



MARCH NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up another fantastic Term 4, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work and spirit shown by all our pupils. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, and I am consistently impressed by the dedication our children bring to their learning every single day.

A highlight today has been the sea of color across the school; Victoria Road has seen some truly amazing Easter bonnets, and the creativity on display was simply wonderful to witness. It was the perfect way to head into the break on a high note.

We wish all our families a restful and happy holiday. Hopefully, the spring weather holds and we can all enjoy some more sun over the next two weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the year!

Staffing update

Next term we are happy to be welcoming Miss Joseph to our teaching assistant team. Miss Joseph will be supporting in year 2 alongside the well-loved Mrs Boston next term. You may also have seen a new friendly face in the EYFS Reception team. Miss Moore has started with us recently and is having a wonderful time getting to know and supporting the children in Squirrels.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



If your child would like a school lunch please order by 8am on the day. You are able to order online via the School Gateway app a term at a time.

Unfortunately we are not able to order in class on the day due to the food order being sent to the kitchen at 8am. If your child is going to be late due an appointment or for any other reason, please notify the school otherwise their lunch will be cancelled.

Should a lunch not of been ordered, then the school office will call asking for a packed lunch to be bought in.

The new menu for Term 5 can be found on the school website.

SPORTING EVENTS



Some of our children from Year 1,2,3,4, 5 & 6 went over a couple of days and represented the school at the Stour Centre, they competed with 16 other schools from Ashford and the surrounding areas. We are very proud of all of the teams.



1 - Our Year 3 & 4 team came an impressive 3rd place



2 - Our Year 5 & 6 team came 10th place



3 - Our Year 1 & 2 team came 5th place

Year 3 & 4 competed in a hockey tournament at Ashford Prep School, Great Chart. They won all of the games without letting in a single goal and scored 36 in total. What a fantastic performance.



Year 5 represented the school in a hockey tournament out of the 10 games they played they won 8 and drew 2. Well done to everyone who took part.

WORLD BOOK DAY



4 - The teaching staff joined in too



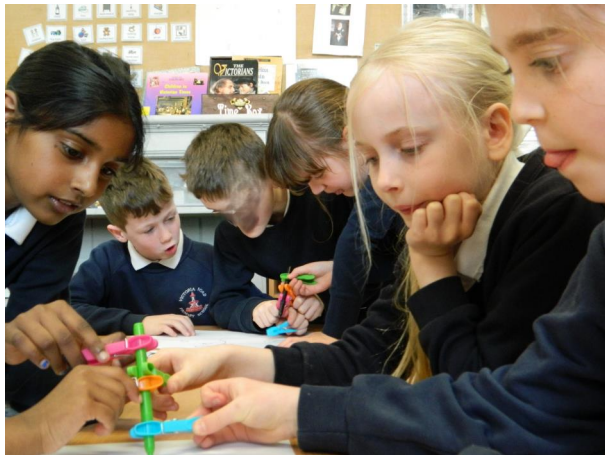




SCIENCE AND MATHS DAY



The whole school enjoyed the Science and Maths day, each child visited every class and joined in with different activities



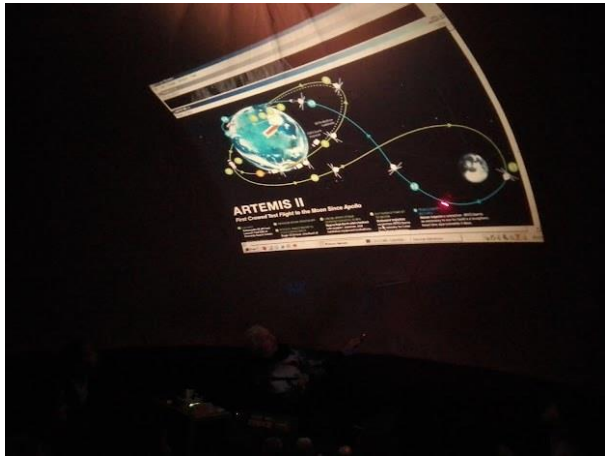


Year 5 - Astrodome



Year 5 had a visit from the Kent Astrodome Society, they really enjoyed learning about the planets and the stars.





HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY



The children all had a great time taking part in various different skipping activities. These were the highest scorers during the 90 second skip off.

Y1 - Tarek - 34 skips

Y2 - Shahd - 100 skips

Y3 - Oscar - 164 skips

Y4 - Ronnie - 178 skips

Y5 - Anabelle W - 200 skips

Y6 - Nieve - 276 skips



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RED NOSE DAY - CAKE SALE

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

'THANK YOU' to everyone who sent their children in with cakes to sell and money to buy them, we collected £186.81

ODD SOCK DAY

Thank you to all the children who wore odd socks and brought in a donation in for '21 Together' the charity that supports children with Down Syndrome . £62.50 was raised for this great charity which supports Joe, one of our children in school.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE BEANEY IN CANTERBURY



Year 1 had a great time at the Beaney in Canterbury, they travelled by train to visit the museum. The children enjoyed looking at all the different exhibitions.





YEAR 3 - LITTER PICKING IN VICTORIA PARK



Year 3 went litter picking in Victoria Park.





EASTER RAFFLE



Congratulations to the following who won on our Easter Raffle:

Year R - Alice, Olivia & Mila

Year 1 - Jacob, Tarek, Raysa, Iris, Davida & Ivie-Rose

Year 2 - Liam

Year 3 - Harry, Freddie, Oscar, Maya & Vinnie

Year 4 - Joe & Luka

Year 6 - Elizabeth, Adam & Harry

The Raffle raised £171, so thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets

EASTER BONNET



The children who came in with their Easter Bonnets all looked amazing, the winners from each class were:

Squirrels - Reception - Hensley

Butterflies - Year 1 - Harrison

Foxes - Year 2 - Leo

Hedgehogs - Year 3 - Isaiah

Badgers - Year 4 - Evan

Kingfishers - Year 5 - Daisy

Owls Class - Year 6 - Georgia







PARENT INFORMATION

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives

Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of technology.

2. Find the right time and place

Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice

Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand key messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences

Use open questions like:

'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'

'Who do you chat with online?'

'Are they people you know offline?'

'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life

These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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| <p>Importance of attendance Regular school attendance is essential for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic progress and achievement • Building friendships and social skills • Developing routine, responsibility and good habits • Avoiding gaps in learning <p>Even missing a few days can make it harder to keep up with lessons</p> | <p><u>Legal responsibilities</u> Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly</p> <p><u>Authorised absence</u> (approved by school) Illness or medical appointments Exceptional circumstances</p> | <p><u>Unauthorised absence (not approved)</u> Holidays during term time</p> <p>Parents should plan holidays during official school breaks</p> <p><u>Term dates and school holidays</u> Schools publish term dates in advance <i>Autumn half term</i> <i>Christmas holidays</i> <i>Spring half term</i> <i>Easter holidays</i> <i>Summer half term</i> <i>Summer holidays</i></p> |
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Penalty Notices Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Kent County Council's Education Penalty Notices Code of Conduct effective from September 2017. They are issued in the following circumstances:

For unauthorised term time leave including family holidays — 10 or more half day sessions (5 days).

For 10 or more half day sessions (5 days) without authorisation during any 100 possible school sessions — these do not need to be consecutive.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each child and the amount of the penalty will be £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days or £160 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days.

Our full attendance policy is on our website www.victoriaroad.co.uk

Victoria Road Primary School Year R

is having a restock and are having to throw away some old and broken resources.

We are looking for donations of unwanted

- Toy cars 
- Farm animals 
- Zoo animals 
- Underwater animals 
- Bun and cake tins 
- Pool noodles 
- Magnetic numbers and letters 

Please hand donations to the office.
Thank you 

Christ Church South Ashford

What's Happening?

Last Sunday of Every Month:
3pm - Service of the Word,
followed by refreshments and time to chat
and

- 2 April** - 9.30am - **Maundy Thursday** -
The Stations of the Cross
- 3 April** - 2pm - **Good Friday** - The Last Hour:
Meditations, Readings & Music, in Church
- 5 April** - 8am - **Easter Sunday** -
BCP Morning Prayer
- 8 April** - 9:30am - Tea & Chat (in the hall)
- 10 May** - 8am - BCP Morning Prayer
- 13 May** - 9:30am - Tea & Chat (in the hall)



All Welcome

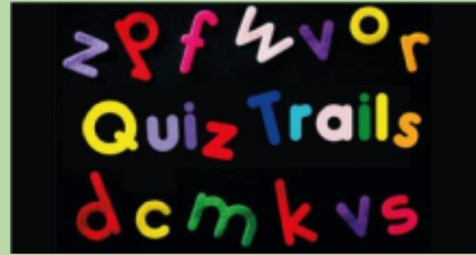
all services are lay-led

Ashford Town Parish
Loving God - Serving Ashford



Enter our **FREE** family competition

Enter at Prize Draws on our home page - good luck!



A great activity for the Easter Holidays!

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!

They liven up a healthy family walk!

FREE TO ENTER!

Quiz Trail **WHAT'S ON? IN KENT.COM**

WIN Download the WDIK app here!

We've teamed up with What's On In Kent to give away a 'Best of Kent Explorer Adventure Pack'!

Top Prize: One lucky winner will win a wicker picnic hamper with plates, cutlery and glasses, one each of the Quiz Trails short stories books, 5 Quiz Trails of your choice and lots of sweet treats!

Three runner-up winners will each win 3 Quiz Trails of your choice!

Enter on our website
www.QuizTrail.co.uk

*Closing date 31st March 2026 at 11:59pm. Free to enter - no purchase necessary.

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Download the app to discover hundreds of activities and events going on in Kent!

Special offers too!

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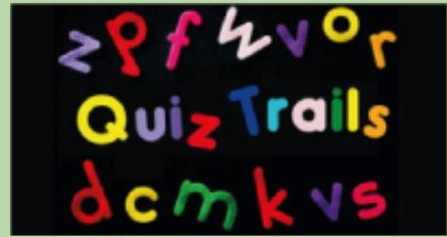
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A photograph of a narrow canal in Kent, with lush green trees on the left bank and a stone building on the right. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding greenery.

Let the adventure begin with

We're a Mum and two daughters team creating educational, history based fun Kent Quiz Trails!



LOW - COST!

Clues for adults PLUS clues for juniors which are made for 5 to 11 year olds!



Quiz Trail
Reviews • Excellent



A fun low-cost, healthy activity that entertains all!

Quiz Trails are written for adults and packed with local history. As well as adult leisure reading, Quiz Trails are a fabulous activity for adults and children to do together **-with a set of fun clues for each**

You can take as long as you like to complete the trail, making it the perfect activity for a relaxed trip out.

At just £5.99 a copy for a group to share Quiz Trails are the perfect way to spend time outdoors in the fresh air with loved ones **-great to do with grandparents too!** ALL trails are accessible.

www.QuizTrail.co.uk

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Quiz Trails are an 'Approved Activity' for
The Children's University

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME

7 - 10 April



Holiday Activities:

- ✓ Gaming Bus
- ✓ Indoor Inflatables
- ✓ Cooking Sessions
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Sports & Games

Hot nutritious lunch &
healthy snack provided
every day.

8.45am - 12.45pm
The John Wallis CoE Academy
Millbank Road TN23 3HG



**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL:**



Term 5 Diary Dates

| Term 5 | Mon 20 th April 2026 – Fri 22 nd May 2026 | |
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| Week 1 Mon 20 th April – Fri 24 th April | Mon 20 th April | Children back in school – First day of Term 5 |
| | Tues 21 st April | Early Parent Consultation Evening (Weds 22 nd April) booking system closes @ 12:00 pm |
| | Weds 22 nd April | PTA Friends Coffee Morning in Byrne House @ 9:00 – 10:00 am |
| | Weds 22 nd April | Year R,1,3,4,5,6 Early Parent Evening Consultations 3:30 – 6:00 pm |
| | Friday 24 th April | Book swap |
| | Friday 24 th April | Class newsletters and home learning out |
| Week 2 Mon 27 th April – Fri 1 st May | Friday 24 th April | Netball League (by invite only) |
| | Mon 27 th April | Late Parent Consultation Evening (Weds 29 th April) booking system closes @ 12:00 pm |
| | Tues 28 th April | EYFS Balance bikes |
| | Weds 29 th April | Year R,1,3,4,5,6 Late Parent Evening Consultations 4:00 – 7:00 pm |
| | Thurs 30 th April | Deadline for accepting or declining places for NEW YR R 2026 |
| | Thurs 30 th April | Year 5&6 Basketball (by invite only) – details to follow |
| Week 3 Tues 5 th May – Fri 8 th May | Fri 1 st May | Netball League (by invite only) |
| | Mon 4 th May | SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY |
| | Tues 5 th May | Children back in school after bank holiday |
| | Tues 5 th May | Year 5 maths competition @ Ashford School (details to follow) |
| | Weds 6 th May | Year R & Year 1 School trip to Wingham Wildlife Park – details to follow |
| | Weds 6 th May | Year 3 & Year 4 School trip to Detling Showground 'Living Land' – details to follow |
| Week 4 Mon 11 th May – Fri 15 th May | Weds 6 th May | Year 5 trip to Recycling Centre (1/2 class – during afternoon) |
| | Fri 8 th May | Year 4 Sleepover – details to follow |
| | Mon 11 th May – Fri 15 th May | Year 6 SATS week – including SATS breakfast (details to follow) |
| | Tues 12 th May – Fri 15 th May | Year 5 'litter picking' will take place this week |
| Week 5 Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May | Weds 13 th May | Year 5 trip to Recycling Centre (1/2 class – during afternoon) |
| | Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May | Yr 1,3,4,5 Assessment week |
| | Tues 19 th May | PGL Parent Meeting @ 3:30 pm |
| | Weds 20 th May | Yr 1 'Shared Learning' assembly @ 9:00 am – parents invited |
| | Thurs 21 st May | Year 5 Parent Kent Test Meeting @ 3:30 pm |
| | Fri 22 nd May | May newsletter out |
| Fri 22 nd May | Sports Day – details to follow | |
| Fri 22 nd May | Last day of Term 5 | |

Any additional dates that arise will be added to this list as appropriate, and we will ensure you are informed of any updates in a timely manner

***** Half Term Holidays Saturday 23rd May to Monday 1st June *****
Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June 2026

School Closed On Monday 4th May 2026 – Bank Holiday