



# Ash Class Summer Newsletter



## Welcome back!

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope that you have managed to relax and enjoy the Easter holiday. We cannot believe that we are now into the last term of the children's first year of school! We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## Preparing for the sun to shine

During this term, we hope that the weather will become warmer and therefore it is important that we make sure all of the children stay safe in the sun. Please can we ask that your child has a **named sunhat** and **water bottle** in school every day. It is best if **you apply suncream to your child before they come to school** so that they can enjoy playtime straight away. It is possible for them to bring a named bottle of suncream into school, but they will have to apply it themselves at playtimes. In addition to this, we also need to remember how unpredictable the British weather can be so please ensure your child also brings a **named waterproof coat** to school every day.



## PE Day

Our PE day will continue to be on a **Tuesday**. **Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit**. If your child's PE footwear is black then they may wear these throughout the school day. If your child's footwear is of a different colour, it is expected that they wear their normal school shoes and then change into their PE shoes at the start of the session. All the children will be preparing for the exciting event that is Sports Day this term.



## Forest School



Ash Class will continue to visit the Forest School area each week on a **Wednesday afternoon** with Miss Dare, our Forest School leader. She is planning a range of lovely activities. **Please make sure that your child comes to school in their P.E kit on this day as well.**

## Snack reminder

This is just a little reminder about our snack times in school. We are very lucky that we have frequent deliveries of fresh fruit for the children across the week, which include apples, pears, bananas, satsumas and carrots. This is available to the EYFS and KS1 children each day. As previously mentioned, if your child has a particular preference for a type of fruit or vegetable then they may bring this into school as a whole piece of fruit or in a container. **In line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Nutrition Guidance and the Food Standards Agency, please can we ask that you cut small round fruits like grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, into small pieces.**



Please remember to bring in water bottles. Your child can still receive milk for free if they are under 5 and if they have turned 5 you have the option for your child to have milk for a small fee via the cool milk website - [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

## Supporting your child's learning at home

A huge thank you to everyone for your continued support with your child's learning at home. Working together as a team enables each child to be the very best that they can and revisiting what we learn in school allows the children to consolidate their learning.



Reading at home is extremely important as this allows your child to build up confidence and stamina, which promotes their fluency. The expectation is that your child reads at home **at least 5 times a week** and each of these reads are signed in their reading record book. Please continue to have the 3 book looks for each book:

- 1) Decoding skills to blend and segment words/ recognising those tricky common exception words
- 2) Fluency and to develop their tone of voice and expression
- 3) Comprehension/Understanding

Once you have heard your child read, please remember to log this in their reading diary. It is also important to practise saying the phonic flashcards, word boxes on treasury tags and reading the common exception words on the common exception word mats inside your popper wallet. You can also access the free resources on the [Phonics Play](http://Phonics Play) website, where the children can play games to practise their sounds and blending.



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Your child will also continue to bring home some Number Sense activity ideas each half term to help you to support their Maths learning at home. It is amazing to see their knowledge growing over such a short amount of time and how their subitising skills are supporting their understanding in other mathematical concepts.

We still love sharing and seeing your special 'WOW' moments so please continue to upload and share these on Tapestry with us. Please can we ask that children try not to bring in toys to school as the children can become very upset if these get lost.



Please remember that Mrs Chesterton loves to share your special achievements outside of school in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays so please do continue to bring in your certificates and medals in for this.

As always, remember that we are around to answer any questions you may wish to ask. Although the beginning and end of the day are busy, we can usually speak to you if the line is quiet or arrange a suitable time for a more in-depth conversation.

We look forward to another exciting and fun-filled term with you all.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Carter, Mrs Stradling and the Ash Class Team.