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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Autumn Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a fantastic week!

Year 6

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who have represented Ash Hill beautifully at their residential trip this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team who have accompanied them. Staff give up their own time in order to ensure the children are able to have this valuable experience, and I am sure you will join me in saying how grateful we are for this. The children have had such an exciting time and I am certain you will all have a quiet weekend as they catch up on their sleep!

Parents Evening

You will have received a letter this week about our upcoming parents evenings. Please ensure you have read this and that you book an appointment to see your child's teacher. We have planned the evenings for Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November to allow teachers time to assess and understand your child's learning and next steps. The meeting is essential to ensure we can work together on progress for your child.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Attendance W/C 28/09/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	91.3	4
Year 1	94.5	2
Year 2	96.3	9
Year 3	95.4	2
Year 4	94.3	3
Year 5	97.3	4
Year 6	94.1	4

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96-99.9%	Good
90-95.9%	Needs to improve
88.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2026/2027

DATE	EVENT	Year groups
15.10.2026	Year 5 Swimming	5
19.10.2026	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Roman Museum	4
20.10.2026	Year 3 Group 1 Forest School Last session	3 (Group 1)
21.10.2026	Year 5 Swimming	5
October Half Term: 23.10.2026 - 30.10.2026		
02.11.2026	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
03.11.2026 (Weekly)	Year 3 Group 2 Forest School Starts	3 (Group 2)
09.11.2026	School Photos	
09.11.2026	Parents & Carers Consultation Evening	
10.11.2026	Parents & Carers Consultation Evening	
14.10.2026	Reception 2027 Open Day (1.30pm)	
18.11.2026	Reception 2027 Open Day (1.30pm)	
18.11.2026	Flu Immunisations	R-6
19.11.2026	Reception 2027 Open Day (9.30am)	
26.11.2026	Year 1 Trip to Hughenden Manor	1
08.12.2026	Year 3 Group 2 Forest School Last Session	3 (Group 2)
Christmas & New Year Break: 21.12.2026 - 01.01.2027		
07.06.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
19.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
20.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
21.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	

Letters & e-mails Home This week:

- Parents & Carers Consultation Evening (YR-6)
- Year 1 & 2 Phonics Flashcards
- Breakfast Club
- Reception 2027 Prospective Parents Open Days

This Week in School....

Reception

Reception have been making the most of the dry weather and enjoying lots of outdoor learning! We've made gingerbread biscuits in the mud kitchen, sailed boats in the construction area, hunted for minibeasts, and had plenty of fun with sand and water.

We have been learning our four new phonemes: ck, e, u and r. We've been practising our letter formation in lots of different ways—not just with a pencil! Some have been trickier than others, but we've had plenty of opportunities to practise and build our confidence.

In maths this week, we have been exploring the composition of numbers. We began with 1 and 1 makes 2, finding things we have two of, such as eyes, ears, arms and legs. By the end of the week, we were discovering that 1 and 1 and 1 makes 3! We practised by collecting groups of 2 and 3 objects.

Well done Reception, another great week.

Enjoy the weekend!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been changing parts of the story of The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf, creating our own characters and making the story our own. We have been using lots of imaginative ideas to develop our stories.

In maths, we have continued looking at greater than, less than and equal to. We have also been comparing numbers and saying which number is greater and which is smaller. We have practised ordering numbers from greatest to smallest and from smallest to greatest.

In science, we explored our sense of touch. We used vocabulary such as smooth, rough, hard and soft to describe different objects and textures.

In geography, we looked at maps and how they can show directions. We learnt about the four compass points: north, south, east and west.

In art, we practised drawing continuous lines and used objects around us to inspire our drawings. We focused on taking our time and keeping our pencil on the paper without lifting it.

In PSHE, we talked about consequences and how our choices can lead to good outcomes or not-so-good outcomes. We discussed how thinking about the consequences of our actions can help us to make positive choices.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 2! The children have continued to work hard and have shown great progress across the curriculum.

In English, we have finished writing our own versions of our model text. The children have worked hard to use their descriptive words, particularly adjectives, to describe the setting and make their writing more interesting.

Our phonics is going well, and we have been practising some tricky spellings, including polysyllabic words with more than one syllable.
In Maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction. We have been exploring fact families, revisiting our bonds to 100 and practising adding and subtracting 1s from numbers. The children have been working hard to explain their thinking and use what they already know to help them solve calculations.

In PSHE, we have continued thinking about rewards and consequences. We have explored the difference between positive and negative consequences, as well as the importance of the choices we make. We have also been learning about vocabulary such as praise, reward, consequence, positive and negative, and discussing how our choices can help us to make our classroom a safe and fair place.

Well done, Year 2, for another brilliant week! I am so proud of the effort and enthusiasm you are showing in your learning.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been working hard to make our writing more exciting and engaging!

In English, we have been practising using similes, verbs and adjectives to create impactful sentences that bring our ideas to life. We have also enjoyed exploring characters' feelings and discussing how we can use clues in a text to understand their emotions.

In Maths, we have been developing our confidence in adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 from three-digit numbers, strengthening our understanding of place value along the way.

In Science, we have been exploring the different types of joints in our skeletons, including hinge joints and ball-and-socket joints. We had lots of laughs describing the joints in our own bodies and comparing how animal skeletons differ from our own! It has been a fantastic opportunity to learn more about how our bodies move and how different animals are adapted to move in different ways.

In Art, we have shown fantastic resilience and determination, using our buckets of resilience to help us sew intricate details onto our painted cloth. We persevered through the challenges and added so much depth, texture and character to our masterpieces.

We are incredibly proud of the creativity and perseverance shown by everyone!

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy classifying and sorting in Science this week using fallen leaves and seeds. Coming up with closed questions to help sort living things is a key skill in biology. Going back in time is popular until you meet someone like Julius Caesar who didn't quite manage to invade Britain with his Roman army but took France before other rulers wanted some of his power. In Maths, we have rounded to 10, 100 and 1000 and are now moving on to adding and subtracting - a core skill in everybody's maths journey. Our portal stories have now reached the independent stage when the children will be writing their own versions, travelling either to an alien planet or back in time to the Great Fire of London. Matching the mood of the time and place and using personification will make the stories even more intriguing. With wire modelling in D.T taking shape and learning about the cities of Spain in Spanish, it's been a varied week. Keep up the TT Rockstars practice as the battle with Y5&6 continues until Friday 16th October and keep on reading at home every day please. It makes such a huge difference. Thank you and have a great weekend.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous week enhancing their writing through the story of Beowulf. The vocabulary they have gathered to describe both the hero, Beowulf and the monster, Grendel has been impressive! They have been furthering their learning on addition and subtraction and have already come to the end of that unit. Now they're moving onto multiplication. In Art, the children have all painted beautiful orange hue backgrounds to add to their zines and they look amazing when they were all laid out to dry. The children have been learning about the location of the 4 main mountain ranges in the world as well as the ring of fire! There's a great Octonaut film on the ring of fire if you wish to support your children's learning.

Year 6

Year 6 have had such a fantastic week!

From abseiling to survival skills, fencing and Jacob's Ladder, they have got stuck into all sorts of exciting team building activities.

The staff have also had lots of fun, although we're not sure how Mr Dutton felt about his dip in the lake during raft building! T

he children in school have also been very busy, working on their project and creating some beautiful pumpkins.

Everyone is definitely ready for a rest this weekend!

Holiday Activities

WYCOMBE MUSEUM

Half Term Events

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Sun 11th Oct - Sun 1st Nov

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize!
Best for age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child.
Please note museum is closed Mondays & Saturdays.

Sun 25th Oct

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Come dressed up and ready to scare in this after-dark Halloween experience. With spooky crafts, biscuit decorating and ghoulish games. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £7 per child.

Tue 27th & Wed 28th Oct

Discover & Make: Nature's Wind Chimes

Craft a natural wind chime using pine cones, feathers, twigs and twine. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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