



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th July 2026



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had a very hot week. I am really proud of how the staff and children have coped with the heat. This morning it was lovely to see the children enjoying and encouraging each other to gain points for their houses by competing in the different events during sports day.



Year 5/6 Production - I'm an 11 Year Old-Get Me Out of Here!...

Our Year 5/6 children have been working extremely hard practicing and perfecting their acting skills ready to wow you with their performances. We are certain you will all thoroughly enjoy the production and there will be some laughs.

We have 3 performances next week, Tuesday 14th at 2.00pm and 6.00pm and Wednesday 15th July at 6.00pm. **We expect all Year 5/6 children to be present for all performances. It is compulsory for every Year 6 child to be present for both evenings.** Please return your child to school at 5.30pm when the doors will be open for parents with booked seats to take their seats in the hall.

Please remember to purchase your seats via your MCAS app within Products. There is NO ENTRY without prior purchase of seats and we are unable to accept cash at the door unless you have previously agreed this with the office staff due to experiencing possible technical difficulties. If you have any issues booking and paying for your seats, please contact the office for assistance.

Autumn Term Clubs and Wraparound Care 2026-27...

Please refer to our separate email providing you with information on the clubs we are offering next term and booking wraparound care for the next academic year.

Learning highlights this week....

Acorns

We have dived headfirst into the deep blue sea this week to learn all about sharks! The children have become absolute experts, discovering different body parts like gills, dorsal fins, and side fins. We were fascinated to learn that sharks have rows and rows of teeth, and that they are carnivores—though we found out that while some eat fish, others eat tiny sea creatures like plankton! The children then put all this incredible knowledge into practice by writing some fantastic sentences about sharks.

We also spent plenty of time exploring outside during Forest School, making sure to play in the lovely shade when it got a little too hot. Alongside all our adventures, Acorn Class had their very important transition visit into Year One, spending the day with Mrs Fox. They had an absolute blast and are now feeling incredibly proud and excited about taking that big step into Year One this September!



Acorn Reminders

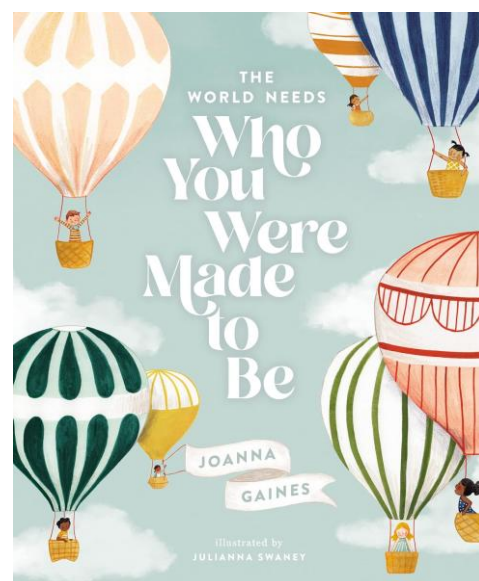
- Oracy homework: Ask your child to tell you what they have learned about sharks!

Year One and Two

Our transition days were a fantastic success, with lots of smiles, excitement and confidence as the children spent time in their new classrooms. The children in Apple Class thoroughly enjoyed visiting Chestnut Class, where they spent quality time with Mrs Barrasford. They learnt all about what their new school day will look like, including where they will come into school in the morning, where their lockers will be and the classroom routines they will follow. It was wonderful to see them embracing this exciting next step with such enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, the children in Acorn had a brilliant time transitioning into Apple Class with Mrs Fox. During circle time, they enjoyed sharing their favourite foods, animals, colours and places with Mrs Fox. They explored the different areas within the classroom and the outdoor learning area.

To finish the day, both Key Stage 1 classes shared the inspiring story *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be*. The book reminded everyone that our differences make us special and encouraged the children to be brave, kind and proud of who they are. Inspired by the story, the children created beautiful pieces of artwork, which will be displayed in their new classrooms to welcome them back in September.



Year 1/2 Reminders

- All phonics books to be returned next week
- Leave personal belongings at home - jewellery, fancy hair accessories and all toys

Year Three and Four

This week in computing, we have been rehearsing and performing our podcasts! As it was so warm this week, we took the opportunity to go outside. We rehearsed and performed our podcasts - making our own sound effects and bringing a theme song into the mix! We had some fantastic podcasts about music, Greek mythology, minecraft, animals and football!



During our RE lesson this week, we were thinking about what actions we could take to lead a good life, which might have a positive impact on the future. To do this we thought about what Sanatanis may do to lead a good life, leading them to Moksha. In class we had discussions around what we already do and what we would like to do to help us to lead an even better life. We then wrote down in speech bubbles what we could do to help us lead the best life.

In Music, the children continued their exploration of Indian music by introducing the tabla to their rag, even attempting to play simultaneously alongside a continuous drone. It was a brilliantly noisy session but the children had an absolute blast.



Over in Year 3 Maths, we have dived into the world of shapes and angles. The children learned to differentiate between acute, right and obtuse angles by creating them directly on the classroom tables using masking tape. They were especially thrilled to be allowed to write their labels right on the tables, which sparked a lot of fun and deep understanding!



To wrap up our PSHE topic in Year 3, the children created beautifully colourful mobiles. On these, they reflected on growing up, writing down what they are looking forward to next year, their thoughts and worries about their changing bodies and their aspirations for the future. It was a wonderful way to consolidate all their learning while having plenty of fun along the way.



This week in Art, Year 3/4 carefully transferred their unique design patterns onto plain fabric using glue. They applied the glue directly using brushes using their artistic vision. The finished fabric pieces were then set aside to dry completely, ensuring they are prepared for the exciting painting stage in the next lesson. When the paint is all dry, the paint will be rinsed off leaving the glue parts untouched by the paint - our version of batik.



Year 3/4 Reminders

- Fruit snacks for break time please
- Leave personal belongings at home - jewellery, fancy hair accessories and all toys

Year Five and Six

This week, Years 5 and 6 have had one of their busiest weeks yet, packed with rehearsals, transition activities, the Transition Games and Sports Day - phew!

We have been incredibly proud of the way the children have presented themselves as they visited their new schools and spent time in their new classrooms. They have shown maturity, confidence and enthusiasm, making a fantastic impression throughout the week.

While our Year 6 pupils were enjoying the Transition Games at Cottesloe, the Year 5 children had the opportunity to put their design and mathematical thinking to the test during a fun, hands-on maths challenge.

Working in small teams, the children were challenged to build the tallest possible free-standing tower using only paper and tape. To be successful, each tower had to stand independently for at least 10 seconds. Points were awarded for height, creativity and teamwork, encouraging the children to think carefully about their designs and work collaboratively.

The challenge provided an engaging opportunity for the children to develop their problem-solving and reasoning skills as they planned, tested and refined their ideas. They also applied important mathematical concepts, including measurement and geometry, while demonstrating resilience, creativity and excellent teamwork throughout the activity.



The learning didn't stop there! In Geography, the children completed a project exploring which energy sources they would recommend for a new housing development. They considered the advantages and disadvantages of different renewable and non-renewable energy sources before presenting their recommendations. We were incredibly impressed by the persuasive arguments they shared and the depth of knowledge they demonstrated throughout the project.

In Science, the children showcased their understanding of how we see and how light travels by creating imaginative slideshows, videos and posters. Their creativity, confidence and scientific knowledge were evident in every presentation, with the videos proving to be a particular highlight. It has been wonderful to see the children explaining complex scientific ideas so clearly and enthusiastically.

It has certainly been a busy and exciting week, and we are incredibly proud of everything our Year 5 and 6 children have achieved.

Year 5/6 Reminders

- Fruit snacks for break time please
- Leave personal belongings at home - jewellery, fancy hair accessories and all toys

Reflections...

In our collective reflection this week, we explored the power of listening. We looked back at a striker who got completely lost in the noise of a chaotic crowd but scored a perfect goal the moment they blocked out the distraction and trusted the voice of their coach. We discussed how modern life is full of "noise" (from video games to playground chatter) and shared a reading from the Book of Proverbs about the value of accepting wise advice. We reflected on God as the ultimate Coach and we identified the everyday "coaches" in our lives, including parents, teachers and midday supervisors.

During class reflection, we focused on challenging ourselves to focus on **"First-Time Listening"** this week. Whenever a teacher raises their hand, we are practicing blocking out the noise immediately, stopping what we are doing and tracking the teacher with our eyes to show we are ready.

Attendance this week...

Our school attendance this week stands at **95.3%**. Please remember to always ensure that you email absence@highashschool.co.uk for every day your child is absent from school.

HASA News...

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sports day hampers raffle. The generosity of our High Ash families raised over £700 for HASA.

Our lucky winners are:

Anneke Slatter
Jonathan Moore
Anne-Marie F



It's the **HASA AGM next week, Thursday 16th July**. Everyone is welcome to attend - whether you'd just like to hear about our plans for next year or you are interested in joining the team, we'd love to see you there! **9am in school, after drop-off on Thursday.**

Diary dates for next week commencing w-c 29th June...

Monday 13th July - Y5/6 Production dress rehearsal in front of the whole school

Tuesday 14th July - Y5/6 Production at 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th July - Y5/6 Production at 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th July - SEND Tea and Cake event at 2.45pm

Thursday 16th July - HASA AGM 9am-10am, school hall

Thursday 16th July - F/KS1 Treat Day, 'Day at the Beach' with a good old fashion Punch and Judy puppet show in the hall

Friday 17th July - Final Star Assemblies, Invitation Only - F/KS1 at 2.10pm, doors open at 2.00pm followed by KS2 at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm

Monday 20th July - Leavers Blessing at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm. Only Year 6 parents are invited.

Monday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Festival at 7.30-9.00pm in school

Tuesday 21st July - Leavers Assembly at 2.00-3.00pm. Only Year 6 parents are invited.

THIS WEEK'S MENU

MONDAY

Chicken Alfredo & a garlic ciabatta
Vine tomato & mozzarella penne pasta bake & a garlic ciabatta
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

TUESDAY

Homemade sausage roll with new potatoes & sweetcorn
Vegan sausage roll with new potatoes & sweetcorn
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week BBQ style summer special
Beef burger in a bun served or Grilled halloumi & red pepper skewer
served with homemade coleslaw and hand-cut potato wedges
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

THURSDAY

Chicken Katsu curry served with wholemeal rice or noodles
Yasai Katsu curry served with wholemeal rice or noodles
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

FRIDAY

Battered fish with chips & peas
Quorn nuggets with chips & peas
Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo

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Have a wonderful weekend.

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