



End of Term Newsletter

28th March 2025

It's hard to believe that's us at the end of another term! As always, it's been very busy and we're grateful to all our pupils, families and staff for supporting and engaging in the life of the school this term.

School Photographs

Zita, our independent photographer from The Images, spent a number of days in school taking photographs for us and is currently working on sorting and editing the best shots. These will be shared with you all after the holidays.

Learning Updates

Nursery are busy learning through play and it's lovely to see our youngest pupils settling in so well. In Rooms 3, 4 and 5 pupils have been developing independence skills and learning through play.

Room 3 have enjoyed paper mache made with flour and water, working collaboratively in this. They're also enjoying regular wellbeing walks (up to 2km)!

Room 4 have been exploring through Fun with Food and sensory play, and Room 5 are continuing to develop their independence skills.

Room 12 have had Ailie Findlay, sensory storyteller, working with them weekly.

Ailie's stories support pupil involvement and encourage interactions between friends.



Some pupils have been out and about in the community, exploring local shops and learning to use money, others making the most of the spring weather and sunshine to be learning outdoors. Room 7 are particularly enjoying being outdoors again.



Having had some sadness, we were very grateful to Beth (RME) for bringing laughter in abundance as we had our Comic Relief Day, pupils and staff enjoying (a little too much) the opportunity to 'splat' various members of staff!

Further up the school, Room 8 are settling well with their new teacher, Asia.

Our Glee Club went to the Beach Ballroom along with our friends from Heathryburn, bring a tear to my eye! I was so proud of the level of engagement shown by the pupils, very grateful to the staff that gave up their Friday evening to support, and delighted to see the continuing friendships within the two schools. Seeing the audience engage with the signed clap was also lovely, very much welcoming our group to the stage.

In some of our secondary classes we've been enjoying learning about things 'up in the air', looking at planes and transport.

Our Senior Phase classes are getting out and about, Room 17 going to get their bus passes and now using them to support travel in the community.

Room 18 are working on independence and at times some pupils are seen on errands around the school, while Room 19 are super busy and are rarely seen in the building with shopping, work experience, college and swimming all happening outside of the school.

Our specialists continue supporting across the school with Scott introducing a violin and double bass to music lessons.



Glee Club on the stage at the Beach Ballroom

Photo credit: D C Thomson

Room 4 at Ashgrove have been making bird boxes in outdoor education. You can see the care being taken!



Our HE team have been supporting pupils with some lovely work on textiles that reflects the spring theme.



Staff learning also continues with our group of yogis learning online, also practising regularly, and our leadership groups working hard to build our own skills.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in April. Please note the dates for your diaries!

Kindest wishes,

Clare Russell

Dates for the Diary (2025)

Term starts—Monday 14th April

Good Friday (holiday) - Friday 18th April

May Day holiday—Monday 5th May

INSET (closed to pupils) - Tuesday 6th May

Term Ends—Friday 4th July

Special Dates

P1 Induction—Monday 2nd June at 10 am

S1 Induction—Tuesday 10th June at 10 am

P1-S6 Sports Day—Wednesday 18th June , morning with start time to be confirmed
(families invited if weather permits outdoors)

ELC Graduation (Ashgrove) - Tuesday 1st July, 1:30-2:30 (Families welcome)

ELC Graduation (Howes Road) - Wednesday 2nd July, 1:30-2:30 (Families welcome)

S6 Leavers Ceremony and Secondary Awards—Thursday 3rd July at 10 am (Families of S6 leavers are invited; families of any pupils receiving awards will be notified)

Primary Leavers and Awards Ceremony—Thursday 3rd July at 1:30 pm (Families of all Primary 7 pupils are invited; families of any pupils receiving awards will be notified)

