



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th May 2026

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

I am really proud of the Year 6 children this week who have worked so hard to demonstrate what they have learnt whilst at High Ash in the Year 6 SATs. The rest of the school have been very respectful and supportive of our Year 6's by adapting well to a change of timetable and being quiet in the mornings!

Classes for next year...

The following class structure will be in place for next academic year 2026-2027. We will be welcoming 29 new children to Acorns. Therefore, the classes will be organised in this way.

Foundation Stage

Acorns

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Year 2

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4
Holly

Year 3/4
Hazel

Year 3/4
Hawthorn

Year 5/6
Maple

Year 5/6
Oak

Year 5/6
Willow

The current Foundation children will transition into one class and the current Year 1 (Apple) will transfer into one class. The current Year 2 (Cherry and Chestnut) will be split into the 3 - Year 3/4 classes next year. I will be sending home a link to a google form next week for you to talk to your child about which friends they would like to be with and complete the form. I am unable to tell you which teachers will be teaching in which class as the resignation date for teachers is not until the 31st May, so I am unable to tell you the staffing at this point.

Learning highlights this week....

Acorns

Acorns have had a change in our provision this week. We now have more tables and chairs. These tables and chairs are the same size as we will use in Year 1. It is all part of us getting ready for our transition into Year 1 and starting to work in larger groups at tables. We are still having lots of provision time but this is definitely helping us to get ready for the change that is coming.



We have been sharing our story of the week 'Lost and Found' this week. We have talked about the events of the story and written our own words and sentences about the story. We used it to compare the hot and cold habitats of the desert and polar and to compare the animals that we might find there.



We have also continued to be inspired by our work on Tinga Tinga African tales. We have been working hard to create our own art. We have been using paints and creating art in the same style as Tinga Tinga, choosing the silhouette of an African animal and using bright paints to create effect.



Acorn Reminders

- **Acorn Class Assembly, Friday 22nd May at 2.15pm, doors open at 2.05pm.** Please keep practicing our assembly lines! We are all getting very excited for our class assembly next week where we will share our favourite memories from being in Acorn class this year.
- **Foundation Vision Screening, Wednesday 20th May** - Please click on the link below to register on the parent portal: <https://buc043.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Buckinghamshire/p/Bh325/110419> Parents/Carers must opt-out of the Vision screening by registering with the Parent Portal within 48 hours prior to the nursing team visiting. If you do not register with the parent portal your child may still be screened.

Year One and Two

Another busy week in Key Stage 1 has seen the children delve further into the History of Aviation. In History, we have been learning all about the incredible lives of Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart. We have been able to use all the lovely language of flight in our English lessons retelling the story of 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have loved delving into this beautifully illustrated story about a little boy and his unlikely friendship with a Martian!



In PE, the children have been enjoying golf lessons with Mr Neary and I think we definitely have a few budding Rory McIlroy and Charley Hulls in our midst!



In Computing this week, we used ScratchJr to build algorithms to move a sprite in a range of ways. We worked out what actions our sprites needed to perform and chose the correct coding blocks to make this happen. They enjoyed building and testing their programs and showed great perseverance when editing their algorithms if the outcome was not what they wanted. It is great to see their confidence and enthusiasm for coding growing throughout the lessons.

Year 1/2 Reminders

- Please leave belongings (squidgies, toys, jewellery) at home - we have school play time equipment to be used at school, this includes the classroom.
- Remember to bring a coat everyday.

Year Three and Four

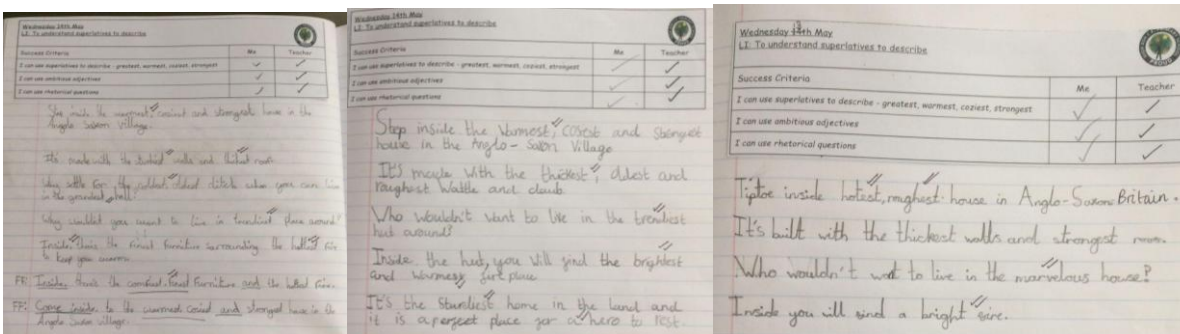
Our budding tennis stars are continuing to sharpen their skills by mastering the art of the attack on the court. The children practiced hitting into open spaces using a variety of speeds and heights to keep their opponents guessing. It was impressive to watch them learn how to evaluate their own progress and recognize their tactical successes during each rally. To put their hard work to the test, they even got to play mini-games, which was easily the highlight of the lesson. The energy was incredible, and the children absolutely loved the chance to compete!



This week in our French lessons, we have been learning all about the months, days of the week and birthdays! We are lucky enough to have Mr Cornish come and teach us French, (we all get 1 term of his excellence!). We had lots of interactive activities for the children to immerse themselves in. Each of them participated and completed the lesson!



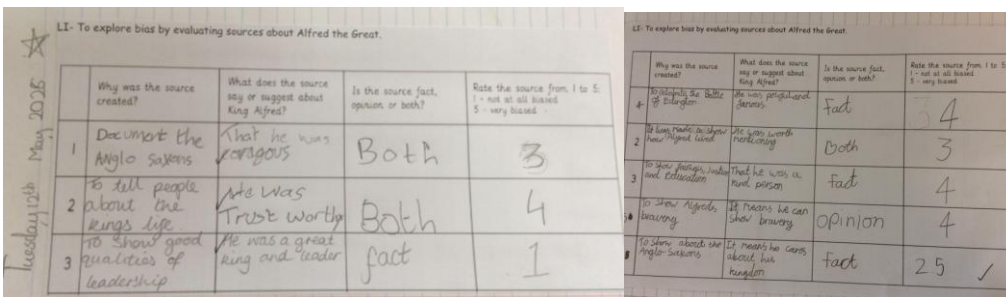
During our English lessons this week, we have been writing a 'Right Move Advert' for an Anglo-Saxon house. To do this, we have been using language features such as superlatives and alliteration. Including our past skills is something we are working on. Some of us have also used similes and prepositions. We have produced some very creative sentences and paragraphs to describe the house. I would definitely buy one!



In DT, we tried a range of vegetables to get us thinking about what we'd like to include on the tarts we will be making in next week's lesson! We thought about the flavours and the words we can use to describe them using this wheel of options.



This week in History, the children continued their learning about the Viking invasion and focused on Alfred the Great and the type of leader he was. We explored different historical artefacts and sources, deciding whether they showed facts or opinions and discussing how biased they might be. The children showed a fantastic understanding of the meaning of bias and worked carefully to evaluate sources like real historians. They enjoyed debating whether the evidence presented Alfred in a fair and balanced way and used their historical thinking skills brilliantly.



During our music lessons, we have been learning all about Samba music from Brazil. So far, we have learnt some basic samba rhythms and been able to perform them all together as a class forming a fantastic Samba beat! This week we

have been learning what a samba break is and how to perform one. We used the drums and clapping to help us perform as a class with certain people breaking at different times. We had a BLAST!

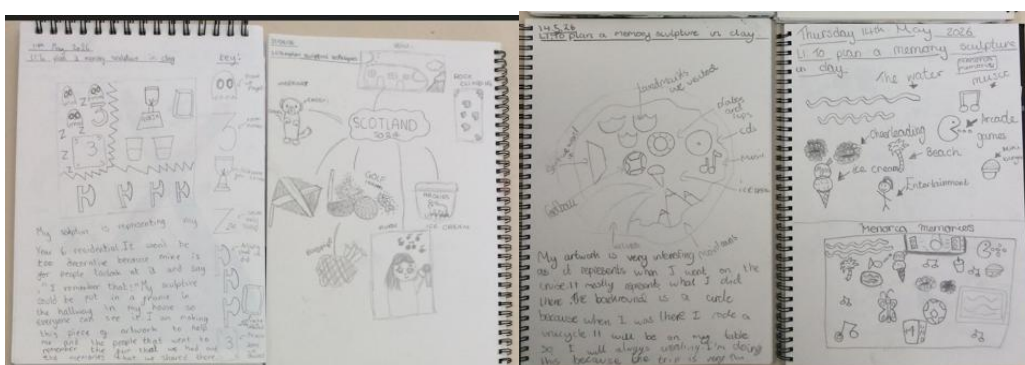


Year 3/4 Reminders

- Fruit for break time snacks please - we have noticed crisps, biscuits and cereal bars creeping in!
- Please leave belongings (squidgies, putty, jewellery, footballs...) at home - we have school play time equipment to be used at school, this includes inside the classroom.

Year Five and Six

In our Art unit, we have been working in three-dimensions. The task this week was to plan a sculpture, in clay, of a favourite memory. Using the work we have already done this half term, the children revisited their mind map, paper draft and cardboard sculpture to consider creating a piece on clay of this special memory. The children sketched out their ideas, annotated them and then considered the questions: Where are you going to display the finished piece and why, and: Explain how the details of your memory have inspired this piece of art. Here are some examples of our work this week:



We are so proud of all our Year 6's this week with SATs so treated them to a day in Rushmere Park. See how much fun they are having below:



We are also proud of our Year 5's for being so flexible and understanding while the Year 6's were sitting their SATs.

Year 5/6 Reminders

- Please bring in SHOEBOXES asap for the children's artwork - one per child or more if you have them!

- Next Wednesday, we are going on the 'Lifepath' trip. Refer to the email from the office for more details. They will need a snack for morning break and a packed lunch. Please ensure the children are dressed in school uniform with appropriate weather clothing e.g. raincoats or sun-cream as appropriate!

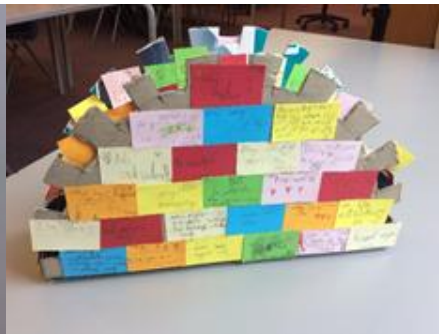
Star Writers...



Congratulations to this week's Star Writers; Connor, Elijah, Alice, George, Francis, Olivia, Georgia, Favour and Ava. We are so proud of you all and the effort and flair you put into your Star Writes last Friday. The presentation and handwriting in each piece of work was of such a high standard and beautifully demonstrates why High Ash is a school full of 'Clever Writers'!

Reflections...

In reflection this week, we thought about how our words and actions can sometimes build walls between us. We talked about how hard it is to build peace, yet we all must try and instead of building walls we should be using our words and actions to build bridges. Using words like I am sorry, I didn't mean to upset you, would you like to play make a big difference to everyone. In class, each class thought about their 'bridge words' to help others feel included, looked out for and appreciated rather than upset or left out. We wrote our messages of comfort and support on bricks. Here is Holly's bridge...



Attendance...

This week's attendance percentage is 95.5%. Please remember to email absence@highashschool.co.uk to report your child absent from school daily.

Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 18th May...

w-c Monday 18th May - Year 2 SATs week

Wednesday 20th May - Foundation Vision Screening

Wednesday 20th May - Year 5/6 Lifepath Newton Trip

Wednesday 20th May, 2.45pm - SEND Parents Tea and cake

Friday 22nd May, 2.15pm - Acorn Class Assembly. Parents are welcome. Doors open at 2.05pm

Friday 22nd May, 2.55pm - F/KS1 Star Assembly. Invitation only. Doors open at 2.45pm

Have a great weekend.

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