

It's all Greek to us!

ON TUESDAY, year 5 enjoyed a fascinating visit from Chertsey museum, who delivered an interactive workshop to launch their new history topic about Ancient Greece.

The session began with pupils finding out where Greece is in the world and learning what an archaeologist does and why their work is vital for understanding history. They then had the opportunity to examine real and replica artefacts from Ancient Greece, including coins, wine jugs, water jugs, sports equipment and oil lamps. Acting like archaeologists, the children studied the artefacts to uncover clues about the Ancient Greek civilisation. The workshop also gave the children the chance to experience aspects of Ancient Greek life for themselves - dressing up in clothing, using wax tablets for writing Greek letters, playing with traditional toys and drawing artefacts from the period. They all thoroughly enjoyed this immersive workshop which has inspired great excitement and curiosity as they begin our new learning.



Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 16th September
2.30pm—Meet the Teacher—Year 4
- 19th September
Year 4 Science Museum Trip
- 24th September—Year 2
Brooklands Museum Visit
- 30th September—Junior Harvest at St Matthews Year 3 & Year 5
- 7th October—Junior Harvest at St Matthews Year 4 & Year 6
- 8th October—Individual School Photos
- 9th October—Individual and Sibling School Photos
- 15th October—Open Event for Reception 2026
3.30pm—5.30pm

A Big Warm Welcome to ACE

THIS week we welcomed the next generation of our ACE family into the school with the arrival of our new Reception children. It has been a successful start and a great pleasure to welcome the children and their families to our school. Here is a little look at what they have been getting up to so far!



Introducing...



...the ACE Senior Leadership Team. From the left, Mrs Pyke, Miss Pooley, Mrs Bailey (Headteacher) Mrs Williams, Mrs Forster and Mrs Witt. If you need to make an appointment to see any of our Senior Leaders please do so through the school office.

Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence

JUST to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) in a 10 week period, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £160.00 per parent/carer per child if paid which reduces to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a further 5 days absence occurs parents will be liable for a second penalty notice of £160 per parent per child with no reduction. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Further absence could also result in prosecution.

Scan the QR code to see our term dates



We Passed!

WE are delighted to announce that Ashford CE Primary School has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag.

Last year our Eco-Team worked really hard to achieve the seven Eco-Schools steps during the academic year, which enabled us to apply for an Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation.

Step 1: Eco-Committee

Step 2: Environmental Review

Step 3: Action Plan

Step 4: Curriculum Links

Step 5: Informing and Involving

Step 6: Monitoring and Evaluation

Step 7: Eco-Code



It is the perfect way to acknowledge, reward and celebrate the ecological achievements of young people. It clearly demonstrates that their hard work is appreciated, and it provides them with the confidence and motivation needed to continue actively engaging with environmental issues throughout their lifetimes. Finally, it also tells local communities that a school, college or nursery is forward-thinking and promotes youth-led environmental education and action.

Well done the Eco-Team!

ACE Achievers

CONGRATULATIONS to Seb from Panther Class who has just signed for Watford Football Club for his first year at a professional club.

Seb is training 3 times a week so watch this space, who knows we could be looking at a future England player—well done Seb!



Forest School Update

THERE was so much happening in the Forest School Club last year.

The club leaflet will be winging it's way over email to parents so book quickly for this very popular club.

Here are some examples of what they get up to.



The Value of Perseverance



IN WORSHIP this week we introduced our value for this half term, perseverance. This is a particularly appropriate value at this time of year as we encourage the children to set themselves a target to work on for the year ahead.

We used this passage from the Bible to explore the value:

“Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.”

Hebrews 12.1-2

Christians believe that Jesus is with them supporting them to persevere to achieve their goals, offering support and encouragement along the way. Please see below for some thoughts that our children shared after worship.

In class worship on Monday we will be asking the children to think about the ‘perseverance race’ setting themselves a challenge and thinking about the steps they need to take to achieve it. If you have time over the weekend please chat to your child about what they might like to work on, it could be to do with learning or a hobby such as swimming, exercise or art.

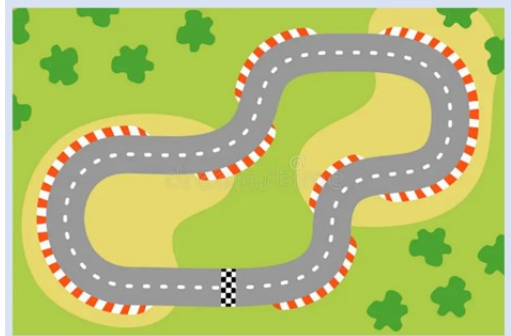
This worship has taught me I need to keep going with my new hobby, it is not always going to be easy.

Seth year 6

The video and acrostic poem in worship were great examples and helped me to think about perseverance.

Hannah year 6

The perseverance race track



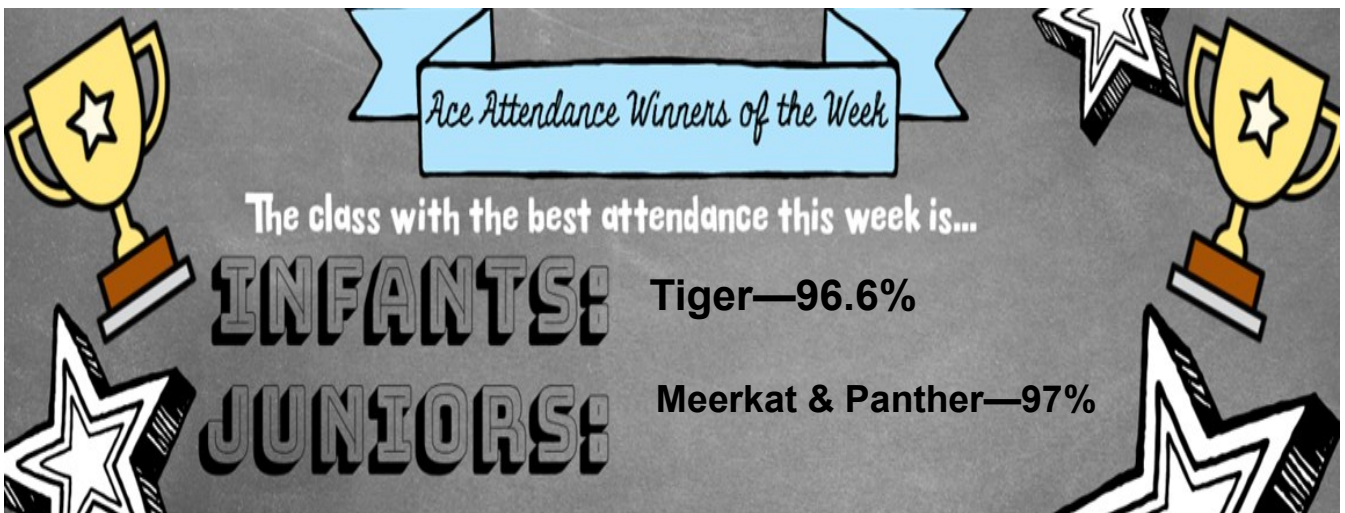
House Points:

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Next

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Our attendance target is 96%

Whole school this week 93.9%

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	Name	Reason
Tiger	Blossom B	For her positive attitude and contributions and her learning this week
	Dominion	For being a kind and caring member of the class and always willing to help others
Panda	Winnie B	For persevering to complete our tough ten challenges
	Cavan R	For a great start to Year 1, always trying his best, and making super learning choices
Zebra	Nelly C	For a great start in Year 2 and amazing contribution in lessons
	Lucas	For brilliant independent writing
Giraffe	Corey M	For settling in well to ACE this week
	Irha K	For an excellent letter about 'The bear under the stairs'
Lemur	Zoey K	For her effort in sketching a prehistoric drawing
	Daniella P	For being consistently kind and helpful to her peers and the adults around her
Meerkat	Keimi S	For writing such a descriptive and exciting piece about meeting a Woolly Mammoth
	Ryan A	For his excellent problem solving in our place value maths lessons
Rhino	Alice S	For her outstanding effort to demonstrate all of our school rules and trying her hardest to be the best that she can be
	Zac P	For a fantastic start to Year 4 and making an effort to contribute to class discussions
Elephant	Adeela	For settling in to Elephant class really well and showing her positive attitude towards her learning
	Leo P	For making a super start to his time in Elephant class and showing what a fantastic learner he is
Llama	Luna P	For such a positive start at ACE
	Ronnie A	For his active participation and engagement in all of the learning
Buffalo		
	Advik N	For his outstanding effort and contributions in maths this week
Panther	Michael B	For his perseverance and effort in his learning this week
	Krishna	For his enthusiasm and valuable contributions to class discussions
Leopard	Ibrahim	For his fantastic effort in our maths lessons, challenging himself to complete all the questions
	Florence	For her enthusiasm and participation in all lessons,