



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th March 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

The children have been working really hard this week, demonstrating their knowledge in our termly assessments. We will share with you the results after Easter, in the termly results. The assessments support teachers to make their final judgements, so at this stage the assessments do not count for their final assessments as the teachers will also take in to account their work completed in lessons.

Whole School Trip to Woburn Safari...

Thank you to all those parents who have now paid for the trip, we are getting there! This is the breakdown of how many have paid so far. If we don't cover the cost we won't be able to run the trip - if you are struggling financially, please do call to speak to Mrs Northen as we really want every child to go. Thank you.

Class	Payments received compared to the number in class
Acorns	Acorns 19 out of 27 have paid
Apple	Apple 4 out of 8 have paid
Cherry	Cherry 25 out of 30 have paid
Chestnut	Chestnut 23 out of 30 have paid
Hawthorn	Hawthorn 20 out of 27 have paid
Hazel	Hazel 22 out of 27 have paid
Holly	Holly 17 out of 24 have paid
Oak	Oak 21 out of 27 have paid
Maple	Maple 18 out of 27 have paid
Willow	Willow 25 out of 29 have paid

Hobby the horse for Year 2,3 and 4...

Hobby the Horse is a fun educational school's programme created by the Children's Charity Ride High. Your children will use their imaginations to design and make their very own Hobby Horse using recycled materials. We will then host our very own gymkhana on **Thursday 3rd April** to raise money for the charity Ride High. Ride High is a charity which uses horses to transform the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable children in our community. More information and a sponsorship form was sent home with the Year 2, 3 and 4 children earlier in the week, there is also a Just Giving link below if you'd prefer to make a donation that way.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/hobbythehorse

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

Acorns have had a very creative week this week! We have been practising our poem with our actions for the Special Ladies celebration. We have also been singing a lot this week, perfecting the songs for Special Ladies Assembly as well as the songs ready for our Easter service in the church. The children have worked so hard and were very excited about performing on the stage. We have spoken about all of the things our Mums do for us, all the ways they help us and look after us, how much we appreciate our Mums and all the things that they do.

We had fun creating our Mother's Day cards, using our paint printing skills and using our best letter formation and handwriting skills to write out our cards ready to give them to our special ladies on Sunday. We hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed making them!

Acorns have continued to put into practice our watercolour painting skills, we have used them to paint daffodils in provision. We are painting them to show the wonders of nature in our world ready for our display to celebrate God and his wonderful creations in church.

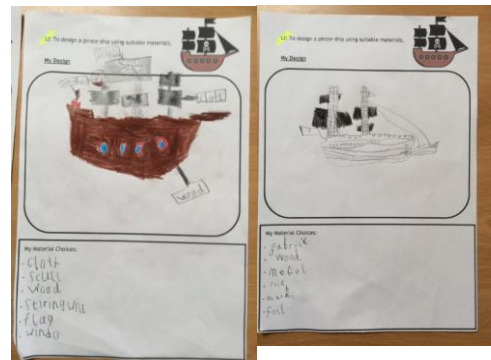
We have also been learning about doubles this week in Maths. Learning how to show doubles on our fingers, that a double is made from two amounts that are the same. We used cubes as well to explore this mathematical concept and used the stem sentence '4 is made from 2 and 2, 2 and 2 makes 4'



Year One and Two-

KS1 have shown a lot of strength and resilience this week! Year 1 have completed their first ever NFER assessments in reading and maths, where they have achieved brilliantly. Year 2 have been tackling some tricky SATs papers and done fantastically too!

In Science, we have been applying all of our knowledge of materials to design a pirate ship which will float in water. We were set the challenge by Captain Finny and we had to make sure the boat was waterproof and buoyant. The children created brilliant designs which we will be making next week.



Please can you save and send in any milk bottles, plastic bottles or cereal boxes for us to use, to create our pirate ships, by Monday 31st March 2025

This week has also been filled with practising for our Special Ladies performance - we hope everyone enjoyed this today!

Year Three and Four-

In Science, we tested which material was best to make ear defenders. We discovered that cardboard was the best because the thickness meant it absorbed more sound waves making the noise muffled.



Our music lessons this week have been focussed on performing a group piece. We have been learning about how to stay in time with each other and stick to a beat. To create this piece, we have used the pentatonic scale which only has 5 notes in it.



Our DT lessons have been full of making! We are in the final stages of creating our pneumatic toys, using syringes and plastic tubing to push the air into the balloon, which in turn makes the toy move! We have some fantastic toys already made and we can't wait to see the finished result!



In Computing, we finished our projects of creating a book cover for a fantasy animal story. Using multiple images, we used our photo editing skills of cropping, cutting and layering to create a new image.



Year Five and Six-

Despite it being assessment week this week, we have had lots of fun across the curriculum, including: working our core in PE, considering whether Jesus knew he was going to be resurrected in RE and beginning our non-chronological report in English.



This week in computing, we became game developers implementing the algorithms we have created previously and applied it to our own game. We identified variables and named them clearly before adding other variables to enhance our final project.

This week in History, we began by looking at and analysing Henry VIII's final wife - Catherine Parr. We analysed her life and how she survived before looking at some of the reforms that occurred during her time as Henry's wife. We then combined this into creating our own survival guide poster. To complete our History unit before going into our Innovate next week, we looked back on Henry VIII's reign and evaluated the impact he had on England. We began by working in groups to look at a historical source, thinking critically at it to decide what it tells us about Henry and his reign.

In Art, we completed our unit of creating mixed-media portraits. We used a variety of resources, such as photographs, paint and colouring pencils to create pieces that reflected us and our personalities.



We continued the creative theme in music, where we used our skills of variation to create pop-art style pieces based on a theme, using TIKI-TIKI, TI-TIKI and TIKI-TI rhythms.



Attendance...

This week's attendance is 95.1%, this is an improvement so keep on sending the children into school!

Reflections this week....

This week we have reflected on ourselves and each other. Looking at our behaviours and we thought about whether we are always the best version of ourselves. We studied the bible reading;



Do we always think about how our behaviours affect others and how we can make changes? We also thought about how our aim is for everyone to belong in our school and that we all have a part to play in making this happen.

Seasonal Food in the Ash Tree

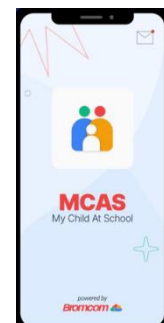
As part of our sustainability work we're trying to use more seasonal food in the Ash Tree. In the last couple of weeks, we've included a leek and cheddar quiche on the menu and these rhubarb and white chocolate muffins, which included currently in season, British grown leeks or rhubarb. The children said they enjoyed the muffins and many were trying rhubarb for the first time. We've been planting seeds over the last couple of weeks, so next term we hope to have home-grown salads too. Thank you to our Catering Manager Michelle for finding the seasonal recipes.



My Child At School

Please remember to sign up to My Child At School as soon as possible. You can install the app or visit the desktop site. Full details were sent out last week and are available on our website. We will be using My Child At School after Easter for all emails, bookings and payments, including school meals, so it's essential parents/carers sign up as soon as possible.

Please visit www.mychildatschool.com to sign up or install the app. You will need to enter the unique school code **15678** and use the email address we hold on our system. If you have any problems please email mcas@highashschool.co.uk



Use of the play equipment before and after school

Please can we ask parents not to allow their children to play on the equipment before school starts or at the end of the day. This includes younger siblings. We don't want to spoil anyone's fun but nor do we want accidents to happen when the equipment is not supervised by school staff.

Yesterday, I received this email from a parent: Not All Heroes Wear Capes...

This morning, during school drop-off, a parent's act of kindness turned what could have been a stressful and overwhelming moment into a powerful reminder of the strength of our community.

As I arrived at school, a warning light on my dashboard alerted me to low tyre pressure. Upon checking, I discovered a flat tyre. Still recovering from a major surgery and now managing Adrenal Insufficiency (a chronic health condition that makes stress potentially dangerous), I found myself unsure of what to do.

Just then, a father who had just dropped off his older child – while holding his younger one in his arms – asked if I needed help. Even though I don't like to ask for help I did accept it. He told me he would quickly leave his little one at the nursery and return. True to his word, he came back shortly with a repair kit, removed the screw from the tyre, and fixed it right there in the school car park.

I thanked him and offered to pay, but he kindly declined. His generosity not only solved my immediate problem but deeply moved me. It reminded me that even small acts of kindness can have a huge impact – especially when we least expect them.

Another parent who passed by also offered help, showing once again how much compassion and care does exist within our school community.

Not all heroes wear capes – some simply show up with a kind heart and a willingness to help.

To Tristan (Y2 Ted's dad): thank you. Your quiet act of service turned my day around, and I hope your kindness inspires others to do the same.

Let's keep being there for each other. Because sometimes, the most powerful lessons our children learn come not from books – but from the examples we set.

Reminder - Spring Term 2 clubs finishing...

Please note the dates for the final sessions for all clubs below:

Monday - Filmmaking & Street Jazz Dance Clubs - Monday 31st March

Tuesday - Years 4-6 M-Sports Club with Mr Neary - **NOW FINISHED. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

Tuesday - Mad Science Club - Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday - Years 1-3 Art Club - Wednesday 2nd April

Thursday - Years 1-3 M-Sports Club with Mr Neary and Choir Club with Mrs Gray - **NOW FINISHED. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

Friday - Years 4-6 Art - Friday 4th April

Summer Term Clubs...

All Summer 2025 club's information and external club booking flyers can be found on our website. Please click below to view the full list of the clubs.

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=44&action=saved>

Street Jazz Dance with Eve (Monday)

This club will run for the first 3 weeks of the Summer Term with Eve, after which, Eve will be taking maternity leave and will return in September. She is organising a reliable colleague to take over for the 2nd half of the Summer Term but is yet to confirm. This will be confirmed in due course.

Clubs will go live for booking online tonight at 7pm.

Reminder - Easter Services...

We are looking forward to sharing our Easter services with you at St. Mary's church next week, see dates below. If you would to join us and can help walk the children to and from the church, please click on these links to **submit a google form by Monday 31st March:**

F/KS1 Service - Wednesday 2nd April - <https://forms.gle/brxyAFtLs6PVbiAL8>
KS2 Service - Thursday 3rd April - <https://forms.gle/3CfotMnut8b3Ygj7A>

Reminder - HASA Easter Raffle...

Please return your sold ticket stubs and cash by the end of the day Monday 1st April. HASA fundraising makes a real difference to what we can do for your children. Over the past year or so HASA have contributed to the costs of new library books, the KS1 outdoor space, Year 6 leavers events, as well as the visitors that came into school for the recent Hook Days. **The draw will take place on Friday 4th April, there are some fantastic Easter prizes.** Thank you for your support.

Reminder - Krispy Kreme doughnuts - Friday 4th April...

HASA are offering Krispy Kreme doughnuts again on the last day of term. Pre-order 6 original glazed doughnuts for £7 or 12 for £13. **Orders should be placed via the HASA Sumup store link, click here: <https://highash.sumupstore.com/>** Single doughnuts will be available on the day at £1.50 each whilst stocks last. **Doughnuts can be collected on Friday 4th April, either from HASA's Treat Friday stall after school at Great Brickhill Cricket Club on Rotten Row from 4pm onwards. Please order by Monday 1st April.**

Diary dates for next week:

Monday 31st March - Year 2-4 Hobby Horse Week

Wednesday 2nd April, 9.00-9.45am - Foundation Parent Focus meeting with Mrs Bird. **Click here to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.gle/vanXG9xMwLFmH6Jw8>**

Wednesday 2nd April, 1.30-2.45pm - F/KS1 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

Wednesday 2nd April - HASA Disco:

F/KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 - 4.45-5.45pm

Only those children whose parents have paid via ParentPay will be able to attend. There will be no paying for access at the door.

Thursday 3rd April, 10.00-11.30am - Year 6 Easter Cracked presentation.

Thursday 3rd April, 1.30-2.45pm - KS2 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

Friday 4th April - HASA Easter Raffle Draw

Friday 4th April - End of Term - School breaks up for Easter Holidays at the end of the school day

Monday 7th - Tuesday 22nd April - School closed for the Easter holidays.

Wednesday 23rd April - Children back to school for the Summer Term and whole school on Woburn Safari Trip

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

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