



# ***Ashton Hayes Primary School weekly newsletter***

**Good afternoon,**

It's been a busy week in school with Harvest Assembly at the Church, football tournaments and languages day. Please read on to find out in more detail about what each class has been up to.

## **Poppies:**

Poppies are now available for children to purchase at the school. Some of Year 6 children will visit each class each day from next week. A suggested donation for a standard poppy is £1-2.

## **Ashton Owls:**

Please do remember that you must pre-book your child into Ashton Owls using Ipal. Over the last week or two we have had a number of children arrive who are not booked in. Whilst we would never turn a child away, it is important that children are pre-booked (unless in case of an emergency), so that we can make sure we have appropriate numbers of adults working to keep the children well-supervised and safe.

## **Football tournament:**

Our two teams represented the school brilliantly at Helsby High School, in what was a highly competitive football tournament competition. Our Year 5/6 children gave their all and finished in the league with a creditable 7 points – just missing out on the knockout stages.

Our Year 3/4 children were brilliant. They played superbly as a squad and made it through all of the league fixtures by finishing top of the league. This meant a semi-final place, which they navigated strongly with a 2-0 win. In the final they came up against a strong Helsby Hillside team, who they had already had a tussle with in the earlier rounds – drawing 1-1 (with each team scoring an outstanding long-range goal). Unfortunately, in a very closely contested final, Helsby Hillside just edged the game 2-0. A great day of football – well done! I am awaiting the official photo of our Year 3/4 team and will share that next week!



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**Owls:**





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What a week in the Owl Class! We've had a fantastic and jam-packed week of learning! In English, we've been exploring *direct speech* — the children loved making their own “speech sandwiches” and have been working hard to include direct speech in their writing. In Maths, our Year 3s have begun tackling subtraction and are growing in confidence every day.

Science got a little gross (but very fascinating!) as we carried out an experiment to understand the journey food takes through our digestive system — it certainly helped the learning stick!

For European Day of Languages, we took a trip (in spirit) to Greece! We explored Greek culture and language, learnt common greetings, wrote our names using the Ancient Greek alphabet, and even prepared a delicious Greek salad. The highlight for many was tasting a variety of traditional Greek dips!

We also delved into some of the most famous Greek myths, including Pandora's Box, before creating our very own gods and goddesses. To round off the week, we began designing our own Greek vases, inspired by traditional Greek art.

### **Peregrines:**

It's been another exciting week in Peregrines! To celebrate European Day of Languages, we focused on Poland, learning about its rich culture, picking up some Polish phrases, and even taste-testing some delicious traditional foods! In English, the children wrote thoughtful and imaginative letters to Annie Edson Taylor, encouraging her ahead of her daring Niagara Falls adventure. Their creativity was fantastic to see. Year 4s have been working hard in Maths, exploring different methods to solve addition problems with growing confidence. In PE, everyone has shown great determination as we continue developing our hockey skills, teamwork and technique are improving every session! Well done, Peregrines, for another brilliant week of learning!

### **Buzzards:**

Buzzards have had another brilliant week with lots of amazing learning going on but the highlight was definitely European Day of Languages! Buzzards spent the day learning all about one of the happiest places in the world: Denmark! We found out loads of fun facts, learnt some language, played with Lego (which was such a treat!), ate some delicious Danish biscuits and learnt all about the art of cosiness and contentment (otherwise known as hygge). It was such a wonderful day! In other news, Buzzards have been working hard on



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their writing, practising techniques for building tension effectively. In Maths, we are feeling so much more confident with long multiplication and are now moving on to division! In Geography, we've been learning about New York City and making comparisons with a local city we know well: Liverpool!



### **Sparrowhawks:**

In Sparrowhawk Class this week we have had an amazing time exploring European Day of Languages. We found out about France, spoke some French words, located France on a map, recreated our own Monet pictures and became truly fascinated by The Eiffel Tower. We learnt that it expands and contracts throughout the day and that there are over 600 steps to just reach one of the lower levels! Children showed resilience and determination in their learning and we had some amazing replicas of the Eiffel Tower created from knex.

In art we have been exploring the author, artist and story teller Oliver Jeffers. We have recreated his character illustrations and noted the way he only uses simple sticks for legs.

We have been continuing to look at properties of materials and developing our scientific language to describe them. Perhaps you could choose a property (eg flexible, waterproof, magnetic) and then go on your own hunt at home?

### **Kestrels:**

Another wonderful week in Kestrel class celebrating our amazing bodies! Stretching, bending, scrunching, moving...we've looked at the shape of our bodies and all of the brilliant





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things that they can do. We've also been thinking about our favourite parts of our body and a few highlights include, 'my mouth because I can tell mummy I love her' and 'my tummy because I can put food in it.' We have started to think about how people who need to use their bodies differently and celebrating the love and support we can give to everyone. Thank you for all of the lovely reading that's been happening at home - the children are getting so much more confident and are so excited when they read a whole sentence! A final highlight to mention was European Day of Languages! We learnt all about Wales! From counting in Welsh and making dragon breaths in the forest (flint and steel sparks) to smelling leeks and saying 'Diolch' to Mrs Roberts in the kitchen. The children were so invested and as ever, brought every bit of the magic to our learning! Have a lovely weekend!

### **Forest School:**

Hello  
**AUTUMN** 2025

As part of Forest School this term we are going to try and grow our own Oak trees as there's been a bumper crop of acorns this year.

We are going to find our 'perfect' acorn, then do an experiment to see if it is viable, and try and take care of it to eventually plant it.

Though we will need some help . . .

We will wrap and label our acorn at school. Then can it be popped in the fridge and kept damp until it has a tap root? From that point, it needs to be suspended over water, either with cocktail sticks, or sat in an egg box 'hole', with a hole for the root. In the spring we will see how everyone's tree is doing and replant them.





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## School Attendance:

A wonderful week for our attendance again this week!

Class	This week's attendance	Cumulative attendance for the year
Kestrel	99.03%	99.35%
Sparrowhawk	96.06%	94.95%
Owl	98.47%	97.87%
Peregrine	98.85%	98.28%
Buzzard	92.27%	96.01%
Whole school	97.04%	97.23%

## Next week in Ashton Owls.

Day	Sport	Craft
Monday	Multi-sports	Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday	Football	Dragon Flies
Wednesday	Netball/basketball	Pizzas
Thursday	Football skills	Pom Pom making
Friday	Games night	

## Ashton Hayes: An Active School

At Ashton Hayes, we are proud of our ethos of helping children to be healthy, confident, and to make positive choices that support their wellbeing now and in the future. Being an *Active School* is central to this, and we are committed to giving children a wide variety of opportunities to enjoy being active every day.

All pupils take part in structured weekly PE lessons that are carefully planned to be progressive and engaging. Every five weeks, each class also enjoys a full morning dedicated to PE, which may also include classroom-based sessions on teamwork, resilience, or tactical thinking.

We are also delighted that our visiting swimming pool will once again be in place this year, giving every child the chance to learn to swim – completely free of charge to families. In



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addition, our residential trips are designed with activity and adventure at their heart, enabling children to experience outdoor pursuits that build confidence, resilience, and teamwork.

Beyond school, we are proud to be a full and active member of the Frodsham & District School Sports Partnership. This means our children regularly take part in a wide range of inter-school sports and competitions, including the Delamere Forest Cross Country and the District Sports. These opportunities allow our pupils to test themselves, work together, and represent Ashton Hayes with pride.

We are also delighted to share that Ashton Hayes has once again been awarded the **School Games Gold Quality Mark** – a recognition of our strong commitment and engagement in school sport across the year. This award celebrates the fantastic effort of our children, staff, and community in making sport and physical activity such a positive part of school life.

Finally, every afternoon, children take part in an active break, often the Daily Mile, lasting 10–15 minutes. This not only helps them stay fit and healthy, but also provides a well-deserved pause between lessons, so they return to the classroom refreshed and ready to learn.

We are proud to offer such a rich and active curriculum, ensuring that all our pupils develop as healthy, happy, and resilient learners. Nonetheless, as the year progresses, we will continue to look for ways to further enrich this part of our offer.

Have a great weekend.



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