



July 2025

### Ash Class

Our final half term has been a busy one, we have travelled on different vehicles to different destinations. The children's creative side has shone through with their bi-planes, rockets, sea turtles and jellyfish and now saving the ocean is high on our agenda. The children worked so hard on writing, checking their high five, remembering to use the sounds they know. In maths our understanding of numbers is strong, we are super at repeating patterns, 2D and 3D shapes and recalling number facts. The end of the last half term we had the sleepover which was fantastic and enjoyed by the children and adults too. This term our beach trip was such a success, even with the rain. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. I am so proud of every single child in Ash class and the progress they have made, thank you for your continued support at home.

### Birch Class

It has been a very busy half term in Birch Class. The children spent 4 weeks rehearsing for their performance of Alice the Musical. All of the children worked really hard and this resulted in an amazing performance that they should be proud of. The class also attended the WCET music festival at Trinity Park. They performed with 9 other schools playing their clarinets and singing a range of pieces. The children have also continued working hard in their lessons including sustainability in geography, pilgrimage in RE, poetry in Literacy and networks in computing. The year 6's recently received their SATs results and they should feel very proud of how hard they worked and the results that came from

### Sports & Clubs

A team of year 4, 5 and 6's competed in the Gipping Valley Rounders tournament. They played excellently winning three matches out of three in convincing style. This was a great way to end their sporting year.

We have also had a whole school cricket taster day led by the English Cricket Board and a dance enrichment day from Premier Sports.

Finally, thank you to the Birch Class play leaders who have organised a range of fun and engaging activities for the rest of the school each lunchtime.

### Dear Parents & Carers,

And there we have it! Another year completed. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our children who have worked so hard to be the best they can be, and for all our staff who deserve this break!

Here's to the Summer holidays, making memories, being with family and friends and having fun!

See you in September.

### Chestnut Class

Chestnut class has had a terrific year! We have made so many wonderful memories together and I am so proud of the children for their efforts and for showcasing such a great love for learning.

This term has been magical as we have truly stepped into Wonderland!

The children worked so hard and produced a fantastic school play 'Alice the Musical'. The children took a real shine to learning the lyrics of the songs, so much so the lyrics have filtered into classroom instructions such as 'All in a Line'! In art the children created 3D Mad Hatter Teacups to use as props for the play and following on from this the class created fantastic sets of instructions on how to create a Mad Hatter Teacup.

In maths we have been focusing on time, statistics and angles. Over the summer holidays please keep practicing on learning how to tell the time as it will set you up for success in your future years.

In RE we have been learning about why Christians call themselves the 'body of Christ'. We know that as one body we all can work together and overcome any barriers.

In PSHE we have been working on our growth mindset and aiming high because we know that we can be and do anything we put our minds to!

In PE the children have been playing rounders and athletics. In DT the children have made fabulous pencil cases.

Year 3's - please practice multiplication over the summer holiday as it will benefit you greatly when we come back and you have transformed into Year 4's! Year 4's I wish you every success as you transform into Year 5's!

### Oak Class

A super busy term in Oak class. The rain didn't dampen our spirits at the beach and all the children enjoyed getting creative in the sand and eating their ice-creams.

Another highlight of the term was a visit from two paramedics who showed the children around their ambulance and talked about how they help people. There was also a visit linked to our DT food topic which the children engaged with and learnt about where their food comes from.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support this year. Please remember to read regularly over the holidays as this will make it easier to step back into routines in the autumn. The local libraries are running their annual reading challenge again this year.

The children have made lots of progress in many different ways, learning to be more confident, accepting change, developing new social skills as well as learning lots of new knowledge. It has been wonderful to see the children grow. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

Wed Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to School
Tues Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos
Mon Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu Immunisations
Fri Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31st Oct	Half Term Holidays
Mon Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school
Fri Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
Fri Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
Mon Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Thurs Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Mon Mar 30 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Mon May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Fri July 17 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM

**PSA**

A fabulous Summer Fair on July 11<sup>th</sup>, thank you to everyone who attended, supported, donated and helped! The total raised is £1900.25, a fantastic total.

Your support is priceless, Thank you!

**Miss Ashcroft**

As you all know, Miss Ashcroft is retiring from teaching this July after nearly 40 years! We would like to thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the role since being with us, and we send all our best wishes for her retirement! Here's to more adventures, relaxing and rest.

**ALICE THE MUSICAL**

K.S. 2 (year 6,5,4,3) performed an outstanding play -Alice the Musical at Creting St Mary Primary school on 30<sup>th</sup> June-1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. It started with a little girl called Alice, sleeping and waking up to a white rabbit in a waistcoat carrying a pocket watch, jumping down a hole that she then leaps into to follow him. She stumbles upon a beautiful world with creatures she had never seen before. Alice explores all over the place meeting new people and ending up in prison for stealing jam tarts.

Some of the main characters were:

- Alice- Eli/Serena
- Duchess- Willow/Daniel
- Mad Hatter- Leo
- Rabbit- Charlie/Eleeza
- Queen of Hearts- Alice/Esther
- King of Hearts- Jack/Lydia (That's me!)



My favourite parts of the play are hard to pick out, but I think the raucous songs, especially 'ALL MAD AS HATTERS' was amazing since there were lots of solos, perfectly matching the characters personality, and everyone who wasn't on stage were doing all the actions in sync.

My favourite moment was (honestly) when it was my scene, scene 5-The Trial- when Alice was in prison and the jury decided if she was guilty for stealing the jam tarts. I rate it a 10/10 from the hilarious jokes to the heart-warming songs, from the silly costumes to the most beautiful of dresses. I would definitely recommend this show for all ages.

I personally am very proud of my performance since sadly Jack (the other king) was ill and I had to step in, perform all four performances and use my voice as much as possible since, for me, was very hard since I am known as the quietest in class. We all did so well, we all were superb. By Lydia Wilson

**Absence**

New DFE rules regarding absence came into effect from August 2024.

**Reminder:**

Ash and Oak classes should arrive between 8.40 & 8.45am. Chestnut and Birch classes should arrive between 8.30 & 8.40am. Younger siblings can arrive at the earlier time. Between 8.45 and 8.55 will be marked as late. After this time it's marked as unauthorised.

**Percentage attendance: 2/9/24-7/7/25**

Reception	99.1%
Year 1	95.81%
Year 2	97.02%
Year 3	96.46%
Year 4	96.92%
Year 5	97.36%
Year 6	98.13%

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday  
September  
3rd**