
Term 4 – 27th March 2026

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Thank you to everyone who came along to Easter Egg Bingo this afternoon – I am fairly certain no one went home empty handed! A massive thank you to all those on the PTFA who organised and ran the event as good fun was had by all.

Next week we have our Easter Service at the Church on Tuesday morning at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Sporting News – Hockey Tournament

On Tuesday morning, eight enthusiastic Year 6 pupils represented our school at a mini hockey tournament hosted by Ashford Prep School. We worked hard on our teamwork by discussing tactics and strategy before each game. Over seven games, we gave a solid performance—winning three matches, losing three, and drawing one. Most importantly, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and embraced the opportunity to represent the school with pride. A special thanks to Katie Reed for supporting with the event and for the invaluable coaching and advice to the team. Written by: Nancy C and Octavia.

Jewellery

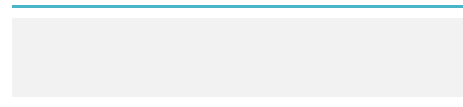
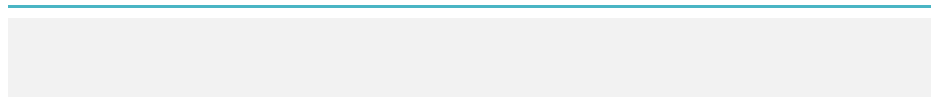
Please can I remind parents once again that jewellery, with the exception of a watch and/or stud earrings are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons. The girls particularly are wearing necklaces and bracelets that they should not be bringing in to school! Please can I also remind you that earrings should be stud earrings only – again for health and safety reasons. There are a number of girls wearing hooped earrings that could easily catch and have the potential to rip their ear lobes. Most secondary schools are incredibly strict about these matters so getting into those habits now will be beneficial for all. Thank you for your support.

Coffee Morning with the Specialist Teachers and Emotional Wellbeing Teams

Amy Honey, one of the specialist teachers in this area will be hosting a coffee morning, for parents, on Thursday 30th April from 9-10am in the hall. Marie, from the Emotional Wellbeing Teams also hopes to be there. Amy's area of specialism relates to social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs in children, particularly those who have traits or who are diagnosed with ADHD and/or Autism. Amy will be providing information to parents who would like to know more about how to support children who have SEMH needs. All parents are welcome.

Upcoming Events

31 st March	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am
2 nd April	End of term 4
20 th April	Start of term 5
23 rd April	SATS information meeting – Yr 6 parents only 3:30pm
30 th April	SEMH Coffee Morning for parents 9-10am
4 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th May	SATS week
18 th May	Residential meeting – Yr 6 parents only
22 nd May	End of Term 5



Lost Property

We have so many unnamed items of clothing in lost property! If you are missing an item of clothing, please do check in lost property. Please can I also remind parents to put their child's name in/on all their uniform/ belongings. If we find something around the school and it has a name in it, it is always quickly returned to the owner. Most of the clothing in lost property is unnamed! An action from the Parent Forum meeting was to share the Stickins poster (please find attached) – these sticky labels with a child's name on are so easy to stick on clothes labels as well we items like lunch boxes and water bottles. With this link, the company also make a donation to the PTFA.

Supermarket Vouchers for the Easter Holidays

For all those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, (this does not include pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 who are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals) food vouchers to the value of £20 will be sent by email on the last day of term to cover the Easter holidays. These will be the last lot of vouchers sent to families under this scheme.

For future reference, please note that The Household Support Fund which is responsible for the supermarket vouchers for school holidays will cease to exist from March 2026. It will be replaced by a new initiative, the Crisis Resilience Fund, aimed at providing targeted assistance for those most in need. Further details are expected in due course

Message from Ashford Family Hubs

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our next cohort for our Time to Shine and Stepping Up groups beginning after Easter, offering opportunities for children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) who may benefit from enhanced support in understanding and managing their emotions, as well as developing confidence to participate in community groups.

About the Group

This programme consists of small, supportive groups for children aged 5–11, focused on

- Emotional regulation skills
- Self-awareness and effective coping strategies
- Confidence in social scenarios
- Readiness skills to join community activities and peer groups

Sessions are interactive, nurturing, and specifically designed for children who may find group settings challenging. Our objective is to provide a safe environment to practise skills that support their wellbeing both within school and in the wider community.

Who is it for?

This group is intended for children with SEND who would benefit from:

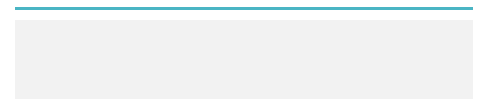
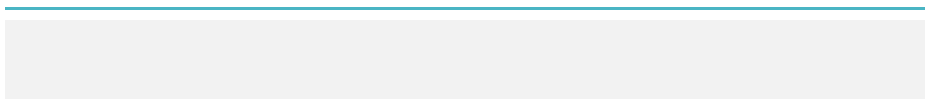
- Skills to understand and express their emotions
- Support in building self-confidence
- Opportunities to practise positive social interactions in a small, structured setting

Sessions take place at Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Willesborough, TN24 0PQ, after school on Mondays and Thursdays during term time.

To book a place please see posters attached or call Waterside Family Hub on 03000 418700.

Message from The Royal Oak Pub in Mersham

Over the Easter holidays, The Royal Oak pub in Mersham is offering for 'Kids eat for £1' if you are interested in a meal out over the break.



Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

2nd April

Falcon Class

PTFA News

Amazon Wishlists

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has purchased items from the Class Amazon Wishlists. This is a fantastic way to directly support your child's class with resources! The wishlists remain open for all classes, with just a few items left to get. QR codes for each class can be found on the attached poster.

Do You have any Unwanted Gifts?

We are having a Gift Amnesty to prepare for our next Elfridges! If you were lucky enough to have been gifted more presents than you need, please consider donating them to the PTFA. We rely heavily on donations to stock our shop with a variety of lovely gifts. Any unwanted gifts are gratefully received and can be dropped into the school office anytime in January. Thank you!

