



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 19th June 2026

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

What a lovely day we have had. It is lovely to see the support for the upcoming summer fair with everyone wearing non-uniform and donating teddies and bottles for the bottle tombola. Then this afternoon it has been wonderful to see our youngest children celebrating the special men they have in their lives! Such great memories.

Warm weather next week...

The weather is forecast to be warm again next week. Please could you apply sun-cream to your child before they come to school each morning and ensure they bring a sun hat and a water bottle each day to help keep them cool and hydrated. Thank you for your support.

HASA Summer Fair June 27th - 11am-2pm...

The classes have been preparing their stall for the summer fair. Thanks to all those families who have supported the classes by agreeing to bring their child to man the class stall for different time slots. If your child hasn't signed up to take their turn there is still time to do so. Please talk to the class teachers.

The children have also been practising their singing as they will be providing entertainment. This will start at 12pm and be in their year teams.

The summer fair was a great day last year and I'm sure it will be even better this year. There will be inflatables, games, bbq, bar, refreshments & loads of fun. HASA works really hard to make this event successful and their fundraising efforts make a real difference to our school. Please come along and support us.



Learning highlights this week....

Acorns

This week we have been comparing holidays from the past and holidays our children have been on. We have talked about how what we wear is different to what was worn in the past, how we travel, where we travel to. It has been really interesting to find out how holidays have changed and to hear about all of the wonderful holidays that different children in Acorns have been lucky enough to have experienced.

In provision, we have been exploring floating and sinking. We experimented with different objects we collected from our classroom and tested them in our water area. We then had a challenge to see if we could build boats that would float. The children had to design, build and then test their own boats, we even added a further challenge! They had to see how many ducks their boat could carry without sinking.



Acorn Reminders

- It is going to be hot for the next few days! Please ensure your child has protection such as sun-cream and a sun hat and brings in their drinks bottle.
- It is Sports Day next Friday, please ensure your child comes in wearing their coloured T shirt to represent their team.
- Our summer fayre is fast approaching! Please send us a note confirming whether or not your child is able to help at our stall. Your children kindly volunteered and we sent out our times, so please check them and let us know in your child's diary.

Year One and Two

What an exciting and busy week we have had in Key Stage 1, it has been non-stop! On Monday our Year 1 and 2 children headed off in the rain to visit The Shuttleworth Collection where we had such a wonderful day. The children were able to show off their knowledge of early flight and the Wright brothers and were amazed to see the oldest working aeroplane in the world. All of the planes in the collection are still flown and we were lucky enough to be able to watch a spit fire be taken for a spin around the airfield.



We split into groups to take part in a variety of activities designed to deepen the children's understanding of early flight. Tracking the progress of Amy Johnson's flights whilst sitting under the wing of the actual aeroplane that won the race to Australia was quite incredible. Other highlights were being allowed to sit in one of the first ever passenger planes and a trip on a 120 year old bus!



In addition to supporting our History topic about flight, the trip also enabled us to embed some of our science learning as we wandered around the gorgeous regency Swiss Cottage Gardens. The children took part in workshops about the various habitats in the woods and gardens and we all loved learning how to identify and classify monocots and dicots (ask your children!). The highlight for many was the magical hidden grotto where we saw beautiful laburnum arch and huge ferns native to Australia.



We honestly can't recommend Shuttleworth enough, the volunteers who ran the activities were so knowledgeable and kind and the gardens are beautiful - it's well worth a visit.

Our busy week also included a Year 2 trip to the multi-skills festival at the Cottesloe School. It was a beautifully organised event and the children all loved it. Miss Bright and Mrs Barrasford were incredibly PROUD of the behaviour, dedication and competitive spirit that all of our High Ash Stars displayed. Well done Year 2!

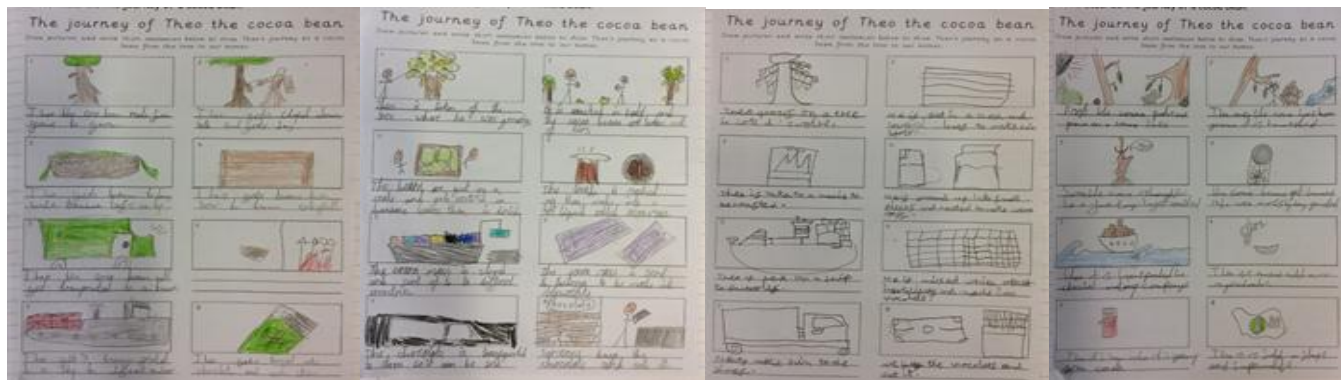


Year 1/2 Reminders

- Please, please donate a bottle and/or a soft toy for our Summer fair, it's not too late if you forgot today, we will gratefully accept donations next week!
- We hope to see you at the Summer Fair on Saturday 27th - Chestnut and Cherry Classes will be posting a sign-up sheet on the door for children to volunteer to come and help on our stalls.

Year Three and Four

In Geography, this week, Year 3/4 took a big trip around the world without even leaving the classroom! The children have been tracking the incredible journey of "Theo the Cocoa Bean" from a tiny seed to a yummy chocolate bar. They discovered how cacao trees grow near the hot Equator in countries like Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire and how farmers harvest the pods by hand.



In Art, the children created stunning collages inspired by the vibrant layers of the rainforest. The children made a series of small drawings of natural objects, using either real-life observation or photographs. They chose to draw an entire object or zoomed in on a tiny, fascinating detail like the rough texture of a fruit skin or the intricate centre of a flower using oil pastels and a variety of different paper.



This week in Year 3 Maths, the children have been learning all about money. They have been recognising and identifying pounds and pence, converting pence into pounds, and adding and subtracting different amounts of money. Today, the children took part in a practical lesson focused on finding change. They used number lines to calculate the difference between two amounts, helping them to develop their understanding of subtraction and money in a real-life context. It was great to see the children applying their mathematical knowledge confidently and explaining their reasoning using the correct mathematical vocabulary.



In Music this week, the children explored Indian ragas by creating their own melodies using a set selection of notes. They used glockenspiels to compose and perform their ragas, showing creativity and confidence as they shared their musical pieces with the class.



Year 3/4 Reminders

- Keep remembering to leave all toys, fidgets, jewellery, football cards and belongings from home at home. Thank you!
- Just fruit for break time snacks please.

- Please could children bring in any food packaging from home that shows where the food comes from, as we will be calculating food miles in our Geography lesson next week.

Year Five and Six

In computing, we're having tremendous success using tinkercad software. This week's challenge was to create our own name badges. The children had to import, resize, colour and rotate different shapes to create their names, then use their creativity to decorate them. We certainly have many imaginative digital experts in Oak Class!



The production is beginning to take shape with many children already learning their lines and songs off by heart! Next week will be the last week we use the scripts, so please help your child with learning lines at home and you can listen to the fabulous songs on any of the streaming services (I've also put them on google classrooms if you don't use streaming). The children know what their costumes will be, so please discuss this with them in readiness. I can't wait for you to see it and know you'll be so proud of your children!

We will release a letter to Year 5/6 parents towards the end of the week commencing 29th June when tickets will be available to purchase online via your MCAS app.

Some of our Year 5 children took part in Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training this week. They appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience, returning to school each day full of enthusiasm, although understandably quite tired, especially after their time cycling on the roads.

The children's behaviour throughout the week was outstanding, and they demonstrated our High Ash Proud Principles at all times. They should all be extremely proud of themselves and of what they have achieved through their cycling training.

Your child will be bringing home a certificate and badge today to celebrate their success.

Well done to all involved!

Year 5/6 Reminders

- Keep remembering to leave all toys, fidgets, jewellery and belongings from home at home. Thank you!
- Just fruit for break time snacks please.
- Remember to keep free **Tuesday 14th** at 2pm and 6pm and **Wednesday 15th July 6.00-7:30pm** for the school production of 'I'm an eleven-year-old...Get Me Out Of Here!'
- **Summer Fair** - We would be grateful for any decorated and filled jars for our stall. **Please can they be in school by Monday 22nd June and sent to Maple Class. Thank you.**

Star Writers...



Congratulations to this week's wonderful Star Writers, I am so proud of the care and attention you poured into your work. This week I enjoyed reading an eclectic mix of Star Writes including acrostic poems, biographies of David Attenborough and wonderful imaginative stories about The Mr Men's Sports Day! Well done and keep it up to Oscar, Louie, Tommy, Dayaar, William, Ishaan, Vdara, Cali, Yana and Nayah.

Mrs Barrasford



Reflections...

Mrs Goodger set up a school sweepstake for us this week with the World Cup teams. Each class has been allocated teams taking part. This week in class reflection time, we researched the countries we'd been given so that we know a bit more about the teams we're cheering on!

Our bible reading this week was from the book of Revelation 7:9, After this I looked, and there before me was a great crowd that no one could even count! They came from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing together...

We thought about it really doesn't matter where you come from, what language you speak, what you look like yet the World Cup unites so many people who just love the game. This is how God wanted Christians to be - to welcome everyone and work together to share the world.

Attendance...

This week's attendance is 95%. Please remember to always email absence@highashschool.co.uk for every day your child is absent from school or is going to be late providing the reason.

Wishlist Class Bingo

Don't forget our Wishlist Class Bingo!

You can find your child's class Wishlist Bingo card on the school's website by following this link [Wishlist Class Bingo](#). Small items can be dropped off with the class teacher or at reception. For larger items, please call the office, and we'll arrange a suitable time for you to drop off at school. We've had some great donations so far...let's see which class will call 'Full House' first!



Sports Day...



The poster for High Ash School Sports Day features a blue and green background with silhouettes of children running and playing. At the top center is the school's circular logo with the text 'HIGH ASH C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL' and 'PROUD' below it. The main title 'HIGH ASH SCHOOL SPORTS DAY' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'FRIDAY 26TH JUNE' is also in large, bold, white letters. The 'SCHEDULE:' is listed in four white boxes: 'YEAR 5 & 6: 9:15am – 10:15am', 'FOUNDATION: 10:25am – 11:15am', 'YEAR 3 & 4: 11:20am – 12:30pm', and 'KEY STAGE 1 (YEARS 1 & 2): 1:30pm – 2:30pm'. The website 'www.highashschool.co.uk' is at the bottom.

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Stowe School, Cricket Coaching - July & August

Specialist coaching available as one to one or a small group session. Led by a highly experienced coaching team including Andy O'Connor (Level III Coach and Northants Academy Coach), Nick Broome (Level III Coach and Northants Performance Coach), Brenden Fourie (Level III Coach and former professional cricketer) and David Ripley (Former Northants Head Coach and Level IV Coach). This will be an opportunity to fast track and develop your game with the best coaches in the area. Open to players of all abilities (boys & girls), the sessions will be catered to the appropriate level of the player - from beginner to county level and in between.

Dates as follows:

7th - 9th July

27th - 30th July

3rd - 6th August



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THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY

Italian style meatballs with spaghetti & a garlic slice
Wholemeal cheese & pepper pasta bake & a garlic slice
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

TUESDAY

Taco Tuesday
Chicken Fajitas served in a taco shell
Haloumi Fajitas served in a taco shell
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

WEDNESDAY

Ash Tree Summer Roast
Chargrilled Roast chicken breast with seasonal salad bar & new potatoes
Vegetable Quiche of the week with seasonal salad bar & new potatoes
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

THURSDAY

Chicken tenders served in a tortilla wrap with seasoned rice & salad bar
Quorn fillet served in a tortilla wrap with seasoned rice & salad bar
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

FRIDAY

Battered Fish fillet & chipped potatoes & peas
Battered Quorn fillet & chipped potatoes & peas
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

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Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 22nd June...

Friday 26th June - Sports Day, see times above (No Star Assembly)

Saturday 27th June - HASA Summer Fayre, 11.00-2.00pm

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Kate Goodger
Headteacher

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