite Reminder re Our Woodland Area

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of observing the taped off area in the woodland between the Bramleyham and Hemstalls playgrounds. Children are not to play beyond the yellow tape, especially after school during collection time. Thank you.



Remainder of Class Assemblies:

Thursdays at 10:00am-10:30am

* Remember this is a new date, per recent announcement.

- B3 Class, Year 4: 6th February 2025
- B2 Class, Year 3: 13th February 2025
- R2 Class, Year 2: 27th February 2025 *
- R1 Class, Year 2: 27th March 2025
- R4 Class, Reception: 1st May 2025
- R6 Year 1: 8th May 2025
- R3 Class, Reception: 22nd May 2025
- R5 Class, Year 1: 5th June 2025

REMINDER: PTA Non-Uniform Day

Last Day of Term 3:

Friday 14th February 2025

Children are invited to come to school on the last day of Term 3 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 **£182** for the last Non-Uniform Day to mark the end of Term 2.

Diary and General Reminders Continued/...

Reminder: Kent Health Check:

Vision and Hearing Screening for Children in Reception to take place at school on:

Tuesday 25th February and Tuesday 20th May 2025

Please be reminded that the Kent Health Team will be holding a vision screening at the school on **Tuesday, 25th February 2025** and a separate hearing screening on **Tuesday, 20th May 2025** for all children in our Reception (R3 and R4) classes. This screening is important as it can help identify if your child has any vision or hearing problems.

No action is required if you are happy for your child to take part, however, if you do not wish for your child to have either screening and you have not yet opted out of this, then please call the Kent Health Team using their contact details below.

If your child is already under the care of, or has been referred to a hearing specialist, orthoptist service or wears glasses, please **OPT OUT** of the relevant screening programmes. Should you have any difficulties, please contact the Kent Health Team on:

0300 123 5205 (option 2), or email via:

kentchft.kentschoolhealth@nhs.net

with details of your child's name,

their date of birth and the name of our school.

Thank you.



Kent Community Health
NHS Foundation Trust

NHS Advice

We have been asked to circulate the link below as guidance from the NHS, regarding how to decide if your child is too unwell to attend school.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwY2xjawH06F5leHRuA2FbQIXMQABhd6eivR2jy9wAMu9fdKDcG5z6CjShNLPqGAlcYrGr_2IzNQ7UA3aML3vjA_aem_iKMJ49bpn8tCLSEch-nAgA

We hope you find this information useful.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

We would like to let our parents and carers know of an additional NHS service for children and adults, which is available in Boots Pharmacies across England, called

NHS Pharmacy First Service.

Accessing the service may mean this helps children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents and carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can visit their local Boots Pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

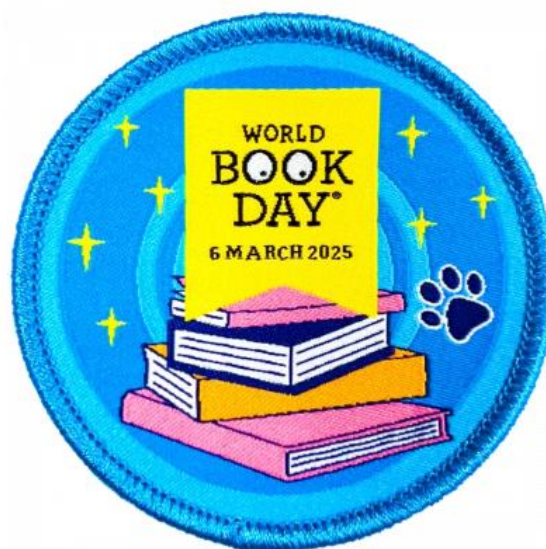
- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years).
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over).
- **Infected insect bites/stings** (aged 1 year and over).
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over).
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over).
- **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years).
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over).

World Book Day

Thursday
6th March 2025

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.

To mark this day, children will be invited to attend school on Thursday 6th March either wearing a costume to reflect their favourite book character or they may wear bright clothing instead, if they prefer.



Supporting the Community



We have been asked to circulate this poster to our local community. This course is designed for parents and carers and any other individuals who are interested in upskilling and preparing for either a successful return to the workforce or would like a change of career, particularly within the education sector. Should this be of interest, online guided learning webinars will be starting from **Monday, 24th February 2025 - the deadline to enrol is Tuesday, 18th February 2025**. This course runs only in term time and not during half term or towards the end of term and is a six-week intensive course with online live webinars from tutors from Aspire Education, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with a lunch break) from Monday to Friday. All you need is access to the internet and a computer, laptop or tablet. If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit), you will be eligible to apply for a fully funded (free) place on this course. If you are interested in this, go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information. Thank you.

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Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.



This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

SEN Support

SEN Training Resources for Parents and Carers
Please find attached a copy of a brochure highlighting the training and support available for those families who have children who may require SEN support.
We hope you find this useful.

Training Offer for Parents/Carers in the North Kent Quadrant 2024-2025



Courses for parents/carers

Name Of Course Or Programme	Date	Duration	Phase Of Education	Aimed At:	Open To Applicants from:
Exploring and Improving Communication Skills	21/10/24	9.30-11.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	Area
Demand Avoidant Profiles in Autism	23/10/24	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	11/11/24	9.00 - 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*
Starting the Autism Journey	19/11/24	9.30-12.00	All phases	Parents/Carers	Area
Basics for Behaviour	16/12/24	9.30-11.30	Primary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	07/01/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Autism in the Early Years	24/01/25, 28/02/25, 21/03/25, 25/04/25, 23/05/25	9.30-12.00	Early Years	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	03/03/25	9.00 - 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*
Anxiety and Autism	25/03/25	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	23/04/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Autistic girls – exploring difference	06/05/25	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	24/06/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	09/06/25	9.00 - 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*

* Only for parents/carers who live in Gravesham or whose child attends a Gravesham school or setting – see More than Words information on Page 24 for alternative Makaton training.

Sevenoaks	Dartford	Gravesham
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ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - JANUARY 2025

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
95%	95%	92%	96%	89%	96%

B1 - Year 3 The Persevering Penguins	B2 - Year 3 The Tenacious Tribe	B3 - Year 4 The Jaguars	B4 - Year 4 The Speedy Sloths
93%	93%	94%	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
94%	95%	94%	92%

The teachers whose classes achieved the highest attendance level for the month of **January 2025** are:

Miss Smith: R6, Year 1 & Miss Brain: R2, Year 2

who will both be given £50 to spend on new books for their classrooms

WELL DONE TO R6 & R2 CLASSES!

Diary Dates for Remainder of Term 3

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 6 th February	10:00am-10:30am	B3 Class Assembly - B3 Parents & Carers welcome
Tuesday 11 th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	10:00am-10:30am	B2 Class Assembly - B2 Parents & Carers welcome
Friday 14 th February	All Day	Last Day of Term 3 - Non-Uniform Day, £1 for PTA



Well done to Nico in B3!

We are delighted to hear that after being invited to attend a training session and then participating in a 7-week trial, **Nico** from **B3** class has been signed by **Chelsea Football Club Women's Academy** and will be training weekly with the **Under 9s Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Team**. This is the highest level girls can play in the UK until they reach the age of 11 or 12 years old, so very well done Nico for all your effort and focus in continuing to progress at such a fantastic rate!



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Academic Term Dates 2024-2025

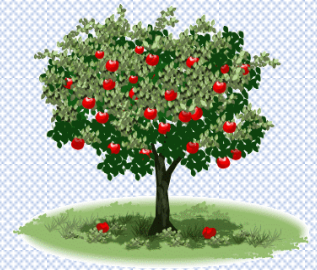


SPRING TERM 2025

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

SUMMER TERM 2025

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



New Academic Term Dates for 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

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

SPRING TERM 2026

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

SUMMER TERM 2026

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