



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th October 2025

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

### **Reminder - Harvest Festival, Wednesday 15th October**

On **Wednesday 15th October**, all children (apart from Acorn class) will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Great Brickhill.

As part of our celebration, we are collecting **donations for local church food banks**. These should be **non-perishable items**, but please note that **pasta is not required** as the food banks currently have plenty in stock. A tin or other cupboard item would be greatly appreciated – this not only supports our local community but also reinforces the importance of kindness and generosity to others.

Due to limited space in the church, we can only accommodate **one seat per family**. However, if you would like to request an additional seat, please indicate this on the form below. If extra spaces become available, we will contact you. Seats will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**, and parents who book later will be informed if capacity has been reached.

We still have a few spaces available, and we would **greatly appreciate any parents who have booked to attend the service, if you could please also help walk with the children to and from the church.**

- We will leave school at 1:30pm
- The service will begin at 1:45pm and usually ends by 2.30pm

Please click the link below to reserve your seat:

<https://forms.gle/AutZirpVXbrUb5Qg8>

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Save the date... PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS**

Please make sure you have put aside some time on either **Tuesday 21st October 2pm-6pm** or **Wednesday 22nd October 4.30-7.30pm**. Information was sent to all parents last week via Bromcom with instructions on how to book. Please book via your MCAS app. **The online bookings will close at 6pm on Thursday 16th October.**

### **Learning highlights this week....**

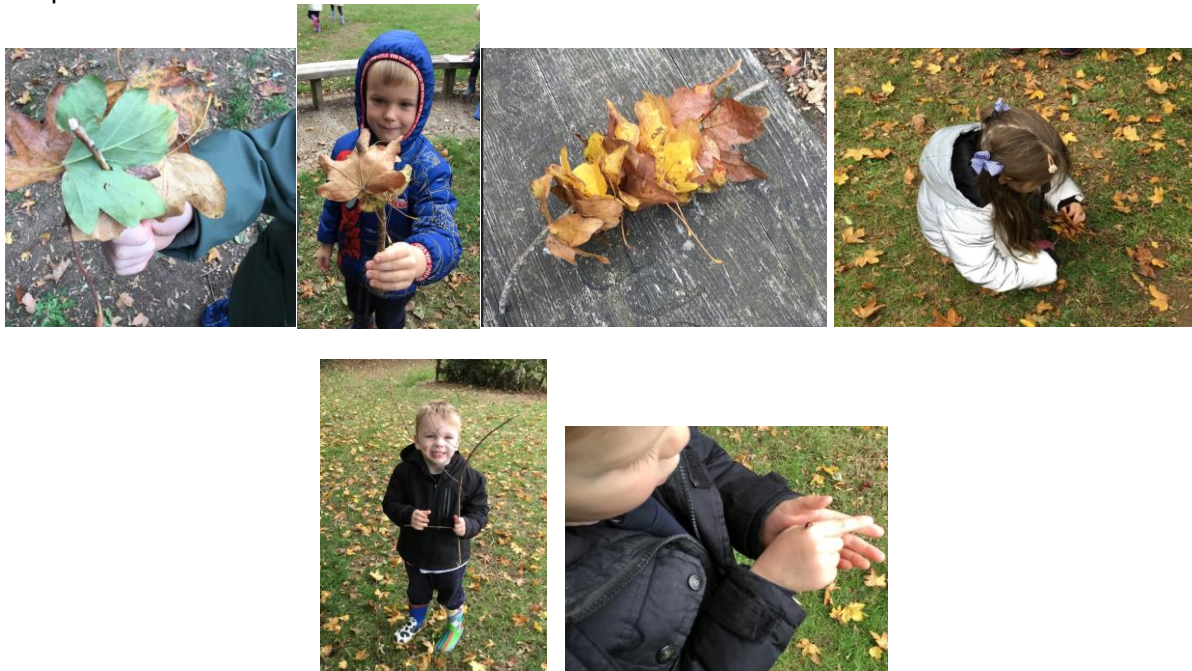
#### **Acorns**

We have had such a fun week exploring our Funnybones story! We have had a doctor's roleplay in the classroom where we have looked after each other. We have also been exploring the importance of our bones and what our skeleton is. We created a 'dark dark street' like where the skeletons lived in the creative area. We used our improving pencil grips and even used our initial sounds by writing 'd' for dark and 's' for skeleton on our group artwork.

We also explored the season of Autumn in Forest School this week. We talked about what we could see and how the trees have been changing. We admired all the leaves and all their beautiful colours. We used the leaves to make our own leaf kebabs. We



also found minibeasts living in the habitat such as ladybirds. We are excited to see how the habitat will change as the seasons pass.



Acorn Reminders

- We are going to be looking at ‘Super Duper You’ as our story of the week next week. You could talk to your child about how superheroes behave, how they work as part of a team and care for people. You could also talk to your child about what makes them super! We all have our skills and talents.

Year One and Two

Our History came to life this week when Year One and Two had a visit from Miss Joliffe’s lovely Mum who came to share her memories of growing up in the 1960s. The children were fascinated by the idea of black and white television with only two TV channels! They had lots of thoughtful questions and although the ‘artefacts’ are making some of us feel very old we are looking forward to next week when we will investigate toys, games and technology from the 1960s and 70s. Thank you so much for coming to visit us Wendy.



We are still enjoying our I’m a Clever Writer text, Meerkat Mail. Year 2 are writing postcards in the first person and Year 1 are using time adverbials to retell the story. Huge congratulations to last week’s STAR writers, Maria, Albie, Amelia and Daniel. Their fabulous work is taking pride of place on the Star Writing board in the Hall. More hands on fun in Science as we played a board game to determine the features and adaptations of a made up animal - some of the creatures were very strange but the children used their scientific reasoning to explain how they might adapt to survive in a particular habitat.



We are coming to the end of our Place Value Unit in Maths and Year One has been impressing Mrs Fox with their ability to flexibly partition numbers to 10. Year 2 have taken on the task of counting in 3s and have been demonstrating the PROUD principles with their determination to succeed. If you have any questions as to how best to support your child with maths at home, please do not hesitate to ask us.

### Year 1/2 Reminders

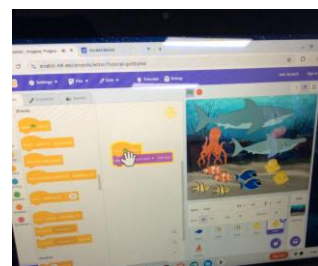
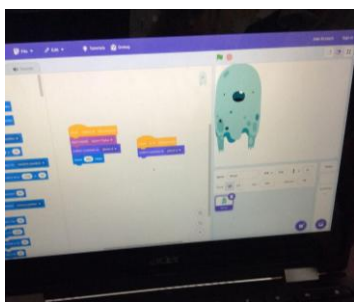
- Chestnut Class are looking forward to welcoming their parents, grandparents and friends to their Class Assembly on Friday 17th October at 14:15. Lines will be coming home today and we'd be so grateful if you could practice over the weekend!
- Last call for photos, magazines, toys or technology from the 1960s or 70s for our History lesson next week.
- Please ensure your child comes into school with a warm, waterproof coat every day - we learn outdoors in all weathers!

### Year Three and Four

During our History lesson we learn all about bartering when the people in the prehistoric times did not have money. They used bartering to export and import goods - we learnt that this is called trading and we do it on an even bigger scale now! To understand bartering better, we played a game called - 'would you survive?'. To play, we had 7 cards with items from the iron age and a check list. It was our job to barter with the other players in our groups to have everything we needed to survive. We have some very good barterers in our classes!



This week in computing, we have been combining the skills we have learnt so far with a new skill of changing appearance. So far we have learnt how to sequence, motion and sound both separately and then combining them. This week we have looked at changing the appearance of each sprite we programme. To do this, we had to combine our skills of events, motion and sound and then add in the change of appearance to our sprite. Complicated coding!



### Year 3/4 Reminders

- Tuesday Swimming lessons continue. Please always remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit and towel in a bag to take with them.
- Please keep practicing your child's Harvest line with them, it is important we try to learn them by heart before Wednesday.

### Year Five and Six

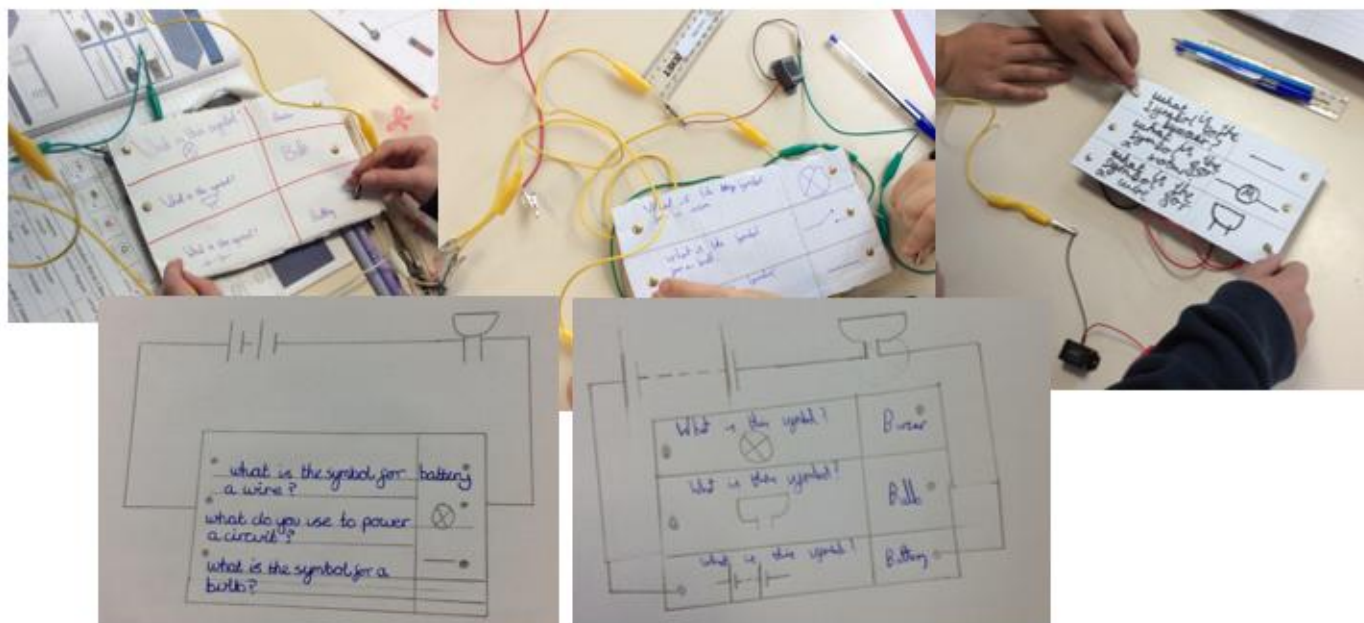
Most of Year 6 are away on their residential this week.

In school, Year 5 and Year 6 children had a great time visiting The Stables on Tuesday morning where we watched "Close Up KS2 Schools Concert" Featuring Ensemble 360 and presenter Aga Serugo-Lugo. A string quartet (2 violins,

1 viola and 1 cello) played a variety of music. There was lots of participation from the audience - repeating impressive musical terms like rhythm, melody, convergence, divergence, dynamics, staccato, legato, phrasing and texture as well as clapping and singing responses. We were really lucky to attend.



In Science, we used electrical components to make our own quiz boards. We used wires to link up questions to the correct answers and then drew labelled diagrams to show how they worked. Part way through our setting up of our quizzes, we noticed that some of the buzzers were working and some weren't. To correctly wire a buzzer, connect its red wire to the positive (+) terminal of the power source and its black wire to the negative (-) terminal. We found out that buzzers are polarised, and if wires are reversed, they will not make sound. We drew some very neat circuit diagrams then explained how we had made sure we had completed our circuits to make the quiz questions successful.



This week, Year 5 and our brilliant Year 6 crew continued exploring the exciting world of Street Art. Pupils had the opportunity to experiment with a variety of art mediums, including charcoal, oil pastels, watercolours, felt pens, and pencils. It was a fantastic chance for the children to express their creativity and explore different techniques.



### Year 5/6 Reminders:

- **DT Request -**

Next half term we will be creating our own waistcoats. We would be grateful if you could donate any old fabric, buttons or thread that you no longer need. Old (large) clothing would also work if you have any for donating. Please can these be sent in with your child in the last week of this half term - October 20th - October 25th. Thank you for your support.

### No Choir Club - Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct...

Please note that **Choir Club will be cancelled on Wednesday 22nd October** due to Parents' Evening taking place on the same day. A refund for this session has been processed, and a **£4.00 credit** now sits on your MCAS account.

You may choose to either:

- Transfer this credit towards next term's Choir Club (when released for booking), or
- Transfer the £4.00 to your child's dinner money balance.

Please email the school office to confirm your preferred option.

### Fundraising for golf equipment...

Thank you to those parents who have already donated towards our golf equipment. We hope to introduce golf as a new activity for our children later this year. Golf is a fantastic sport that teaches patience, concentration, and coordination - and it can be enjoyed for a lifetime!

To make this possible, we are seeking support from our community to help us fund a set of beginner-friendly golf equipment. Use the link below to donate or email Mrs Northen at [businessmanager@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:businessmanager@highashschool.co.uk) for more information or if you think you can support us.

[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/golf-equipment-1](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/golf-equipment-1)

### Reflections this week...

This week we have been discussing *What if someone makes a mistake - should they still be welcome?* We thought about how we need to see the best in people and let things go. Children wrote notes to put in a forgiveness jar to help them move on and let things go. Our bible reading is from Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

### Attendance...

This week our attendance is 95.5%. Please ensure you always email [absence@highashschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@highashschool.co.uk) for every day your child is absent from school.

### Brickhill Bistro...

Celia's Café is now open, situated on the upper floor of The Parish Hall on Horsepond. There is ample parking. They would welcome parents for coffee and breakfast after the school drop off and for coffee and cake in the afternoon. The cafe produces home baked goods and serves local artisan coffee.

They are currently open Thursday to Monday at the following times:

Thursday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am to 3.30pm

Saturday, Sunday 9.00 am to 2.00pm

Monday 9.00am to 3.30pm

### Parish Hall Market...

We wish to remind you that there is reduced parking at the Parish Hall carpark every Thursday due the The Parish Hall market taking place. The market has proved very popular and will now run every Thursday for the foreseeable. The stalls include fresh bread, chocolates, fruit and vegetables, fish from Lowestoft, plants, meat, eggs, ice cream,

and sausages so it is definitely worth a visit! For more information please click on this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/15NSwbTU22C/>



#### *Diary Dates w-c 29 Sept...*

Tuesday 14th October, 3.30-4.15 - Year 6 Mixed Cup Fixture v Cheddington (Away). Invitation only.  
Wednesday 15th October, 9.30-10.30 or 10.30-11.30am - Open Day  
Wednesday 15th October, 1.45pm - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, leaving school at 1.30pm  
Thursday 16th October, 2.45pm - SEND Parents Tea and Cake event  
Friday 17th October, 2.15pm - Chestnut Class Assembly, doors open at 2.05pm  
Friday 17th October, 2.55pm - KS2 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm (Invitation only)  
Friday 17th October, 3.30-4.15pm - Year 6 Mixed League Fixture v Swanbourne (Home). Invitation only.

#### *September 2026..*

Do you know anyone starting school in September 2026? Please tell them about our forthcoming open days on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. More details available from the school office.



I look forward to seeing you next week for another busy week! Have a great weekend.

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