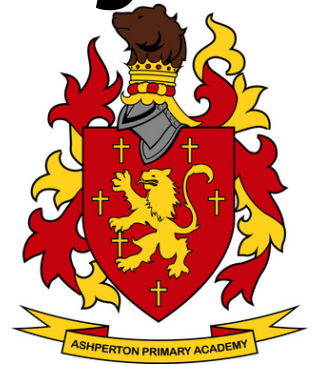


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
11/09/2026

Attendance to date: 98%

Let's keep this up!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school term gets underway, can I please remind you of a few processes we have in place to help make dropping off and picking up your children as smooth and most importantly as safe as possible.

Morning Drop-Off

Staff are not on duty until 8:30am, and therefore, if you arrive before this time, we ask that you please park in the bottom car park until staff are ready to take children out of their cars. Arriving early and waiting in the drop-off area can cause a backlog of traffic, which can in turn create dangers on the main road.

We encourage you to use our drop-off system, where a number of members of staff are positioned outside to help children safely out of their cars and escort them into school. This system allows a steady flow of traffic from both the lay-by and through the top car park.

If you would prefer to escort your own child into school, please park in one of the bottom car parks. This ensures that you do not stop the flow of traffic where children are being dropped off.

We completely understand that many of our new starters may need to be escorted into school for the next few weeks while they settle into their new routines. However, if you have an older child, please do consider using the drop-off system. This will help reduce the number of cars in the bottom car park and keep everything moving safely.

End-of-Day Pick-Up

When picking up at the end of the day, please wait for your child within the yellow barrier. This keeps our children a little further away from moving vehicles and therefore helps to keep them safe.

It is also paramount that you hold your child's hand while walking back to your vehicle. With cars moving around the car park, this simple measure can help prevent accidents.

Finally, please avoid the temptation to move the temporary barrier in the field. The barrier is there to protect both our children and the allotment from accidental damage. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

What a fantastic start to the year!

We have had a great first whole week back at school, and it has been an absolute pleasure to spend time down in Red Class this week, engaging with the children and observing how beautifully they are settling into school life.

It has been quite unbelievable to see how confidently they are coming into assembly and sitting so beautifully. It is almost as though they have been with us forever! They have made such a wonderful start to their time at Ashperton.

This week, the children have been busy establishing friendships, getting to know one another and becoming familiar with their new environment. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing and to watch those first friendships beginning to develop. A huge welcome to all of our new Red Class children and their families. We are so excited to be part of your child's educational journey and look forward to watching them grow, learn and flourish during their time with us.



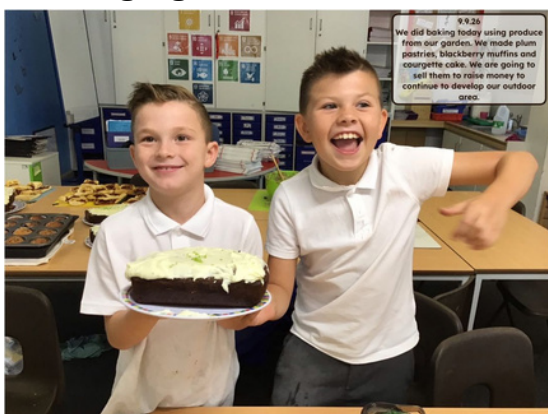
From Food to Fork!

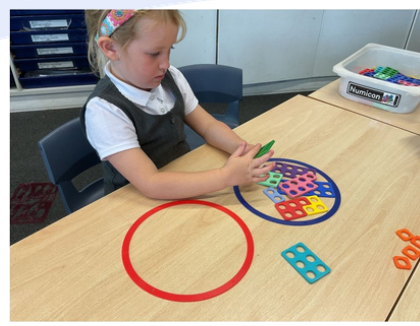
Elsewhere in school, Blue and Yellow Classes have been enjoying making the most of the wonderful produce from our allotment. The children have created courgette cake, blackberry muffins and plum pastries, with all of the produce grown and picked by the children themselves.

The finished goodies were very much enjoyed at yesterday's bake sale, and we are hoping there will be many more opportunities to sell and enjoy our home-grown produce in a variety of different forms.

At After-School Care Club last night, some of the children continued the food journey by picking apples from the allotment before peeling, cutting and stewing them in preparation for making some delicious mini apple pies.

We really are bringing food from fork to fork alive at Ashperton!





School Dinners

Our new school dinners are continuing to be enjoyed by the children. They not only smell delicious, but we have also seen a considerable reduction in food waste, which is fantastic to see.

Please continue talking to your children about the meals they have enjoyed and encourage them to make sensible choices when selecting their meals. Your conversations at home really do help us to reinforce the importance of trying new foods and making thoughtful choices.

Thank you so much for supporting this new venture and, in particular, for encouraging your children to try the new dinners. I am really pleased with how positively the children have responded.

I have to say, this is something I am really proud of in our school. I feel very passionately about children eating well and developing healthy attitudes towards food and I genuinely believe that providing delicious, nutritious meals for our children is a great step in the right direction.

Thank you for embracing this with us and for helping us to make it such a success.

New Date for the Diary – Oracy at Ashperton

This year, we would like to keep parents really well informed about the exciting things we are doing in school.

With a particular focus on speaking and listening – oracy – we are offering two parent sessions on **Thursday 1st October, one at 2:30pm and one at 5:00pm**. These sessions will give you an opportunity to find out more about what we will be doing in school to support oracy and importantly, give you some ideas about how you can support your children at home.

The message is definitely not "this is more homework!" Instead, we will be sharing simple things that you can easily build into your everyday routines to support your children's speaking, listening and communication skills to ensure they do really well in life.

Please put the date in your diary – we would love to see you there.

What Should We Do With Our New Space?

Many of you will have noticed that the area where the old septic tank once stood is now ready to be developed. We would really like to hear your views about what you think this area could be best used for.

I have attached a QR code which will take you to a short survey to gather your ideas. Friends of Ashperton are keen to fundraise for this area this year so your voice really is important.



Please take a moment to complete the survey and let us know what you think. It will take no more than two minutes and your ideas could help shape what this space becomes.

Our New School Councillors

This week we also announced our new School Councillors. Our School Councillors play an important role within school. Initially, they work closely with their class to gather ideas, raise issues and listen to the views of their classmates. They then act as the voice of their class during School Council meetings, ensuring that ideas and concerns are brought to the appropriate forum.

This might mean taking something to a staff meeting for discussion, bringing an idea to me for consideration or even putting something forward to our Trustees for debate. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to have a genuine voice in our school and to understand the importance of listening, representing others and contributing to their community.

A Wonderful Start to the Year

All of our children have done exceptionally well this week, learning new routines in their new classes and getting stuck into their first units and topics of the year. It has been lovely to see everyone settling so positively and getting on with the business of learning.

Finally, a huge Ashperton welcome to the new families who have joined us across the school this term:

Thomas, Rafe, Louis and Joey in Year 1;

Freddie in Year 2;

Timo and Oliver in Year 3; and

Matilda in Year 4.

We are delighted to welcome you all to our Ashperton family and look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and months.

What a fantastic start to the new school year!

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Bullock

Headteacher

Ashperton Primary Academy dates for 2026-2027

Date	Class	Event
AUTUMN TERM		
2 nd September	Whole School	First day of Autumn Term
18 th September	Whole School	Individual photos and siblings
21 st – 25 th September	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue residential
21 st September – 2 nd October	Year 3 and 4 (Green and Blue)	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
2nd October	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue Assembly
29 th September 9:30 – 11:00		Open Morning
30 th September	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations
2nd October	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue Assembly
9th October	Year 4 (Blue)	Trip to Cadbury's World
21 st October 1:30pm	Whole School	Afternoon Harvest celebrations
22 nd and 23 rd October	Whole school	INSET days These have been planned in so that you can make the use of cheaper holidays, flights and nights away.
5 th November	Whole School	Open Day
6th	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bishops Wood
November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings
10 th November	KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	
11th November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings and SEND One Page Profile meetings
13 th November	Whole School	Children In Need – wear something spotty
Saturday 14 ^{SSX} th November	Parents	8:30 – 12 Volunteer workforce day at school with cakes
16 th November	Year 1 (Purple Class)	Toy museum workshop
18 th November	SEN	SEND One Page Profile meetings
19 th November	Year 2 (Orange Class)	British Motor museum trip
30 th November 1:30pm	Reception (Red)	Nativity dress rehearsal
1st December at 5.30pm,	Reception (Red)	Nativity performance
2nd December at 1.30pm	Reception (Red)	Nativity performance
4th December at 1:30pm	KS1 (Purple/Orange)	KS1 Dress rehearsal
7th December at 5.30pm	Year 1 (Purple) and Year 2 (Orange)	Evening Nativity Performance
8th December	Whole school	Christmas House Day
9th December at 1.30pm	Year 1 (Purple) and Year 2 (Orange)	Afternoon Nativity Performance

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10 th December	Whole School	Wear what you like to school and bring a filled jar
10 th December 3:15pm	Whole School (KS2 Carols)	Christmas Fayre and KS2 Carols
11 th December	Whole School	Rudolph Run and Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Whole School	Trip to Panto
SPRING TERM		
5 th January	Whole School	First day of Spring Term
8 th January	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Herefordshire Museum Roman day
13 th January	Choir	Young Voices
26 th February	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bristol Museum trip
9 th March	Red (Reception) KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	Parents evenings/meetings
10 th March	Reception (Red) KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm KS2 and SEND (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings SEND One Page Profile meetings
12 th March	Year 2 (Orange Class)	West Midlands Safari Park
Saturday 13 th March	Parents SEN	8:30 -12 Volunteer workforce morning at school with cake
17 th March	Whole School	SEND One Page Profile meetings
19 th March	Whole School	Red nose day - Wear a dash of red
19 th March	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Yr 3 4 dress rehearsal
23 rd March at 1.30pm	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Afternoon Yr 3 4 Performance
24 th March at 5.30pm		Evening yr 3 4 Performance
SUMMER TERM		
12 th April	Whole School	First day of Summer Term
20 th April	Purple Class	Goodheart Animal Sanctuaries
10 th – 13 th May	Year 6 (Turquoise Class)	SATS week
14 th May	Year 5 & 6 (Yellow 7 Turquoise)	TAG Rugby Festival
17 th May	All years	Leavers and Class photos
28 th May	Whole School	INSET This has been tagged onto the bank holiday of half term.
7 th June	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Multiplication test
7 th – 11 th	Year 5 (Yellow)	Bikeability
June 11 th June	Year 3 (Green)	Birmingham Botanical Garden trip
14 th June	Year 1 (Purple)	Phonics screening
16 th June	New Reception Parents	Welcome evening

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18 th June	Whole School	Wear what you like in exchange for bring in a jar
18 th June	Whole School	Summer Fayre after school
21 st June-2 nd July	Orange, Purple and non-swimmers	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
22 nd June	New intake	Stay and play
23 rd June	KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon	Sports Day
30 th June	KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon	Reserve sports Day
1st July	Whole School	Move up day and new reception in take
5th July	New Reception	New intake preschool induction
7th July	All Years	Meet your child's new teacher
9th July 1:30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Dress rehearsal
9th July	All years	Annual reports out
13 th July at 5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14th July 1.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14 th July 5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
15 th July	SEND	SEND One Page Profile meetings
16 th July	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Campover at School
Sunday 18 th July	Parents	8:30 – 4pm Volunteer workforce day at school with Bbq
19 th July	Whole School	Beach trip
20th July 1:30pm	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Leavers Assembly and Bbq