

Our School Newsletter

16th October 2026



Ash

In Ash Classes' Science lesson, children got active to learn about the different parts of blood and how they move around the body. In Geography, pupils used OS maps and bird's-eye view photographs to identify key features of our local area. Year 3 and 4 proudly represented our school at the Athletics Festival at Court Fields School, showing excellent teamwork and enthusiasm while having a great time.

Orchid

Orchid Class have been having lots of fun exploring and writing poems, creating our own scarecrows and performing beautifully at our Harvest celebration. As part of our Science learning about the senses, we have been finding out about the inspiring Helen Keller and how she experienced the world around her. Our Reception children have also been busy learning about the important people who help us in our community. Well done children for showing curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm in all of your learning!



Forest School

In Thursday's first school session we returned to The Triangle to refresh our fire circle space and to make "Hedgerow Harvest Heroes" for our harvest service this week. These funny characters represent the farmers and other countryside workers that are so essential to growing our food and protecting our natural environment. It has been a terrible harvest for many of our local farmers and they need not only our thoughts and prayers but our support too.

Come to the harvest service to see these hedgerow heroes, and support farmers in our local shops when you can.



Reminders / Important Info

KS2 PE ~ Monday ; Please come to school in PE kit

KS1 PE ~ Tuesday : Please come to school in PE kit

KS2 Forest School ~ Thursday ; Please come to school in forest school kit

KS1 Forest School ~ Friday ; Please come to school in forest school kit

Parking is kindly available at the Martlett Inn Pub

Message from ... Mrs Philp

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the term and, most importantly, to thank you.

Having worked in many schools over the years, I can genuinely say that you are an extraordinary parent community. Your kindness, warmth and unwavering support have meant a great deal to our school team. I have also been particularly grateful for your openness and honesty when you have concerns. Your willingness to share these directly, but always with understanding, empathy and a genuine desire to help us get things right, is something I deeply value.

We have enjoyed some wonderful moments together this term, including our Open Evening, Harvest Festival and Apple Day. These occasions have been lovely opportunities to celebrate our children, strengthen our school community and recognise the special relationships that make our school what it is.

As a school team, we are absolutely committed to working in partnership with you and ensuring that every child receives the very best education, care and opportunities. We recognise that, alongside the many positives this term, there are areas where we need to improve. Please be assured that we are listening, reflecting and taking action. We are determined to get things right, and your continued partnership is invaluable in helping us achieve this.

Above all, the children are simply wonderful, each and every one of them. They are at the heart of everything we do, and it is a privilege to be part of their school journey.

I am very much looking forward to the terms ahead and, of course, to our Year 6 camp next week!

Thank you once again for your trust, kindness and support. I wish you and your families a truly lovely half-term break. Stay safe, enjoy some time together and take good care.

With warmest wishes,



Reminders / Important Info



Parking Reminder

Please can we kindly remind parents and carers not to park in the **bays in Swifts, on the yellow zigzag lines, or across residents' driveways.**

Parking is available at The Martlett Inn and in the church overflow car park. We appreciate that parking can be challenging at busy times and thank you for your understanding and consideration for our local residents.

Come and Discover Our School

We want our pupils to develop a strong sense of belonging within our beautiful rural community, our welcoming church and our lovely school, giving them strong roots and the confidence to spread their wings and flourish.

Come and meet us, explore the school and find out more about what we offer.

Open Day: Monday 9th November

9.30am–10.30am or 1.30pm–2.30pm



We warmly invite prospective families to visit, meet our school community and see our school in action.

We would love to welcome you!



Please could we ask parents and carers to provide their child with a healthy, substantial snack that will help sustain them throughout the day? This could include, breakfast bars, bagels, fruit, carrot sticks and crackers. A nutritious breakfast before school can also make a real difference. Please remember we are a Nut free school due to allergies.

Children in KS1 are provided with a snack during the school day. However, we kindly ask that all children in KS2 bring a healthy snack from home each day. We have noticed that some children are becoming hungry during the school day, which can affect their concentration, energy levels and mood. Providing a more substantial snack and ensuring children have a good breakfast can help them stay focused, engaged and ready to learn.

Google Parental Permissions Consent Form

Please can we kindly remind everyone to complete the Google Parental Permissions Consent Form

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe and ensuring clear communication with families, we are asking all parents and carers to complete our updated Parental Permissions Form.

<https://forms.gle/TyhZykrgeH4c7vsEA>





Celebrating our
achievements!



Our Value for this term

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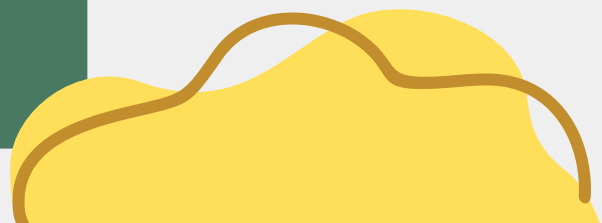
Curiosity

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BEING ME IN MY WORLD



Wellbeing Support

- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



Calendar Dates

Dates for the next fortnight:

KS2 Swimming

Weekly Friday session until 11th December

Year 6 Great Wood Residential

Monday 19th October ~ Wednesday 21st October

HALF TERM – 26th until 30th October

First Day Back – 2nd November

School Photos

Wednesday 4th November

OPEN DAY ~ Monday 9th November

9.30am ~ 10.30am & 1.30pm ~ 2.30pm



View our Online Events

Calendar

[Click here to find out what is happening in your school!](#)



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Contact Details

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Naomi Philp.

Our deputy leads are Mrs Hall and Mrs Hickman

Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

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