



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 27th June 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

What an end to the week!

Thank you so much for your understanding regarding the decision to close the school today. I was still at school at 11:30am, and unfortunately, the water supply had not been restored.

As a Headteacher, making the decision to close the school is never easy, and I truly appreciate the inconvenience it may cause. However, without any running water, it simply isn't safe or practical to keep the school open.

Fingers crossed everything will be resolved by Monday. In the meantime, I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Rescheduled Assemblies...

Please note the updated dates and times for our upcoming assemblies:

- **Hazel Class Assembly** will now take place on **Friday 4th July**.
Parents are warmly invited to attend.
Doors open at 2:05pm, with the assembly starting at 2:15pm.
- This will be followed by the **F/KS1 Star Award Assembly at 2:55pm**.
Invitations have already been sent to parents of children who have been nominated to receive a **Star Award**.
- The **KS2 Assembly** originally scheduled for today has been **rescheduled to Friday 11th July**.
This will now be a **double KS2 Assembly**, starting at **2:45pm (doors open at 2:35pm)**.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

HASA Summer Fayre...

Thank you for everyone who came and supported us last Saturday. It was great to see so many families - there were past, present and future families supporting us. A massive thank you has to be given to HASA for organising this event and to the school staff who gave up their time to ensure we had entertainment and great stalls. We are very proud to announce that we made £3200 from the fayre! Well done everyone!

Transition 1st July...

In the lead up to transition day next week, **Tuesday 1st July**, there is a powerpoint which you might like to share with your child so they can see who the teachers are in the year group they are moving up to and where the lockers are, toilets etc. This powerpoint is on our website and will be there for you to refer to over the summer holidays too - this may help alleviate some anxiety about moving to a new class. Please click on the link below to view:

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/page/?title=Transition+Presentation+2025&pid=581>

We also wish our Year 6's a great time as they go off to their new secondary schools next week.

Ned's Resilience - a special assembly for all...

NED's Resiliency Ride is visiting our school on **Thursday 10th July**. The assembly is filled with storytelling, humour, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name.

NED's Resiliency Ride, is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. During the assembly, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

www.theNEDshow.com/ned_program.html

There will be a yo-yo sale after the assembly which may run for 5 school days. Further information on how you can purchase a yo-yo for your child from the wide selection on offer will be made available shortly before the assembly takes place.

Reminder - Y5/6 End of Year Production...

Performances will be on **Tuesday 15th July at 2.00pm and 6.00pm**, then on **Wednesday 16th July at 6.00pm**. All **Year 5/6** are involved and will need to attend each performance.

We have a limited capacity to 90 people in the hall per performance and therefore tickets are limited to 3 per family. These can be booked for one performance or split between multiple performances. Small children and infants do need their own ticket due to fire risk procedures and must be included in the allocation of 3 tickets.

To book your seats, please visit your MCAS app and book by the end of the school day **Thursday 10th July**. Please select 'Products' within your MCAS dashboard and click on the Y5/6 End of Year Productions selecting the performance or performances you would like to book seats for.

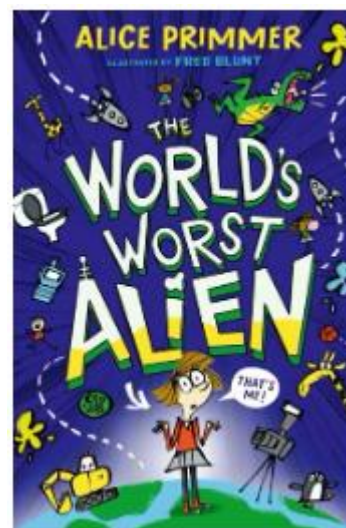
Visit by local author...

We are delighted that local author, Alice Primmer, will be visiting our school on **Friday 18th July** to discuss her book, 'The World's Worst Alien'. School visits from authors are a fantastic way to bring books and reading to life, and really help children to engage with stories and boost their literacy.

The World's Worst Alien is the story of the alien "Sky", who creates planet Earth as part of a school project. She's delighted by the dinosaurs, but once humans appear, she must reluctantly visit Earth to try to fix the mess they've made. The book was selected as one of Waterstones Best Children's Books for June 2025, and described as "a wild and witty ride packed with great gags on every page". It is illustrated by the award-winning Fred Blunt.

Alice lives locally in Leighton Buzzard and is passionate about engaging reluctant readers with funny books! The event will encourage students to embrace the power of creativity, and Alice will share her writing tips.

We have copies of The World's Worst Alien available to buy. **Copies are £6.99 saving £1 on recommended retail price. If you would like to order a copy for your child, please visit the Products page on MyChildAt School.** Alice will be happy to sign copies during the visit.



Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

We had a beautiful spiritual moment in Acorn class this week when we released the four butterflies that we have raised in the classroom. We took their net down into Forest school and I gently collected them each and released each one in turn. We talked about how much they have changed and what an amazing experience it had been to watch them grow from tiny caterpillars into large caterpillars, to watch them go into their chrysalides and then how amazing it was to see them take their flight into the big wide world. We also took a moment to pray for them and asked God to look after them now that they were free.

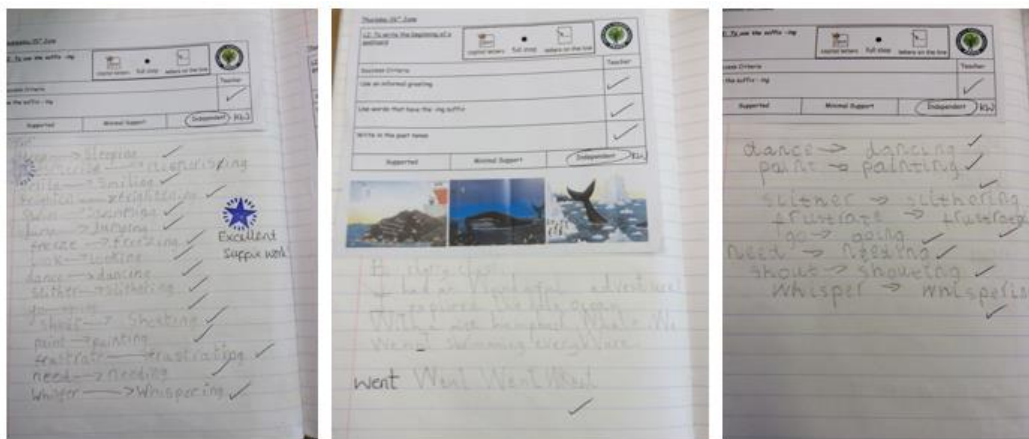


This week we also explored the story 'Look Up!' which is about a girl called Rocket who is encouraging her brother Jamal and the rest of her community to look at the meteor shower and not their phones. It gave us an opportunity to talk about enjoying the world around us. We spoke about the importance of looking above and enjoying the stars in the night sky and talked about which planets we know are also in our solar system. We created a group meteor piece of artwork in class inspired by Rocket.

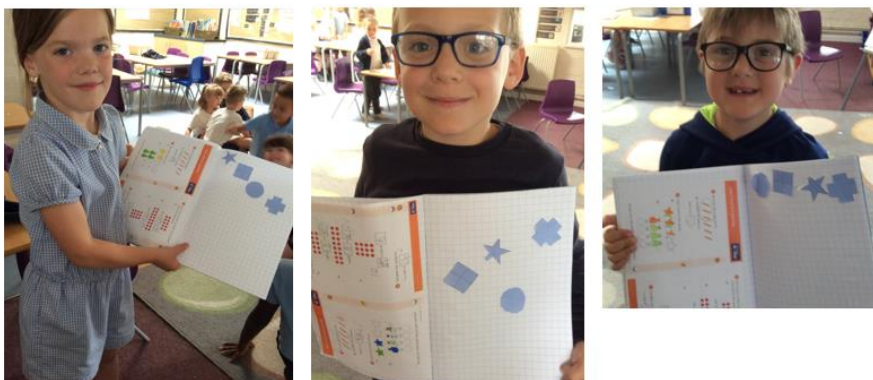


Year One and Two-

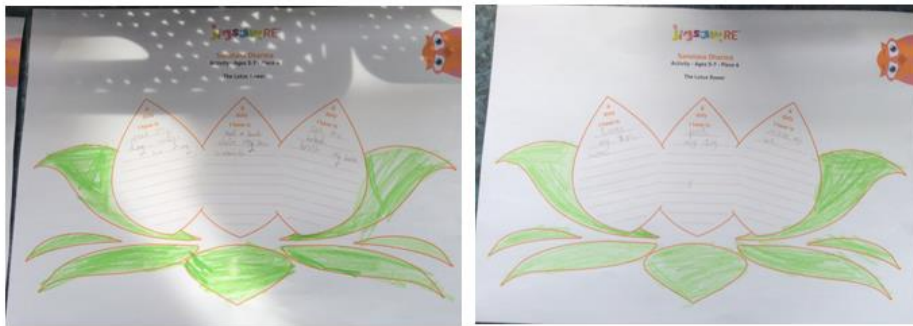
We have had another fab week in KS1! In English, we have started a unit looking at 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We have been learning how to write an informal letter in the form of a postcard. In Year 1, we have been trying to master how to use the '-ing' suffix, and all the different rules! In Year 2, we have been perfecting the progressive past and present tenses.



In Maths, Year 1 have been immersing themselves in their fraction learning by exploring quarters. All of the children now know that 4 quarters make a whole! We explored this practically through cutting out different shapes and folding them to find the quarters.



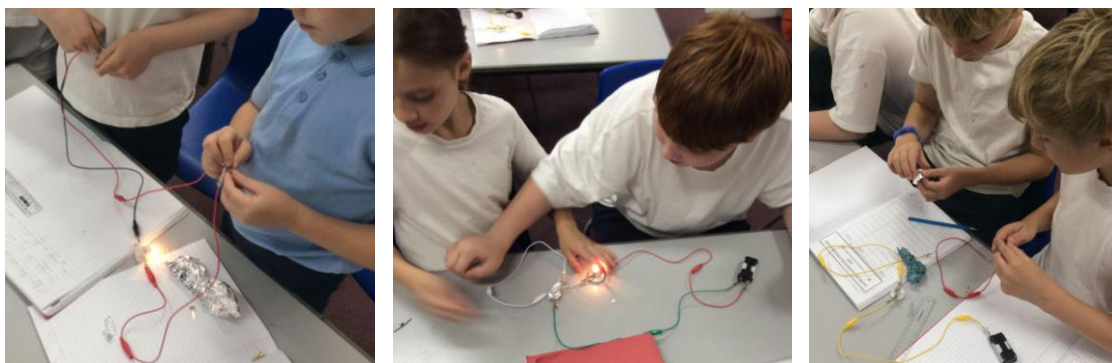
In RE, we have been continuing to look at symbols within Sanatana Dharma and have been learning about the lotus flower. We found out that Dharma means duty and a lotus flower is a reminder to fulfil our duties to the best of our abilities. We thought about the duties we have in everyday life and created our own lotus flowers to record them.



Your child will have been sent home, if not today due to the school closure, Monday with a ‘Year of Memories’ homework sheet. This half term, we are challenging the children to create a piece of homework to reflect some of their favourite memories of this year. The children can be creative and record this in any way they like and we will be sharing them in the last 3 days of the Summer Term.

Year Three and Four-

This week in Science, we have been learning all about switches within the electrical circuit. We have learnt about how a closed switch allows the electricity to pass through and an open switch does not allow electricity to pass through. To find out more about switches, we investigated using different conductors to create our own switches.



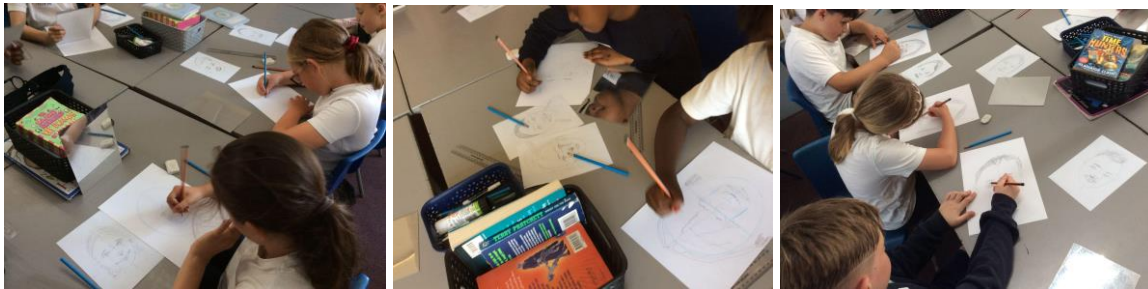
On Wednesday, we went to The Cottesloe school for our annual Multi Skills event. The children took part in different activities that involved a different sporting skill. We are so proud of their behaviour and sportsmanship. They were brilliant ambassadors of High Ash.



In Geography, we are learning all about rivers. We have been looking at the different rivers in the UK and where they run. This week we have been learning about the rivers of the world and what countries they run through. To do this we have used an atlas as well as our knowledge of what a river looks like on a map.



Our lovely Art visitors from Cottesloe were back in again this week, this time with Holly class. They really enjoyed learning all about proportion and learning how to sketch with a blue and regular pencil to create different lines and shapes. We can't wait to have them back in to see Hazel class.



In French this week, the children have been building their own sentences using vocabulary they've learnt over the past few weeks. They've been combining days of the week with the names of shops and food items to create full sentences, showing off their growing confidence and understanding of the language.



Year Five and Six-

This week in Year 5/6 we have been busy continuing our topics across the curriculum. In computing, we have been making videos, studying different angles and shots. In science, we've begun to think about what is required to carry out our own investigation, meanwhile in RE we have considered whether Christians must only pray in church. In Art, we have been fully immersed in our photography and this week took inspiration from the Ghanaian artist Derrick Oforu Boateng to create our own album covers. We took photos using various objects and then used editing tools on the chrome books to create effects that enhanced the photographs.

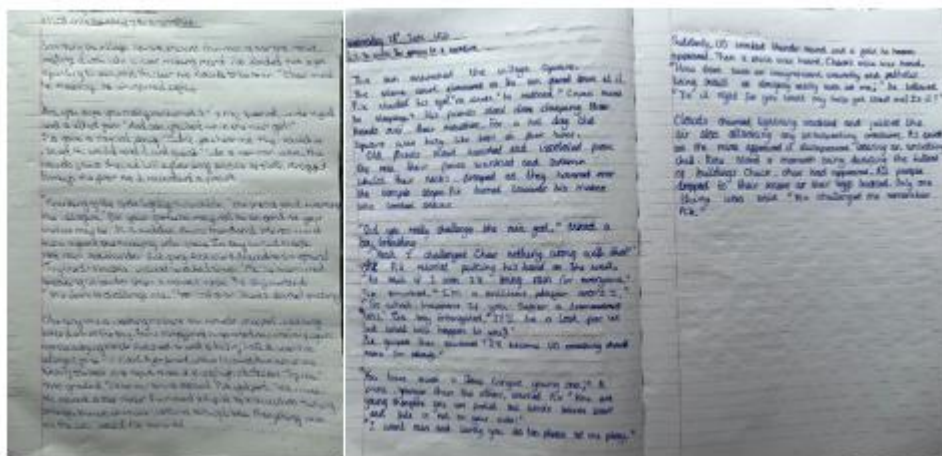




In Mrs Gray's Maths group, we have been learning about 3D shapes. We learned the key vocabulary: faces, edges and vertices and the properties of polyhedra including prisms. We then drew different cuboids on isometric paper and solved riddles about 3D shapes, e.g. 'My shape has two faces, a curved surface and two edges.' Following this, we found out about Platonic solids and made our own tetrahedra.



In English, we completed our star write, retelling the opening to the story 'Rainplayer'. We created suspense, progressed the action with dialogue and described effectively using 'show not tell'. Their final pieces are amazing! Impressive phrases such as: 'Churning like a washing machine' and 'As quick as the mist appeared, it disappeared' great enhanced writing that demonstrates we have some very talented writers in Year 5/6!



Reflections this week...

We continue to study Ephesians 6:10-18 *Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm.* This week we have studied the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace. ***'And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.'*** Ephesians 6:15

We thought carefully about what peace means. Peace means being calm, kind, and getting along with others. It is when people are not fighting or hurting each other. Peace can happen inside us, between friends, in our homes, and all around the world. These are examples of peace:

- Inside you: When you take deep breaths and feel calm instead of angry.
- With friends: When you share your toys and take turns.
- At school: When everyone is kind and listens to each other.
- In the world: When countries help each other and don't go to war.

The children were told the bible story of Jesus calming the storm. We then thought carefully about how we can spread peace in school this week.

[*Leon Leisure Centre - Fast Track Summer Swimming...*](#)

Leon Leisure Centre are offering fast track swimming lessons over the summer. Please view the attached flyer for full information and how to book.

[*The George, Summer Festival...*](#)

On **Saturday 12th July**, The George in Little Brickhill are holding a Summer Festival event with local live music acts all day and food. Please view the attached flyers for full information and how to book.

[*Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club...*](#)

The Womens Rugby World Cup is being hosted in England from 22nd August to 27th September with the Red Roses being favourites to win. They are reaching out to all girls from current Years 4 to 6 to come and give rugby a go at a free summer session.

The event will be held at Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club on **Saturday 2nd August, 1.30pm to 2.30pm**, and will be followed by the Red Roses v Spain pre World Cup match being played in the clubhouse. Please view the attached flyers for full information and how to book.

[*Diary dates w-c 30 June...*](#)

Tuesday 1st July - Transition day

Thursday 3rd July, 6.00pm - KS2 Summer Music Concert. Invites sent today. Please reserve your seats via the Products page on MCAS

Friday 4th July, 2.15pm - Hazel Class Assembly, doors open at 2.05pm. Parents welcome!

Friday 4th July, 2.55pm - F/KS1 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm. Invitation only

Have a great weekend.

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