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Friday 5th December 2025

Edition 242

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Hello from the Head...

We have loved kicking Christmas off here at Astley – with sparkle and festive spirit in full swing! What better way to round off the week than with our Friends Christmas Fair. The fun begins after school in the hall, and we can't wait to see as many of you there as possible supporting our community. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped in any way, it really is appreciated. Christmas card boxes are located by the office and in Hastings building, if children wish to send cards to their friends. Please ensure that the child's name and class name / year group are clear on the envelope, thank you in advance.

Turtles and Dolphins families joined us this week to share our Forest School sessions with Mr Dart. The children have loved learning about the outdoors this term, and the benefits that learning outdoors can bring, through so many areas of the curriculum. Next week is the final session for Turtles and Dolphins, and after Christmas will be the turn of Tigers and Penguins. More details to follow from Mr Dart.

A big well done to our Penguins and some of our Sharks, who have been swimming this term. We are very proud of their hard work and achievements in the pool. Dolphins class will be swimming after Christmas and a letter will be sent in due course.

Welcome to our new Governor Rob Bellow. Rob is a parent at Astley and keen scientist with lots to offer – we look forward to working with him more. Jodie Blaker has been appointed Parent Link Governor, so please do contact Jodie with any issues or anything you'd like to raise with her.

Bears, Lions and Tigers Christmas Show is fast approaching – see overleaf for the two family shows and times. Please restrict attendance to 3 people per family, per performance where possible, due to hall capacity (no booking or tickets required.)

Today is our final Celebration Assembly of 2025 and we look forward to celebrating a range of achievements, including our Headteacher Awards. We love celebrating here at Astley, and well done to everyone for working so hard this term and being celebrated in a variety of ways. Thank you also to you – our families – for your weekly support and enthusiasm for getting involved and being engaged with school life, we feel very grateful to be part of such a community.

There will be Open Mornings until the end of term, and the first Celebration Assembly back will be on Friday 16th January.



Please fill in our Parent / Carer Survey #youareace

Have a fantastic weekend.



Dolphins enjoying West Stow



Bears soaking up Holkham Christmas Magic



Mrs Goakes



#friyay #weareastley #weareace #wellbethereforyou





TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE:

BEARS



ACE LEARNING THEME:

DIVERSITY



RANK	NAME	CLASS
1	Harry Knowles	Penguins
2	Hector Young	Penguins
3	Jack McFarlane	Turtles
4	Rosa Crawley-Dart	Sharks
5	Arthur Hodge	Tigers

ASTLEY CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Friday 5th December:

w/c 8th December:

Tuesday 16th December 2pm:

Wednesday 17th December 9:15am:

Wednesday 17th December afternoon:

Thursday 18th December:

Friday 19th December:

Wednesday 7th January 2026:

Thursday 8th and Fri 9th January:

Friday 9th January:

Monday 12th January:

Monday 12th and Tues 13th January:

Tuesday 13th January:

Friday 16th January:

Friday 16th January:

Wednesday 21st January 2:45pm:

Wednesday 21st January 5pm:

Tuesday 27th January 4:30pm:

Wednesday 28th January 2:45pm:

Wednesday 4th February 2:45pm:

Tuesday 10th February:

w/c 16th February:

Monday 23rd February:

Wednesday 4th March 2:45pm:

Thursday 5th March:

Friday 27th March:

Monday 13th April:

Monday 4th May:

w/c 25th May:

Tuesday 16th June:

Thurs 25th/Fri 26th June:

w/c 6th July:

Monday 13th July 9:30am:

Monday 13th July 1:30pm:

Tuesday 14th July 9:30am:

Wednesday 15th overnight / Thurs 16th July:

Friday 17th July 10:30am:

Friday 17th July:

Nicole Braddon – Community Worker in school 8:45am onwards

9:05am Final Celebration Assembly

Friends Christmas Fair after school – see posters for info

Sharks Parents Progress Meetings this week

Final Forest Schools this week

FS/KS1 Christmas Show for families

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Class Party Afternoon – party clothes welcome

Christmas Dinner Day – please fill in the online form to order asap

End of term – Christmas holidays – finish at 1:15pm

Spring One – children back

Year 6 Group One Bikeability – groups tbc

NO Celebration Assembly, there is Open Morning as usual

Dolphins Swimming starts today, every Monday

Year 6 Group Two Bikeability – groups tbc

Tigers and Penguins Forest School starts today – details tbc

Open Morning and Celebration Assembly as usual

Steff Aquarone (MP) visit

Turtles Class Assembly

Sharks Parents Maths Meeting

Governor Meeting

Sharks Class Assembly

Dolphins Class Assembly

Governor Deep Dive Day

Half Term

Spring Two – children back

Penguins Class Assembly

World Book Day

End of Term – Easter Holidays

Summer One – children back

School closed- bank holiday

Half Term

Sports Day KS2 morning, KS1 afternoon

School closed – training days

ACE Year Ahead transition week – move up to new classes

KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Summer Show to the school

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Sharkitude – Year 6 Leavers' Festival on the field

Sharks Leavers Assembly for Y6 Families

End of Summer Term – Summer Holiday – finish at 1:15pm