



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 6th June 2025



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Welcome back after half term. We have had a very busy week with Year 3 and 4 visiting Alders Farm Fisheries for their hook day - they have a wonderful time and learnt so much. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their hook day about Mexico - especially tasting chocolate! Year 1 and 2 had to try and find an escapee octopus as part of their hook day!

Sports day...

On **Friday 20th June**, we will be hosting Sports Day using the same, tried and tested, method as in previous years.

The schedule is as follows:

Y5/6 - 9.15-10.15am

Foundation - 10.25-11.15am

Years 3/4 - 11.30-12.30pm

Years 1/2 (KS1) - 1.30-2.30pm

HASA will be serving teas, coffees, soft drinks, pastries and snacks throughout the day and they will be able to take cash or card.

Parents are not permitted to remain on the school premises during lunch time 12.15-1.30pm.

Let's hope the sun is shining and we have a great sports day!

Reminder - There is no Star Assembly on Friday 20th June due to sports day.

Secondary Transfer Test Parents Information Evening...

We are holding an information evening predominantly for our current Year 5 parents, although Year 4 parents are welcome to join us. This will take place on **Thursday 12th June @ 6.00pm** in the school hall. If you wish to attend, please click [here](#) to submit a google form **Wednesday 11th June**.

Communication via MCAS...

As you may have noticed, we are now sending all school communication through the MCAS app, and we hope you are receiving and reading these messages. We have found that some parents are using the MCAS app to send messages to school. While this feature is helpful, it can occasionally result in delays.

To ensure your messages reach us promptly and are responded to without delay, we kindly ask that you continue to email us directly at: office@highashschool.co.uk.




Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we make this transition to a more streamlined communication system.

Reminder: HASA Summer Fair - Key Dates & Non-Uniform Day

Don't forget to check your child's diary for their allocated duties for the HASA Summer Fair!

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 13th June

In return, we kindly ask for the following donations:

-  A teddy
-  Chocolate
-  A bottle (any kind - soft drink, bubble bath, wine, etc.)



Summer Fair - Friday 21st June, 11.00am-2.00pm

Please see flyer attached. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun-filled day!

Reminder - HASA Krispy Kreme doughnut box fundraiser...

Show your support for High Ash School with original glazed Krispy Kreme doughnuts on **Friday 13th June 2025**.

**Pre-order 6 original glazed doughnuts for £7
or 12 doughnuts for £13**

Single doughnuts available on the day at £1.50 each whilst stocks last.

Collect on Friday 13th June 2025

Collect either from HASA treat Friday stall at High Ash School or Great Brickhill Cricket Club on Rotten Row from 4pm onwards.

Please click on the link below to pre-order:

<https://highash.sumupstore.com/product/krispy-kreme-doughnut-boxes>

Thank you for your support!
The HASA Team

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

Summer 2 has started and it is out of this world! We have been exploring the story 'Whatever Next!' and talking about how the bear blasted off in his box rocket all the way to the moon! We found out it was quite boring on the moon, however as there was nothing to do, bear had a picnic with his friend owl. The children have had fun acting out the story using our amazing space roleplay as well as creating their own stories of being adventuring astronauts.



They have worked as a team to make sure the rocket was ready, full of fuel, that everyone was secure wearing seatbelts, closed the airlock and counted down from ten until blast off!



We have also been lucky enough to have caterpillars growing in our classroom! We have been watching them eating their food and practicing spinning their chrysalis. We are excited to see how they change over the next few weeks. We have been looking at books about the change and learning about the word 'metamorphosis' which means to change.

Year One and Two-

We've had a fantastic return to school in KS1!

On Monday, we had our hook day for our new topic 'Fish, Fins and Gills' where an octopus had escaped our school aquarium and was on the loose! The children created some fantastic wanted posters to try and aid in its capture. The children also created some bubble wrap painted aquarium artwork as well as some 3D turtles!



In English this week we have been looking at the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. In both year groups, the children have been consolidating all of their prior writing skills to help them write an effective retell.

In Maths, Year 1 have been continuing their unit on multiplication and division where the children have been exploring finding doubles of two-digit numbers and dividing through sharing and equal groups. In Year 2, the children have been exploring the world of time, where the children have been learning to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past.



In PSHE, the children have been exploring life cycles within the natural world. In RE, the children have started their next unit on Sanatana Dharma where we will be focusing on symbols. The children had an introduction to the unit by looking at how we use emojis, as symbols, in technology to convey emotions.



In Science, the children began by looking at sea creatures which live along the British coastline and those which do not. The children worked collaboratively in teams to sort the animals based on their ocean habitats.

F/KS1 children are putting on a Special Father's Day Assembly on Friday 13th June at 2.45pm, doors open at 2.35pm. Male relatives are welcome to join us.

Year Three and Four-

This week in PE we started volleyball. For our first lesson we started with the basics of ball control and how to be direct with a hit. To help us do this, we started by dropping the ball with stretched arms so our partner had to use quick feet, we then moved on to rolling the ball quickly to each other with precise movements. To finish, we started to throw and hit the ball back and forth using the correct hand grips for hitting the ball in different ways.



In Science, we identified common appliances that run on mains electricity and battery powered electricity. Then, we created our own simple circuit lighting a bulb before drawing a scientific diagram of it.



For our Hook Day, we took a trip down to the fisheries to start our Geography topic all about rivers. We were looking for what plants grow by rivers and lakes, looking at where rivers run into lakes and how this happens. To bring in prior knowledge from our previous topic we also looked out for pollination, seeds in the wind of being dropped from trees, even pollinators on flowers and plants. We even did a spot of fishing with the lovely Trevor.



We are going to making a model of a river in Geography lesson next week, Monday 9th June. It would be appreciated if you could please send your child to school with some of the following items:

- Lots of recycled and washed plastic containers. - Yoghurt pots - big and small.
- Small cardboard boxes. - tea bag boxes, cereal boxes, egg boxes.
- Recycled foil containers - takeaway tubs
- Large cardboard boxes.

Please send them into school ready for Monday next week, 9th June.

In Maths, Mrs Weatherall's group have been looking at money. We investigated how many different ways we could make a pound using different amounts of coins.



Year Five and Six-

On Monday, Year 5/6 had our hook day for our topic, 'Hola Mexico'. We learned about the history of chocolate and its relationship to the Ancient Maya. Did you know, the cocoa bean was used as currency?



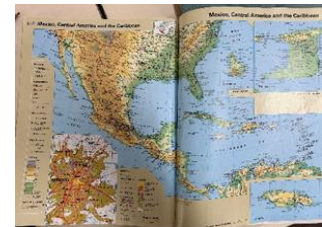
We did a blind taste test to try different types of chocolate and thought about the smell, taste and texture when comparing them.

We also created colourful masks, that are often worn or painted during the Day of the Dead celebrations as this is seen as a joyful celebration!



The Day of the Dead is a widely celebrated festival in Mexican culture, with history dating back to the ancient Maya civilisation. We discovered the traditions that take place, including the Ofrendas, which are used to honour the dead. We created our own, considering items or images that reflect them.

In geography this week, Year 5 and 6 did fantastic map work. As our topic is named 'Hola Mexico', the first thing we did was to locate Mexico, and other significant countries, on a world map. Oak class also decided to label countries where the children have family members.



We then learned the difference between physical features on a map (mountains, rivers, oceans etc) and human features (we had discussions about borders and how they can change).



The children were tasked with finding various physical and human features within Mexico which involved learning how to use an index and four-figure grid reference (in the tiniest print!). The children plotted very neatly.



In PE we have started learning a new sport - Volleyball. We were getting to grips with the position of our hands and arms and trying our best to manage the power





Reflections this week...

This half term we are studying Ephesians 6:10-18 *Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm.* The children are starting to understand that God gives us spiritual armour to help us stand strong. This week we looked at strength, after listening to the story of David and Goliath the children thought about what strength actually is. Strength feels like silence in the storm, the light that doesn't flicker even when the wind rises. It's the inner knowing that even when you're at your most vulnerable, you're not alone—and that being open is not weakness, but the ultimate courage. The children thought about other examples where strength of mind or body wins over size. They also thought about any examples in nature. *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand.* Ephesians 6:10-11.

Attendance..

This week's attendance is 94%, please keep on sending the children into school, remember every day counts! Please remember to report all absences to absence@highashschool.co.uk.

High Ash Scout Group...

This scout group is located in Stoke Hammond and currently has spaces for new Cubs & Scouts to join.

They are a friendly group, with a varied programme (games, cooking, hikes, badge work, camps and other events).

They meet on Thursday evenings in Stoke Hammond.
Cubs start from 7½ (Thursdays 1845-2015).
Scouts start from 10 ½ up to 14 ½ (Thursdays 1900-2100).

If you're interested in your child joining up, or trying out, please get in touch:

join.highash@mkscouts.org

(If you're an adult looking for volunteering opportunities, they would be happy to have a chat)

Diary Dates for next week commencing 9th June...

Monday 9th June - Year 1 National Phonics Test and Year 5 Assessments this week
Monday 9th June, 6.00pm - New Foundation Parents Welcome Evening
Tuesday 10th June, 11.00-2.00pm - Selected Years 3-6 children at a Tag Rugby Festival
Wednesday 11th June, 10.00-11.30pm - Year 2 M-Skills Festival at Cottesloe (**Consent required**)
Thursday 12th June, 6.00pm - Secondary Transfer Parents meeting for Year 5 (Year 4 parents are very welcome to attend)
Friday 13th June, 9.30-12.30pm - Selected Years 2-4 children at a Cricket Festival
Friday 13th June, 2.45pm - F/KS1 Special Men's Assembly, doors open at 2.35pm. Male relatives are welcome.
Friday 13th June - Non-Uniform Day for HASA Donations, see page 2 of this newsletter for suggested donations.

A summer countdown of diary dates leading up to the end of this term, will be sent to you next week.

Have a great weekend.

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