



Bible quote of the week: Peter 4:10 on COMPASSION

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

Dear Parents and Friends of Ardeley School,



Goodness time is hurtling past, and Spring is most definitely here, with the daffodils waving their heads in the breeze and the blossom appearing on trees too.

Spring is also marked by the annual celebration of Mothers on Mother's Day. There were so many beautiful gifts for the children to purchase this morning for their mother's this year – thank you FAS! As I write, the children are busy preparing for the mother's day celebration this afternoon. We hope Mum's that are able to attend, that you enjoy it and your gift too!

Just a quick reminder that **Parent Consultations** are taking place next **Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 9am and then from 3:30pm to 5:30pm** on each day. Please book your slot through **Arbor**. Thank you.

For **Early Years**, this will also be a chance to say a face to face goodbye and thank you to **Mrs. Rouse**, who is completing her Maternity Cover position with us a little early in order to take up a position in another school. Ardeley School, will say our formal thank you's to her in next week's newsletter.

Some of the children know that I just love to buy books for them! So I was super delighted to see that one of my recent purchases was being used in KS1 this week as part of their PSHE lesson on Friendships. By all accounts, it generated some really insightful discussions on what Friendships



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mean and how to value them for the real treasure that they are. A lesson adults all over the world, could benefit from learning at times, too, I think.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Young

News from KS2

This week we have continued with time! What time is it Mr Wolf? It's time to practise at home. Where you can, practise the analogue and digital times. Show the digital clock if you can and the old analogue clock as well. It's lots of fun to ask about quarter past or half past the hour. Then try to convert the AM and PM times to the 24-hour clock. Loads of fun! Good Luck.

In English we have been studying biographies. Perhaps discuss some of your favourite authors together.

What would their biography look like?

Mr Barlow

News from KS1

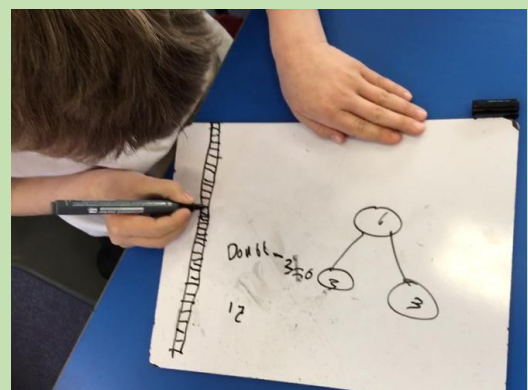
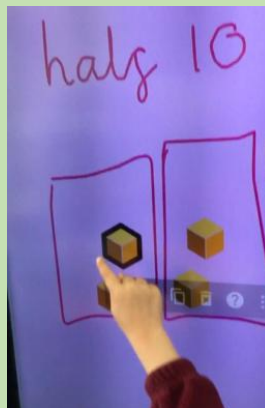
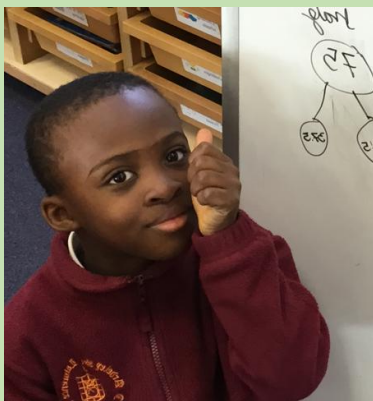
What a busy week we have had in KS1! Wednesday was a highlight for the class as it was their first swimming lesson AND we went to Ardeley church where Fr Mark showed us some of the special things that you can find in churches. I was really pleased to see the children engaged with what Fr Mark was telling us and they had lots of great questions!



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We have been doing some tricky maths too this week as we have been looking at halving and doubling. As tricky as these concepts are, the class have picked them up quickly and have done some great investigations. They also keep asking me if they can do more maths in the afternoon which is fantastic!



This week, we have also been talking a lot about friendships and what it means to be a good friend. We have also done some RSHE work on understanding that we can have more than one friend and if one of our friends wants to play with someone else then that's okay. It does not mean that they do not like us, it just means that they have lots of people that they like to play with!



It has definitely been a busy week and I think that we are all feeling quite tired after so much excitement. I hope that all of KS1 have a good rest over the weekend so that we can end next week (and the term) on a high! Well done, KS1. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Sheldon 😊



News from EYFS

Early Years have had a wonderful and engaging week, full of creativity, hands on learning, and outdoor adventures! There have been so many exciting activities that have supported their development across all the different areas of learning.

We have been busy making some beautiful cards and thoughtful presents for someone special this Sunday, putting lots of care and effort into our creations. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and creativity designing these gifts.

Alongside this, we have continued exploring our topic, Ready, Steady, Grow! We have been carefully observing our plants for any signs of growth and have noticed some new seedlings. Our experiment on bean development has been especially exciting, as it allows us to see how plants grow from the very beginning. The hands-on experience is a great way to bring our learning to life and develop curiosity about the natural world. We have also been using our creativity to design some seed packets for the garden centre, sparking a discussion about different varieties of flower and vegetables.



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A particularly exciting project has been cutting out leaves to create a giant beanstalk! A great opportunity to use our fine motors skills and contribute to an amazing imaginative display. I wonder what might be waiting at the top!

The outdoor den-building activity has been a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors while engaging in fun and relaxing activities. Hopefully it will remain stable during the summer term to ensure there is plenty of shade away from the sun.

In Maths this week, the Hedgehog group have been working on part, part, whole and learning and finding the difference. This helps to develop an understanding of early number relationships. The Rabbits have been focusing on subitising to 6 and number patterns.

Looking forward to next week sounds just as exciting with Easter celebrations on the way! Hot cross buns and an Easter egg hunt are just a few lovely ideas to end the Spring term.

What has been your child's favourite part of the 'Ready, Steady, Grow' topic so far? It would be lovely to hear from you.

Mrs Rouse & Mrs Tilby-Baker



Speaking of growing, Help Ardeley to GROW!

The poster is a collage of images and text. At the top left, it says 'Nursery Class 2025 applications now open' in a cursive font. To the right, a green button says 'Register NOW'. Below this, there are several photos: a group of children in a field labeled 'Compassion', a close-up of a child's face, two children playing labeled 'Friendship', a child swimming labeled 'Hope', and a child sitting at a table labeled 'Respect'. In the center is a circular logo for 'ARDELEY ST. LAWRENCE C of E SCHOOL' with a cross and shield emblem. At the bottom left is the 'Ofsted Good Provider' logo. At the bottom right is a stack of books. The text 'Email to arrange your visit' and 'ADMIN@ARDELEY.HERTS.SCH.UK' is at the bottom center. There are also decorative elements like flowers, leaves, and the numbers 1, 2, 3.

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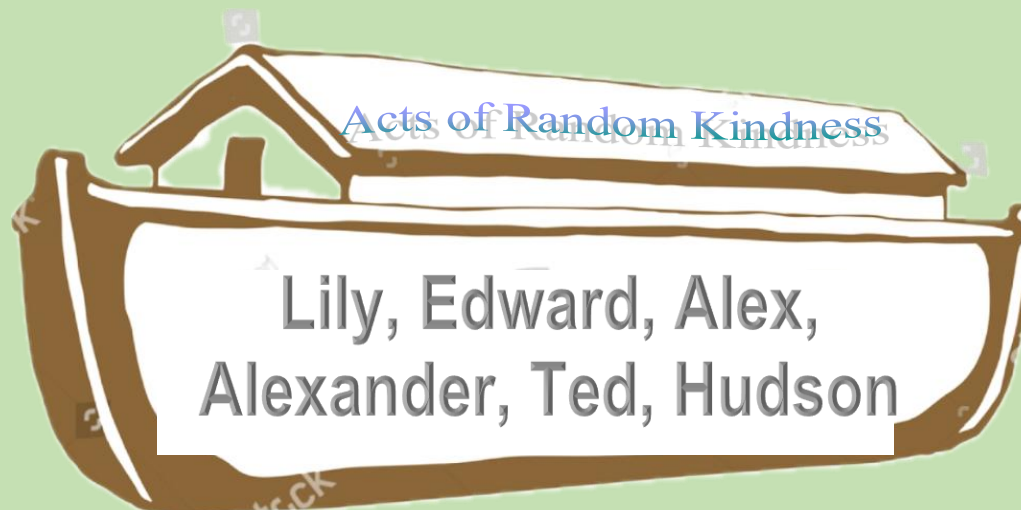
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Don't forget, our Nursery applications for September 2025 are now open. Please share this poster, as we need to re-grow our school to ensure that it is here for other families who are looking for a small Christian family centered school that believes in each child as a unique individual that nurtures them so that they flourish and thrive.

Thank you from Mrs. Young and the School Team



Swimming update

Please find below our planned swimming weeks by class / group. ***In advance of your child's session, you will receive full details.***

DATE	COURSE WEEK	GROUP
2nd April-23rd April	Heath Mount Easter Holidays	
30th April – to be confirmed	2	KS1
7th May – to be confirmed	3	KS1 & reception
14th May – to be confirmed	1	EYFS
21 st May – to be confirmed	2	EYFS

School Attendance:

A Polite reminder:

Don't forget please, if your child is unable to attend school, phone or email the School Office by 8:30am at the latest to let us know.

We have a legal duty to report all absences to the Local Authority. Attendance is seen as a major issue in all schools today and Local Authorities are very proactive in fining parents for unauthorised school absence.

Our next audit is due to take place just before Easter, please do everything you can you ensure your child attends school regularly. Thank You.

Are you in a rush in the mornings? Got a tight deadline to drop off and head to work?

Then **don't** take your life in your hands by racing off to work after drop-off, why not **use the Breakfast Club** we offer to leave your child or children in school a little earlier – they can read, have breakfast or simply chill until the start of the day, **while you can drive safely and unhurriedly to work.**



Today there was a 'head-on near miss crash' between two vehicles, as one was in a rush to get to work. **It's simply not worth taking the risk, is it?**



Leo Brewer,
Ted Ackery,
Aurora Baker,
Rogue Baker,
Rosie Heuer,
Darcy Jenkins,
Grace Koop,
Hudson
Streatfield.

Congratulations to all of the children named above for 100% Attendance since September! The list is getting EVEN shorter – who will get to the finishing line we wonder...!

House Points Round

Up

	FRIENDSHIP	HOPE	RESPECT	COMPASSION
				
	Red Kites	Magpies	Wagtails	Kestrels
This Week	427	437	448	419
Last Week	417	429	444	411



A message from FAS



Please join the FAS WhatsApp group for news and event updates.....we'd love to have new people join the FAS team, contact **Nat on 07903 444008** if you are interested in getting involved. We desperately need help in organizing our **Christmas Fayre**. You don't have to give up loads of time. The FAS bunch are a friendly group, and are keen to welcome new folks! **Get involved and have a laugh while doing it!**



Bear in the Box

EYFS	Harry Pavitt	
Y1&2	Raiya Haynes	
KS2	Darcy Jenkins	
KS2	Annabelle York	

Reader of the week

EYFS	Rosie Heuer		For reading with expression and intonation
KS1	Alex Hart		for reading more and more books and smashing his quizzing
KS2	Dee-Dee Hughes		For working hard to improve her reading.

Writer of the week

EYFS	Kobe Cardinal		For trying hard to write some recognisable letters during phonics
KS1	Lily Keightley		for working hard to improve her sentence structure and edit her writing.
KS2	Noah Hill		For regular editing of his texts.

Mathematician of the week

EYFS	Maita Sithole		For knowing some of the properties of a 3D shape.
KS1	Priest Adeniji		for doubling and halving 3-digit numbers and showing the class some useful strategies.

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KS2



Tawana Sithole

For working hard in his revision.



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EYFS

Harry Pavitt

For beginning to explore different areas of the learning environment

Y1&2

Ted Ackery

for showing hope by working super hard in all lessons and trying to be the best he can be.

KS2

Hudson Streatfield

For showing friendship when helping a younger child.

What's Going On... 2024/25

Date	Event	Time	Class
April			
04.04.2025	Last day of term	1.30pm finish	Whole school
07.04.2025-21.04.2025	Easter Break	School Closed	Whole School
22.04.2024	Return to school - Pupils	School Open	Whole School
May			
05.05.2025	Bank Holiday	School Closed	Whole School
26.05.2025	Bank Holiday	School Closed	Whole School
27.05.2025-30.05.2025	Summer half term	School Closed	Whole School
June			
02.06.2025	Return to school – Pupils	School Open	Whole School
July			
22-23.07.2025	INSET DAY – staff training	School Closed	Whole School

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What's Going On... 2025/26

Date	Event	Time	Class
September			
03.09.2025	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils	ALL DAY	STAFF
04.09.2025	Pupils return to school	8.45am	Whole school
October			
27.10.2025-31.10.2025	Half term break	School closed	Whole school
November			
03.11.2025	Pupils return to school	8.45am	Whole school
28.11.2025	Occasional day	School closed	Whole school
December			
19.12.2025	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils	STAFF
22.12.2025 – 05.01.2026	Christmas holidays	School closed	Whole school
January			
06.01.2026	Pupils return to school	8.45am	Whole school
February			
16.02.2026 – 23.02.2026	Half term	School closed	Whole school
March			
30.03.2026 – 12.04.2026	Easter holidays	School closed	Whole school
April			
13.04.2026	Pupils return to school	8.45am	Whole school
May			
04.05.2026	Bank holiday	School Closed	Whole school
25.05.2026	Bank holiday	School Closed	Whole school
June			
25.05.2026 - 29.05.2026	Half term holiday	School closed	Whole school
July			
21.07.2026	Last day of term	8.45am	Whole School
22.07.2026 – 23.07.2026	INSET DAY – staff training	School Closed	Whole School
24.07.2026	Summer holidays begin	School closed	Whole school



Mental Health Support for

Hertfordshire's Children and Young People

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUTH Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:



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Before & After School Club Updates;



*Please ensure all clubs are booked at least 48 hours advance so we can ensure staff cover.
If an external company, we can now only accept those who have booked in advance.*

EVERYDAY FROM 8AM;

£5 per session including breakfast. Please book via the school office.

admin@ardeley.herts.sch.uk



Monday;



Stevenage FC run Ardeley Football Club 3.20-4.20pm – please book on below link

joinin.online Shop

Tuesday;



Please book via the office. £5 charge per session

EYFS – by invitation only

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Wednesday;



Ardeley St Lawrence CofE Primary School (Wednesday), Hertfordshire - Spring Term 2 2025 - Wednesday

Thursday;



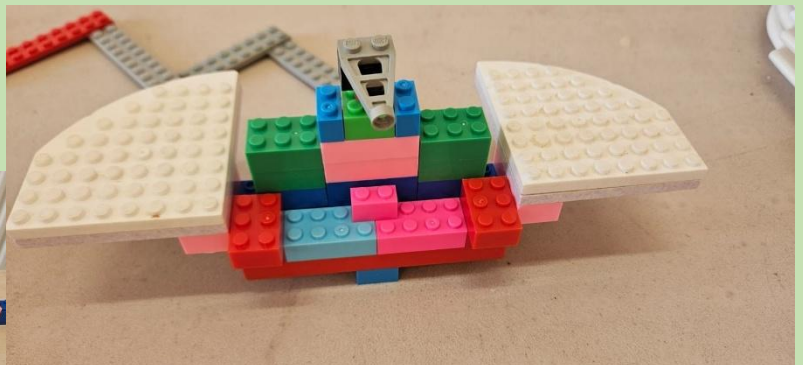
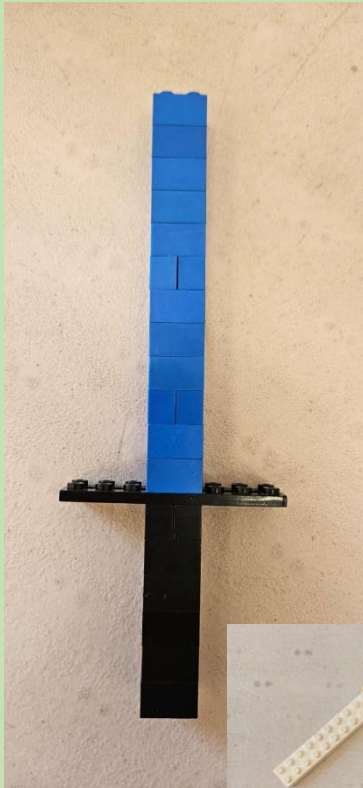
Singing club – showcase coming soon!

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Ardeley Gallery

Lego club





KS1 swimming

