



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Can you believe that another term has passed? This year really is flying. We finished this week with a wonderful Easter Service at St Mary's Church. The children told the Easter story and encouraged us all to reflect about who we serve and whether we only serve ourselves or others. They also encouraged us to look for hope and to make the best of all the opportunities on offer. The children sang the Easter songs beautifully, it really was a special moment in church.

We will be visiting St Mary's again on Friday 24th April to say goodbye to Reverend Waller who has been here supporting our school, leading worship and being on our Governing body since 2002. Rev'd Waller is retiring and moving to be near his family in Worcester. There will be more information to follow about the service in church.

Parent Survey....

We are currently working with an organisation called **Welbee** to run our annual parent surveys. You should hopefully have received an email this week. Don't worry that the email does not appear to be from us, it is a legitimate survey.

We firmly believe that a partnership between home and school offers the greatest opportunities for our children to thrive. Your unique perspective as a parent is invaluable in helping us create the best possible environment in school.

Please take 5 minutes to share your thoughts; your feedback directly shapes our priorities and helps us celebrate what's working and improve what isn't. The survey will now close at **5pm on Friday 3rd April**, rather than today, so please try and find time to respond.

SEN tea & cake...

We are moving our next SEN tea & cake session to **Tuesday 21st April**, still at the usual time of 2.45pm.

Our new SENCO, Mrs Ally Edwards, is joining us after Easter and this will be a good opportunity for her to meet everyone.

Parent Survey March 2026

High Ash Church of England Primary School

Welcome to the survey

Please answer the questions as honestly as possible.

START SURVEY



Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

Our story of the week has been Oliver's Vegetables, we explored the different vegetables that Oliver pulled up from out of his Grandpa's garden using our senses. We smelt and felt the different ones including cabbage, rhubarb and carrots. We talked about having good hygiene when handling our food and ensured we had clean hands. We then learned how to use a peeler safely, ensuring we held the carrot right at the top, put the peeler on the carrot and peeled down away from ourselves. It was tricky but the children showed great resilience.



We then put our new knowledge and skills to good use and prepared carrots and fresh coriander to create an amazing soup! Mrs Bigmore was kind enough to lend us her soup maker and Lizzie and Michelle supplied the vegetables from the Ash Tree. We even got stickers if we tried the soup! This has helped us to talk about healthy eating and the importance of vegetables in our diet and not just eating chips like Oliver was at the beginning of the story. It is important to be brave and try new things especially vegetables as they are so good for us.



Also, this week we were lucky enough to have Mrs Goodger bring in two lambs for the children to meet. She spoke to us about how old the lambs were, that they were both boys and that meant they were called wethers, that their mum was called a ewe and their dad was called a tup. We have been learning about animal life cycles this term through our butterflies in class and this gave us a chance to talk about the sheep life cycle and link it to our learning about Spring and how it is the season of new life and the time we celebrate Easter. Thank you to Mrs Goodger for bringing them in and helping bring our topic to life.



Acorn Reminders

- Try to complete some of your Communication week challenges over Easter and send us photos or write a little paragraph telling us what you did. This is so we can continue to develop the children's listening and language skills which is all part of building their confidence in Oracy.

Year One and Two

This week in Maths, Year 1 pupils have been learning about weight and mass. The children had great fun using balance scales to compare and measure the mass of different classroom objects. They explored which items were heavier or lighter and made predictions before testing them out on the scales. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they investigated and discussed their findings.



We all absolutely loved our science experiment this week and we had wonderful moments of awe as the children used UV beads to detect the sun's rays. The beads change colour with UV light so we had fun comparing and contrasting the darkness of the beads in different areas of shade and light. We even stood on tables to be 'closer to the sun'! Science really came to life and the children learnt the important lesson that UV rays are still present even on cloudy days.



We have come to the end of our PE unit this term and the children have put together their finishing touches to their routines in Dance and perfected their Orienteering skills with Mr Neary.

We really enjoyed our Easter Crafting treat this morning and we wish you all a very Happy Easter Break.

Year 1/2 Reminders

- Homework has been sent home this week and is due in school by w-c 14th April to share with the class. Please don't worry if it is later than that!

Year Three and Four

Year 3 and 4 had an amazing time on their geography field trip today, bringing their rainforest topic to a brilliant close. During the visit to Rushmere and back (a nearly 4 mile walk!) the children explored how the woodland is used and compared this to the uses of a rainforest. We saw people walking, meeting at the cafe, running and even working. The children worked carefully to collect data using tally charts, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. After enjoying a well-deserved snack and some time on the play equipment, the children then analysed their findings and presented their data clearly in bar charts. It was a fantastic day filled with hands-on learning and a wonderful way to finish off the term.



In Computing, we created a game on Scratch. The game had to consist of three sprites which had to be caught by clicking on them. We experimented with different motions, sounds and lengths of waits. We used infinite loops to repeat each sprite's movement.



Holly Class were surprised by another 'secret reader'. We listened to a section from 'Mr Majeika' and really enjoyed our special visitor.

In French we wrote sentences about what we were wearing. “Je porte...” we had lots of creative sentences with some very colourful eclectic clothing. We then moved on to describe others and wrote about he wears/il porte and she wears/elle porte.



In Art, we finished off by creating still life compositions in groups and then sketching classroom objects before applying the painting techniques we have learnt.



Year 3/4 Reminders

- Year 3/4 trip to Bradwell Abbey on Thursday 16th April. Please ensure you have paid your contribution online via your MCAS app within Trips. Children are to wear full school uniform with appropriate footwear (trainers) for outdoor activities with a warm rain coat depending on weather. Please provide your child with a packed lunch in a small rucksack with non-fizzy drinks for the day. Please remember we are a NUT FREE school.

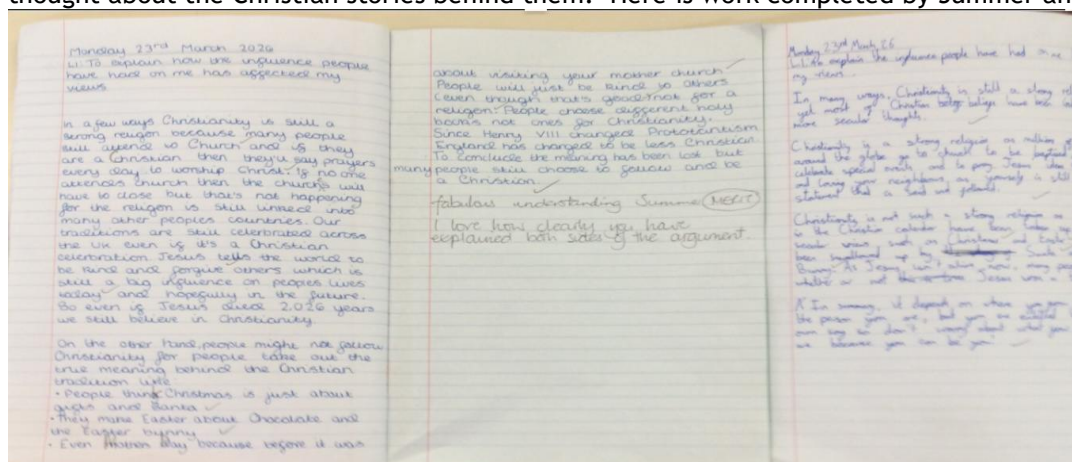
Year Five and Six

In Computing this week, we finished off our unit by using Google Sites to create the webpages we had previously planned. We based them on various topics including famous people, animals or sport. Our finished creations contained subpages and links between pages as well as images and text. Our designs looked quite professional...



In Music, we created graphic scores and then, from these, produced pieces of music using body percussion and chimebars. Our graphic scores represented the **texture** and **dynamics** of the music we performed. We based our pieces on Fingal's Cave, a piece of music which was inspired by waves.

In RE this week, we considered if Christianity is still a strong religion as it is more than 2000 years after Jesus lived on Earth. Some stunning work was produced by the children who recognised that many Christian festivals are still celebrated, such as Christmas, Easter. Other events are commemorated such as Lent and Advent, yet, in many ways these festivals have become more secular with more of a focus on, for instance, Santa Claus and chocolate eggs than thought about the Christian stories behind them. Here is work completed by Summer and Ralph



This term, Year 5/6 have enjoyed learning about Charles Darwin, evolution and adaptation. They have explored a range of animals and plants, discovering how living things are specially adapted to survive in their environments.

This week, the children learned about the peppered moth during the Industrial Revolution. They found out how the moths changed from mostly light-coloured, camouflaged against beech trees, to darker colours so they could blend in with soot-covered trees.

To finish the topic, pupils researched an animal of their choice and created posters explaining its adaptations. We were very impressed with their effort and understanding.

Well done, Year 5/6!

Year 5/6 Reminders

- Our class novel next half term is 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. It would be fantastic if you could support us by purchasing a copy for your child to read.
- After Easter, we are starting our Art topic where we will be making sculptures. Can you please collect and bring in any of the following items to help with resourcing this unit of work: shoe boxes, clean recyclables (such as bottles, lids and boxes), thin wire that can be easily cut with scissors and any cardboard, paper or newspaper. Thank you in advance.
- For our Year 6 children, Easter Revision Packs have been sent home this week. These are designed to be completed by Y6s during the Easter holidays in preparation for SATS. We understand that some of you may have trips during this time however please encourage your children to manage their time so that the packs are completed before the return to school. Each activity is meant to last 10 minutes so should not be too impactful on your Easter break.
- Year 5/6 trip to Bletchley Park on Wednesday 15th April. Please ensure you have paid your contribution online via your MCAS app within Trips. Children are to wear full school uniform with appropriate footwear (trainers) for outdoor activities with a warm rain coat depending on weather. Please provide your child with a packed lunch in a small rucksack with non-fizzy drinks for the day. Please remember we are a NUT FREE school.

Football Match Reports...

High Ash 2 v 1 Whitchurch

The first half started with some good tiki taka as we pressed hard, with pressure placed immediately from Noah. William had a wonderful shot but it was saved by the keeper who then passed to their right back as they moved forward with the ball. Then, a Whitchurch winger drove with the ball then passed to the striker who had a shot, yet it was gloriously saved by Darragh! After that, they had a corner. As Demi intercepted a cross and passed the ball forward, William collected it, cutting through their defense with an immaculate shot before the half-time whistle blew.

The second half began with an impeccable goal as Darragh, our keeper, kicked a goal kick, which then hit the goalkeeper's hands and slipped over the line. Whitchurch did some wonderful passing around our defensive line of Christian and Seb, with support from Divine, keeping the away crowd entertained. Unfortunately, they scored as Seb did his best to defend, but the ball slipped past his leg and into the net, making the score 1:1. The game continued and Cali made amazing passes around Whitchurch, showing our dominance. The ball went out and we took the kick-in. It was a wonderful cross from Will to Harry, who scored a nutmeg. As the ref blew the final whistle, we jumped up in relief as we got the win! Darragh, our captain, said thank you for our great game and we awarded their player of the match. Darragh was awarded our man of the match by Whitchurch.

By Demi, William and Darragh

High Ash Girls 1 - 0 Swanbourne

Our girls match against Swanbourne was fantastic, we won 1-0. It was a phenomenal goal from Gaby all the way from the half way line! Emilia, our goalie, saved some incredible goals. Because of this, she was their very deserving player of the match. Daisy, our team captain, played wing, encouraging everyone with words of kindness and team spirit. Divine and Cleo started in defense, protecting our goal. Tilly and Phoebe, who took turns playing upfront, gave every kick their all, so close to scoring. Ava also helped on the wing, with her and Jo assisting. Overall, it was a very successful match and we feel honoured to represent our school, especially since this was the last match with Mrs Derham before she goes on maternity leave. We hope it was a match she will remember. Thank you for coaching us Mrs Derham we will miss you. We look forward to next term with our new coach, Miss Maylor.



By Emilia and Jo

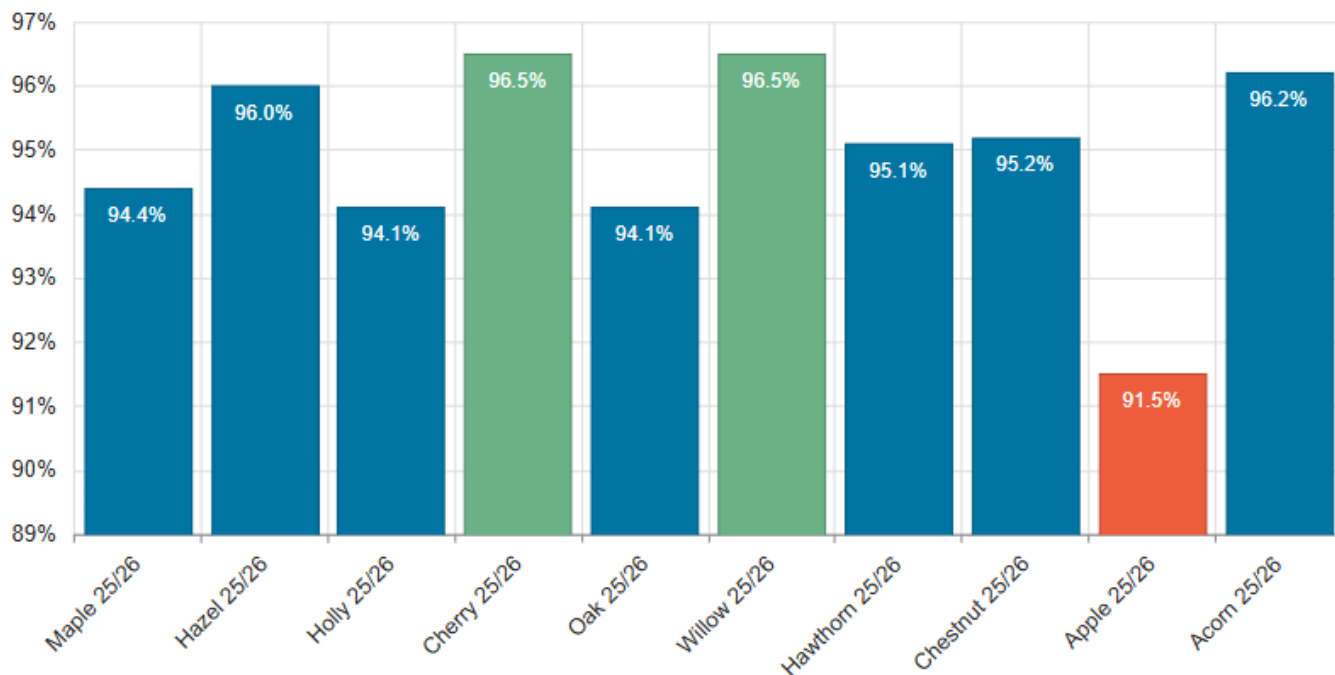
I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have supported the football teams this season. Your transportation, sideline support and rapid washing of kit has been incredible! A special mention to those who have kindly refereed matches, without you the matches could not have gone ahead.

I'm sure you will agree that both teams have shown such great determination and been superb representatives of High Ash in every match. All participants of the football teams this year should be extremely proud of their achievements and I hope they have fond memories of being a part of the High Ash School Football Team!

Mrs Derham

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 96.2%. This is improving yet our target for the whole school for the year needs to be over 95%. We are close as we are currently at 94.9% for the school year so far. We hope to see this improve in the Summer Term. Thank you to all the families that send their child into school every day and are mindful to never book a holiday during school time. It really is important not to disadvantage your child against their peers by children missing school. Class attendance to date is:



Well done to Cherry and Willow Class!

Please continue to email absence@highashschool.co.uk for every day your child is absent from school. Thank you.

Summer Term Clubs...

We have now released our summer clubs on offer. You will have all received our communication last week. **Online bookings are live, please remember to book by Friday 10th April.** Please see re-attached our full list of the clubs on offer next term. These can also be viewed on our website.

HASA Raffle...

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the HASA Easter raffle. All the lucky winners have been contacted and the prizes are available to collect from the school office.



HASA Quiz Night...

And thanks to all those who attended HASA's Quiz night last Friday. The evening was lots of fun and it was great to see current and past High Ash families together. Thanks to Karen, Lee and Freya Roff from Great Brickhill Cricket Club for allowing HASA to host the quiz and for donating all the prizes.

Together, the Quiz and Raffle have raised over £1,500 so thank you so much for all your support - it makes a real difference to our school.

Coming up - HASA Disco...

Tickets are now available for the ever-popular HASA disco on Thursday 23rd April. The Foundation and KS1 disco is 3.30pm - 4.30pm and the KS2 disco is 4.45pm - 5.45pm. Tickets cost £6 and are available to buy via MCAS within Products.

HASA needs parent volunteers to help at both discos. If you can spare the time to help at either one or both discos please email highashschoolassociation@gmail.com.



Please see the attached newsletter for the latest information from HASA

Food bank collection...



We are now collecting donations for the local food banks. All items need to be ambient, within date and in their original, unopened packaging. Items will be donated to the local food bank in St Mary's church in Great Brickhill or at St Luke's in Stoke Hammond. These food banks are essential to families who are struggling. Please donate what you can.

Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 13th April...

Monday 13th April - INSET Day, School Closed
Tuesday 14th April - Back to school for Summer Term
Wednesday 15th April - Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
Thursday 16th April - Year 3/4 Bradwell Abbey visit
Friday 17th April @ 2.55pm - F/KS1 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm. Invitation only!

Have a fabulous Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on **TUESDAY 14th APRIL**.

Mrs. Kate Goodger
Headteacher

headteacher@highashschool.co.uk

Outdoor Fitness

Our own Trooper Pete is running outdoor sessions at High Ash at the weekends. The first session is free, use the QR code below to book.



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