10th October 2025

#### It's Another Harvest Festival!

THIS week saw our second Harvest Festival with Years 4 and 6 taking the stage at St Matthew's Church. It has been wonderful to hear all the lovely singing as we have celebrated this special time of year. Celebrating Harvest dates back to historical periods when farmers gave thanks for a good harvest and the bounty of the land. It is a time for reflecting on natures generosity and the hard work of the farmers. Once again a big thank you to all the parents and carers who helped us walk to the church and to those that came to support the children.





As usual this year we collected for the Manna Food Bank for our Harvest Festival. Here is a very small selection of your donations.

A big thank you to everybody that donated. You have helped others who are in need.

# Dates for the diary

- 15th October—
   Open Event for Reception 2026
   3.30pm—5.30pm
- 22nd October— Visions and Values Day
- 23rd October—
   Parent/Teacher
   Consultations
   2pm—7.30pm
   SCHOOL
   CLOSES EARLY
- 24th October—
   INSET DAY—
   SCHOOL
   CLOSED
- 27th October—
   31st October—
   Half Term—
   SCHOOL
   CLOSED
- 3rd November— Children return to school
- 10th November—
  Wellbeing
  Week—NO
  AFTER SCHOOL
  CLUBS THIS
  WEEK



### Fascinating Fossils

ON Wednesday, year 3 became palaeontologists! So what is palaeontology? For those that don't know it is the scientific study of life of the past mainly through fossils. The children were able to experience this themselves and excavated fossils using a small chisel and brush. As part of their science learning, the children took turns digging for hidden, real-life fossils. They discovered an amazing set of genuine fossils dating back through history which they then identified.



### **ACE** Achievers

WE are always so happy to see what our children are achieving outside of school and the extra activities they enjoy. This week we are celebrating Hunter from Elephant Class who has been



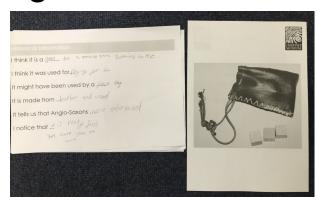
enjoying going to Boys Brigade for 3 years and has the badges to prove it! Well done Hunter!

If you would like to show us what you have been achieving outside of school please email the school office. info@ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk

## Who were the Anglo-Saxons?



YEAR 4 children have been learning just who they were. With some borrowed artefacts from



Chertsey Museum they discovered that the Anglo—Saxons dressed a bit like Freddie and Ivy-Rose from Elephant Class! The Anglo-Saxons were a combination of three main tribes—the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes—who brought their languages and customs, establishing the kingdoms that would become known as Angle-land, or England.

# Are you an encourager?



This week in worship we looked at the following passage from the Bible:

"Barnabas was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith."



#### Acts 11:24

Barnabas was one of the disciples and his name means 'son of encouragement.' We talked about how he helped and encouraged others and how we could follow his example. We set the children a challenge to work on for the week ahead:

- to notice when people need help to persevere
- to use their ears to listen
- to use their eyes to see and
- to use their hands to help.







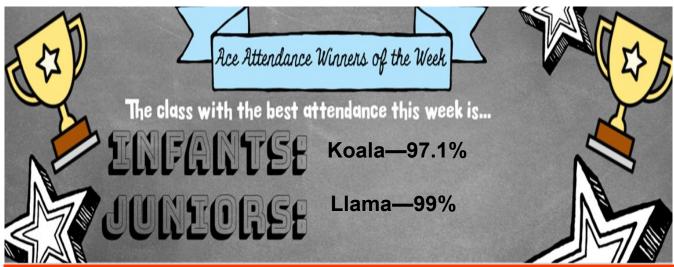
**House Points:** 

**Foxall 508** 

**Howard** 693

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Mann 474



# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

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		Name	Reason	7
	Koala	Alana E	For fantastic work on the story of creation	
I		Mukundi	For great behaviour and effort in all she does	ľ
	Kangaroo	Emmy KM	For working hard in maths this week	١,
		Scarlett W	For creating a wonderful harvest garden	
	Tiger	Sadie W	For working hard with her phonics and reading	
		Shivan P	For his positive attitude towards his learning this week	K
	Panda	Rehmat	For fantastic learning in phonics	
		Erin	For being caring towards others	
	Zebra	Victoria H	For being a super helpful student around the class	
		Sonia M	For always trying her best and helping others	
	Giraffe	Perrie J	For excellent work in English when forming a sentence	
		Jeremiah	For great knowledge when learning about a famous scientist	
	Lemur	Evie F	For an impressive and imaginative fantasy narrative	
		Malik D	For his perseverance and resilience in addition and subtraction	i
	Meerkat	Anthony S	For settling so well into Meerkat class	
7		Aroosha A	For settling so well into Meerkat Class	
١	Rhino	Emma	For a fantastic effort in maths rounding to 10	
		Samuel	For a brilliant poem about freedom	7
	Elephant	Connor W	For always making positive contributions to our class learning discussions	,
		Freddie F	For creating a thoughtful and interesting poem	Y
_	Llama	Gregory	For showing great understanding of working scientifically when investigating friction	
		Molly W	For a fantastic start to her role of Arts Ambassador	
	Buffalo	Arthur S	For his excellent writing in English this week	
		Amelie M	For her beautiful and detailed artist page all about the architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser	,
	Panther	Hannah H	For her brilliant RE learning and thoughtful writing about the sacrament of marriage	
		Christian	For always setting high standards for himself in all his learning	>
S	Leopard	Oli B	For having a positive attitude and always trying his best with his learning	
		Mollie K	For her excellent learning in science this week,	
			investigating how and electrical circuit can be changed	5