



High Halden Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 13



Spring Term

Friday 13th March 2026

'Rooted in God, we grow together'

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What a fantastic World Book Day we had! The school was a sea of characters and creativity, and we want to say a massive thank you for the incredible effort put into the costumes. From classic characters to modern favourites, the children looked wonderful and the excitement for reading was palpable. The highlight for many children was our visit from the poet Joshua Seigal. His sessions were filled with infectious energy and, most importantly, lots of laughter! It was a brilliant way to show the children that wordplay and poetry can be pure fun.

We are also incredibly proud of our recent Parents' Evenings. We had a record-breaking 96% attendance from our families! This level of engagement is fabulous; it highlights just how much you support your children's journey and your commitment to working in partnership with us. Following that great news, we are delighted to announce that we have officially been awarded 'Parent Friendly School' status. This is a significant achievement for us, as it recognises our ongoing mission to foster strong, supportive relationships with our families.

To help us keep this momentum going, we'd love to hear from you. Mrs Prebble has posted a feedback link on ClassDojo. We always love to hear what you think we do well, and it is equally useful to have constructive feedback so we can continue to improve our school further.

Finally, as we head into the weekend, we want to send our warmest wishes to all the mums, nans, aunties, and carers in our community. You do so much for the children every single day, and we hope you have a truly special time with your loved ones over the Mother's Day weekend.



Attendance

On the subject of attendance, our whole-school figures have taken a slight dip recently due to a mammoth round of chicken pox! It has been a bit of a challenge, but we are so pleased to see that most children have now returned and are back in their classrooms.



Now that everyone is feeling better, we are going to need to work extra hard together to get back to our 97% target. We know how resilient our school community is, and with your brilliant support, we are confident we can get those numbers climbing again. Let's keep pushing forward—every day in school makes a huge difference!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance percentage

School	96.0%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	94.5%
Reception	97.8%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	95.2%

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School Uniform

We have now moved our uniform supply to Pages Schoolwear in Ashford. We made this change to resolve the ongoing delivery delays and supply issues many of you experienced with our previous provider.

As a reminder, you can purchase all embroidered items via their website here: [Pages Schoolwear – Online Shop](#)

Don't forget that plain, non-embroidered items are still perfectly fine and can be bought from Pages or any high street retailer.



Website Spotlight

This week, we marked Young Carers Day across the school. Our Young Carer Champions, Mrs Butcher and Miss Hawkins, did a wonderful job helping our school community understand the vital roles these children take on. They even organised a special afternoon to remember for our young carers to celebrate everything they do.

We also welcomed Imago for a whole school assembly to highlight the responsibilities these children manage on a daily basis. It was an eye-opening and moving session for everyone. Why not have a look at the [Young Carer page](#) on our website to find out more?



EYFS Vision and Hearing

On Wednesday 18th March we will be visited by the school health team who will be carrying out the routine hearing and vision screening checks for the children in Reception year.

Information regarding the hearing and vision screening programme was sent out back in January.



Easter Service

We would love for you to join us for our Easter Service as we come together to celebrate. All families are warmly invited to attend:

- Date: 1st April
- Time: 2:30pm
- Location: St Mary's Church

It promises to be a lovely service and a wonderful way to mark the upcoming holiday. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Discovery Day

For pupils in years 4, 5 and 6

Saturday
28th March
9:00am - 12:15pm

Meet our expert teachers and find out, first hand, what makes an Ashford Senior School education so special!

Choose 3 from the following subjects to try:



Design Technology
Discover how to build your own LED torch! From templating and cutting the components to assembling a fully working light you can take home.

Spanish
Explore the colourful Mexican festival of the Day of the Dead - el Día de los Muertos, learning how families in Mexico remember & celebrate loved ones.



English
Capture your thoughts and feelings through the medium of poetry. You'll look at Blackout poetry amongst other activities, and will craft your own poem to take home.

Science
Jump into a world of colour, energy and curiosity as flame tests blaze, whoosh bottles roar and the screaming jelly baby demonstrate the Chemistry behind spectacular reactions!



Art
Learn to create simple handmade mini-zines, decorate them through collage, and turn them into portable keychain artworks.

Business
Use your entrepreneurial superpowers to research, design and present a 'fantasy product' in a Dragons' Den BBC1-style pitch.



Maths
Discover how pilots use bearings to navigate and find the right airport using puzzles and games.

 **ASHFORD SCHOOL**
Inspiring Minds

 Ashford Senior School
East Hill, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8PB



Reserve your place at:
www.ashfordschool.co.uk/discovery-day



MOVE
WITH
US

HALF TERM CREATIVE DANCE WORKSHOP

This workshop encourages self-expression and imagination helping young participants build confidence in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Designed for fun-loving, free-spirited movers, these workshops have no boundaries - just creativity, play, and self-expression, all led by our inspiring teachers.

Year R - Year 6:
Tues 14th & Wed 15th April 9:30am - 3:30pm



JV H.O.M.E. Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate,
Ashford TN24 8FN



HEART SMART
ARTS

CREATIVE THERAPIES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

ASHFORD, KENT

Have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing and/or tricky behaviour?
Need support yourself?

We can help.
Call us for a chat to find out how we can support you.

SUPPORT
Parent consultations & support

THERAPY
1 to 1 creative therapies

WORKSHOPS
Creative workshops for adults & children

07709065200
www.HeartSmartArts.com

Saturday
18 April
11am - 4pm

Tea, cake and great company

Delicious home made scones

Beautiful woodland walks

POULTON WOOD Bluebell Cream Tea

Walk through the woods and enjoy the beautiful bluebells, or join one of our guided walks.

We will be serving truly scrumptious cream teas and cakes with help from The Ladies of Aldington Village Hall.

Guided walks

Cream teas and cake

Adult entry + drink and cake £6.50
Children's entry + drink and cake £3.00
Carers free (but no food included)

Poulton Wood Nature Reserve, Forge Hill, Aldington, TN25 7DT

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**Non-uniform Day
Friday 27th March 2026**



**Donations of Easter chocolate
on the day for our
Family Bingo Night taking place on
Wednesday 1st April 2026**



**PTFA Easter
Cake Sale
Wednesday 1st April 2026
3:15pm**



We would be very grateful for any donations of nut-free sweet treats such as cupcakes, muffins, biscuits, cake pops and flapjack. These can be left at the school office at morning drop off on the day.
Thank you for your support!



**HIGH HALDEN PTFA
CHOCOLATE BINGO!
FAMILY FUN
WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL
5:30PM**

BINGO HALL
HIGH HALDEN

CHOCOLATE PRIZES!

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
SWEET FUN!**

BINGO BOOKS & DABBERS WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER SOON!

Please bring your own refreshments

QUIZ NIGHT

Raffle

Saturday 28th March

7pm for 7:30pm start
Teams up to 8 people!
High Halden Village Hall!

Help Joely Sivyer hit her target for the London Marathon which she is running in aid of Dancing Eye Syndrome Support Trust!

To book a table contact
Lisa on 07595353058
£5 per person (cash only)

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SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH OUR SCREEN OBSESSED WORLD

Navigating the digital age with your child.

Join us to find out how to manage screen time, understand the impact of technology on your child's development and explore healthy habits.

Where:

ONLINE (LINK BELOW)

PASSWORD: ashford

Date:

TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2026

Time:

7:00PM - 9:00PM

To book a place please use this link:

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/courses/supporting-your-family-through-our-screen-obsessed-world-on1153580qpf/>



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Community Learning and Skills



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Inspiring Futures Day

Monday 20th April 2026

9am-12pm



We are excited to invite parents, carers, and community volunteers to take part in our Inspiring Futures Day at school.

This special morning is all about sharing real life career experiences and helping our children learn about the many exciting paths they could follow in the future.



Interested in helping?

Please contact the school office if you would like to come in and share your career with our children.

Any amount of time that you can join us for on the day will be very much appreciated.

Your time and experience can make a real difference.

Email: office@high-halden.kent.sch.uk

Tel: 01233 850285



Diary Dates



Date	Event
Wednesday 18th March	Year R Hearing & Vision Screening
Friday 20th March	Comic relief
Friday 27th March	PTFA Non-uniform Day
Wednesday 1st April	Easter Service PTFA Cake Sale PTFA Chocolate Bingo

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