



Ashton Hayes Primary School weekly newsletter

It seems that we are hurtling towards the end of term at a rapid rate of knots! Once again there has been a huge amount happening in school, despite the unprecedented heatwave that we experienced. Our children were immense in their maturity. They looked after one another, listened brilliantly to our advice and instructions and generally dealt with the challenging circumstances brilliantly – we were, as always, incredibly proud of them!

Mrs Cuthbert:

Mrs Cuthbert will be absent for at least the next two weeks, while she undergoes and recovers from some medical treatment. Sparrowhawks will be taught by Mrs Howe and Mrs Collins (mainly) during this period. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Cuthbert a speedy recovery.

Seeking a sponsor?

As you will be aware, we are working very hard towards our 'mixtape' musical extravaganza at the end of the year. We are currently seeking a sponsor for our programmes. If you know of any business that might be interested in supporting us, please let me know. The cost of producing our programme is around £250-£300, so any sponsorship would be very welcome. Any sponsors would be recognised prominently in our programme and would receive two free tickets for the show.

Owls:

What a hot week it has been in Owl Class! Despite the warm weather, the children have continued to work incredibly hard. In English, we have been writing our final invention stories, focusing on clear paragraph structure, exciting vocabulary and beautiful presentation. We have been particularly impressed by the care and pride the children have shown in their handwriting.

In Maths, we have completed revision of some of the topics we have learned recently, including money, time and graphs. The children have shown great determination and resilience when tackling challenges, and we are very proud of their hard work and progress.

In Art, we have been learning about Claude Monet and exploring his famous impressionist style. The children sketched a scene of their choice inspired by Monet, including water lilies and coastal landscapes, before bringing their work to life using watercolours. The finished pieces were fantastic and showcased both creativity and attention to detail.



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During the two afternoons when children were collected early because of the heatwave, we became architects and engineers, designing and creating our own structures while developing our problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Well done, Owls, for working so hard and coping brilliantly with the heat this week!

Peregrines:

This week, Peregrines have continued to impress me with their enthusiasm and hard work across the curriculum.

In English, the children have been developing their reading skills by identifying the writer's knowledge and understanding how this shapes our example text. In Maths, Year 4 pupils have been focusing on calculating the area and perimeter of different shapes, showing great determination and growing confidence. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been getting to grips with using protractors to measure angles accurately, demonstrating excellent focus and perseverance.

In Geography, the class have been analysing the results of their recent fieldwork. They have worked collaboratively to present their findings using graphs in Excel, developing both their geographical and computing skills. In DT, the children have begun creating their final recipes in preparation for making their own pasta sauces. I am looking forward to seeing (and smelling!) their delicious creations very soon.

Well done, Peregrines. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Buzzards:

It's been a lovely, slower week this week in Buzzards - despite it being such a busy half term, we took extra care to take our time this week and be more mindful during such hot weather. Earlier in the week, Buzzard class focussed on PSHE. Our unit this half term is all about growing and changing and we covered lots of important topics including: positive body image, media manipulation, peer pressure, puberty and reproduction. The children were super sensible and mature (and of course a little giggly) giving really thoughtful responses and asking great questions. They respected one another and made each other feel safe to share and ask questions openly which was lovely! Buzzards have also been working on various projects such as their sculptures in art and an independent history project all about Ancient Greece.



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On Thursday, we spent the day in the shade and sanctuary of the forest and enjoyed 'nature's aircon' as Mrs Mochire calls it. Some of the children lead calm activities including: a talent show, whittling, making God's Eyes, making swing bracelets and working on the big Buzzard den. The children who were still around in the afternoon were lucky enough to make ice-cream!

Kestrels:

Kestrels have had a wonderful week and have coped brilliantly with the hot and sticky weather. We are incredibly proud of all the children for staying calm, looking after one another, and sensibly choosing shady areas for their play and learning throughout the school day.

The highlight of our week has been the exciting arrival of our butterflies! Our chrysalises have finally transformed, and we were thrilled to watch the butterflies emerge. Some of the children were brave enough to gently hold a butterfly before it took its very first tentative flight. It was a truly magical experience to watch them flutter away into the big wide world. What a wonderful way to end the week!

Sparrowhawks:

It has been a very hot week in Sparrowhawk classroom but the children have been amazing!

We have continued our Geography project on cities and map work spotting and labelling key features.

We have become game designers, thinking about what features make a good board game and then applying these key characteristics to success criteria for our games.

In the afternoons we have taken our classroom outside, creating a gorgeous shaded environment. The children have had great fun using their imagination with the blocks, problem solving and working together.

The Year One children have been working on time, reading a clock to o' clock and half past.

Attendance:

Unsurprisingly, with the very hot weather it was a challenging week for attendance. A special mention to Owls Class who smashed attendance last week, despite the challenges, hitting 99%!



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Class	This week's attendance	Cumulative attendance for the year
Kestrel	91.92%	96.8%
Sparrowhawk	94.27%	95.24%
Owl	99.23%	97.24%
Peregrine	94.05%	97.01%
Buzzard	96.62%	96.98%
Whole school	95.31%	96.61%

Celebration

Kestrel – Atlas & Millie-Dee

Sparrowhawk – Harrison, Francesca & Sammy

Owl – Heather & Amelia

Peregrine – Leyla & Maggie

Buzzard – Eve & Ffion

A message from the PTFA

We are delighted to invite you to our PTFA Summer Fair on Friday 17th July 3-6pm.

This year we're hosting a Picnic on the Playground and we would love for all our families to join us for an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment. Bring along your own savoury picnic and picnic blanket, then enjoy our Pudding Parlour, where there will be plenty of sweet treats available to purchase, including cakes, sweets, ice cream and ice lollies. There will also be a bar serving refreshments.

Children can look forward to unlimited access to our fantastic inflatables, as well as face painting, games and a few extra surprises throughout the afternoon.

Tickets are available now via School Spider and cost £5 per child. All children attending will need a ticket and adults can attend free of charge.

The PTFA team is working hard behind the scenes to make this a memorable event for our children while raising valuable funds for our wonderful school. As always, we rely on the support of our school community for the event to be able to go ahead, so if you are able to spare some time to help on a stall during the event, please sign up using the link below:
www.volunteersignup.org/TC74T



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We will also be asking for cake donations and would be very grateful for any contributions. More details will follow shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon!

A message from Arriva:

As Year 6 pupils prepare to move on to secondary school, we know that many of them will be catching the bus to school for the first time. To help make that transition easier and more affordable, we'd like to let you know about the Arriva Bus travel options available for the 2026/27 school year.

Arriva's Student and Child Saver tickets are designed to help students save on their daily commute to school. These tickets offer unlimited travel before and after school, on weekends, and during school holidays, so students can travel confidently throughout the year.

For families' convenience, we offer an easy-to-use Direct Debit system to spread the cost of these tickets over affordable monthly payments. There's no setup fee, no minimum contract, and families can cancel at any time if their circumstances change.



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Have a great week!
Mr Bell