

# NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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## MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Core Values - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

Wishing you a super half term!

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INDEPENDENCE

SELF-MOTIVATION

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for May 2025.

It has been such a pleasure to see all the children working so incredibly hard during this term, as well as watching them enjoy all of their many extra-curricular activities, which have taken place. Our Year 1 children were also able to have great fun dressing up for their Pirate Day last week, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. This busy period includes many of our wonderful class assemblies, which has been a delight to see, as well as our sporting achievements, which continues to make the school proud. The school recently enjoyed hosting our early summer disco for our Year 5 and Bramleyham children last night, which was enjoyed by everyone.

As we head towards the half term, I would like to wish all of our school community a very enjoyable break and look forward to seeing all the children return for the first day of **Term 6 on Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. Please be advised that Monday 2nd June is an in-service training (INSET) day for all staff, so children are not expected to attend. Kind regards, Mrs C.A Cain, Executive Headteacher



Some of the children from our fantastic Year 1 Pirate Day last week!

## Diary, General Reminders and Notifications:

### Remainder of Class Assemblies:

**Thursdays at 10:00am-10:30am**

- R5 Class, Year 1: - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Class & Residential Trips for 2025:

- Year 3, Canterbury Roman Museum: Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June  
➤ Year 2, Hever Castle: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

### A Request: Spare Wellington Boots Please

We would be very grateful if you could spare any unwanted Wellington Boots which would fit children aged between 4 to 7 years old. If you have a spare pair to donate to the school, please bring them to the school office from next term. Thank you.



### Another Reminder for Further School Events

Please find below dates of our PTA and some of our school events for Terms 5 and 6:

#### Father's Day Event:

- **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Father's Day Presents, £2.50 please.

#### Year 6s Event:

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Production (to confirm times)
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Prom from 6pm-8pm.

Details of our Leavers' Assembly will follow in due course.

Thank you for your supporting our Year 5 and Bramleyham Disco last night and our Non-Uniform Day today. Confirmation of the total amount of funds raised for both events will be communicated in the next newsletter.



### Piano Lessons Available for KS2 Children from the Autumn

We would like to let you know that if your child is interested in taking piano lessons from our peripatetic music tutor, Mrs Love, please contact her using her email address: [lovemusic1@rocketmail.com](mailto:lovemusic1@rocketmail.com). Although lessons will be taking place during the school day, we ask that you make contact directly with Mrs Love regarding the arrangements. Thank you.

### Sports Days

#### Events for your Diary:

We are pleased to be able to confirm the following dates for our Sports Days, for your diary. All Sports Days start at 1:45pm:

#### KS2:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

#### Reserve Date:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July if the first date has poor weather

#### Foundation and KS1:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

#### Reserve Date:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July if the first date has poor weather

We look forward to seeing you there.



### Reminder:

#### Whole School History Day, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Please be reminded of our exciting History Day which is taking place at the school on the above date. Children are invited to attend school that day wearing a costume that reflects their favourite historical figure. We look forward to seeing all of the amazing costumes!



Reminder for our Current Year 5 Parents and Carers regarding the Kent Test:

# Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2026

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Registration opens on 2 June 2025 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2025

### Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2026 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

### How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to [kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest) and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

### What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2025.

### What happens after I register?

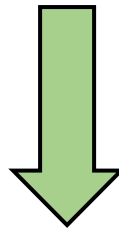
If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

### How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

### If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.



If you would like your child to sit the Kent Test in September 2025 and you have not yet registered for them to do this, then please ensure you complete this via [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest) by no later than **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

## Reminder: Next Family Focus Group Meeting: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 9:30am-10:30am

We are pleased to confirm the next Family Focus Group Meeting to support parents and carers with children who have ASD or ADHD will be taking place at the above date and time.

This meeting will continue to be supported by Donna Meadley from 'We Are Beams'. We look forward to seeing you there.

## A Request for Any Good Condition Board Games for our Hero Club

We would like to ask our school community to donate any unwanted board games which are still in good condition. These are for the children who attend our morning Hero Club and so any items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### Key dates

<b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	Registration opens at <a href="http://kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Tuesday 1 July 2025</b>	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 11 September 2025</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 13 September 2025 / Sunday 14 September 2025</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Thursday 16 October 2025</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

### Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk). If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email [kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).

For help registering please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



## Another Polite Reminder Regarding the Car Park

We would like to remind all of our school community to take extra care when parking or walking in the car park area, especially during peak busy times at the start and at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.



## Recycling with the Local Community



Thank you very much for all of your clothing donations recently in support of **The Little Recyclers School Fundraising Programme**. We were very pleased to have raised **£30.60** from the very kind donations our parents and carers have made to the school. We will let you know when the next collection date is due.



## Supporting our Local Community

**STRONGER SAFER COMMUNITIES**

**YOUR COMMUNITY WARDEN**



Community Information event with KCC Community Warden Jackie West.

Agencies invited to give support include, Parkinsons UK, Crossroads Care Kent, We Are Beams, ADSS, Hero Service, Findon Legal, Kent Libraries, Imago, Kent and Medway Talking Therapies, Green Doctors Citizens Advice, Porchlight, Age UK Kent Rivers, Change Grow Live, Sevenoaks District Council and The Community Cupboard

Free Refreshments available!

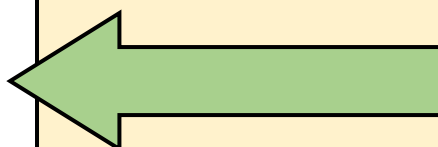
**Tuesday 29th July at New Ash Green Village Hall, Centre Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8HH**

**10:00 - 12:00**



**COMMUNITY WARDENS**

Our Community Warden, **Jackie West**, will be holding a meeting at New Ash Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**, to discuss how a stronger, safer community may be promoted within the local area. If you would like to attend, please refer to the poster opposite for further information.



# Inclusion at New Ash Green Primary School and Supporting the Local Community

At New Ash Green Primary School, we are very proud of our inclusive practice and our graduated approach to supporting our pupils, as illustrated below. Please do refer to our website under our SEN tab, for further support and information, where additional links are also available at the foot of the page to signpost you to other services. In the meantime, please do refer to the information below which we hope may also support you.

**NHS** North East London NHS Foundation Trust

**OSI** Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

**OSI - ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AROUND CHILDHOOD ANXIETY**

Being away from caregivers    General worries    School worries

Bedtime fears    Social worries    Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections)    & more

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?**

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/videocall appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

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**FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS**

"My son's anxiety has noticeably declined, and I feel much more confident...we worked together on a specific goal and I have to say it was life changing. I even used it for my daughter about a fear she had and again, I can say that it worked for her too."

"It has been tremendously worthwhile for us, and I have a happier child now as a result."

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**Online Parent Workshops**

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Supporting Your Child with Starting Primary School 14/05/2025 10:30am—12:30pm

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 20/05/25 17:30pm—19:30pm

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 10/06/25 18:00pm—20:00pm

Me & My Child Understanding Resilience 24/06/2025 17:30—19:30pm

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 07/07/25 10:30am—12:30pm

Smile

www.nelft.nhs.uk

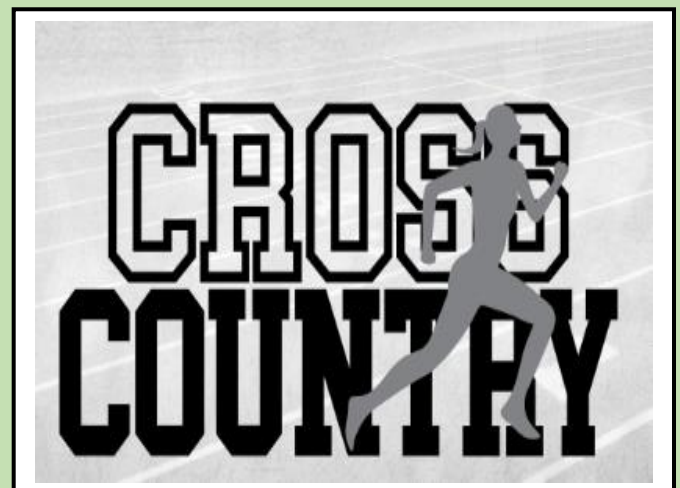
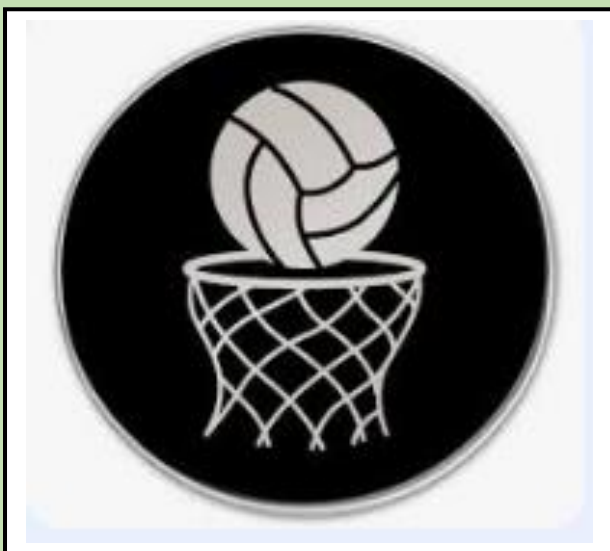


## New Ash Green Primary School: Key Sporting Achievements for May 2025



Well done, once again, to all of our fabulous sporting teams for the fantastic results received:

- On **Monday 28th April**, our **Years 5 & 6 Netball Team** played St George's Primary School. Our amazing team won 3-1. Well done!
- On **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, New Ash Green hosted the annual cross-country event at our school. Eight schools from the local area attended the afternoon event. Our team of runners were amazing- placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations to **Nico (B3)**, **Eva K (H2)** and **Freddy (H2)** for winning first places in their races!
- On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, our Years 5 & 6 Netball Team played Sutton-at-Hone. After a tough match, the final score was 8-4. Well done to our amazing team!
- On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, our Years 5 & 6 Netball Team played Meopham Primary School. Brilliant netball skills were shown and the team truly showed how well their netball skills have progressed over the year! Although finishing with a win to Meopham Primary, a huge congratulations is needed to our fantastic team! Well done.



## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES - MAY 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>
91%	93%	91%	90%	89%	88%

<b>B1 - Year 3 The Persevering Penguins</b>	<b>B2 - Year 3 The Tenacious Tribe</b>	<b>B3 - Year 4 The Jaguars</b>	<b>B4 - Year 4 The Speedy Sloths</b>
88%	91%	87%	90%

<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>
91%	93%	96%	91%

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

**Mrs Bassett: H1, Year 6**

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

**WELL DONE  
TO H1 CLASS!**



### Diary Dates for Term 6

Date - Term 6	Time	Event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day	<b>Staff Training Day - school closed for pupils</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	-	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Year 6 Swimming starts
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00-10:30am	R5 Class Assembly - R5 parents and carers welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30-10:30am	Family Focus Group Meeting - parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Year 3 Class Trip to Canterbury Roman Museum
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Year 6 Swimming
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15-10:15am	Year 6 Emotional Wellbeing Team Workshop, parents invited
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Father's Day Presents - £2.50 please for presents - PTA
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Year 2 Class Trip to Hever Castle
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Year 6 Swimming
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	Whole School History Day - further details to follow
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> - Mon, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	To confirm	Year 6 Bikeability - further details to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning	Year 6 Swimming
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am	Transition to Year 1 Workshop - Reception parents welcome
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45pm	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	5:30pm	Year 6 Sleepover, further details to follow
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Morning	Kent Health Visit - All Reception, Vision Screening
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Morning	Year 6 Swimming - last lesson
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1:45pm	Foundation and KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1:45pm	Reserve KS2 Sports Day (if poor weather from earlier date)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon	Rock Steady Concert (selected invitations only)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1:45pm	Reserve FS & KS1 Sports Day (if poor weather from earlier date)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Times tbc	Year 6 Production - Year 6 parents and carers welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm-8:00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Prom
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All Day	Last Day of Term - No Non-Uniform due to Year 6s last day

# New Ash Green Primary School

## Academic Term Dates 2024-2025



### 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	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
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	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Term 2	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>

### 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	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
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	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>

### 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	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
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