

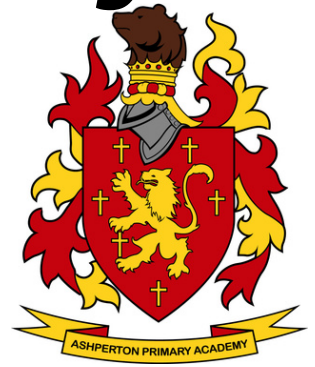
Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
21/09/2026

Academy

Attendance to date: 98%

Going strong!



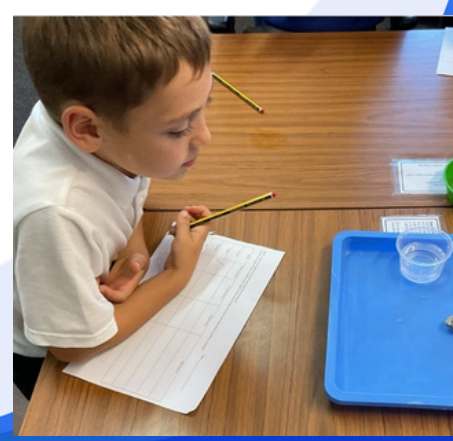
Dear Parents and Carers

We have really settled into the new school year, with each class now establishing routines and getting fully into the rhythm of school life. It has been wonderful to see so much learning taking place across the school already.

This week, there has been a continued focus on place value, punctuation and grammar, and our writing units will now be getting underway. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm for books across the school. In Year 6, the children have been enjoying their class book Floodlands. I can already hear them asking for the next chapter before we have even finished the current one! In Year 5, Rumaysa is ready and waiting on the teacher's table, and I think the children are going to be very excited to get started. It is equally lovely to see the interest in books developing in Reception. The children have been listening so intently while Mrs Marriage reads to them. Great listening skills already, Red Class!

Science investigations

There have also been lots of exciting science investigations taking place. Blue Class have been investigating the effects of different drinks on our teeth. They have been using eggshells to replicate teeth – perhaps you could test your children at home and see if they can explain why eggshells are being used! In Green Class, the children completed a comparative science investigation to decide which would be the best material for building a house. There were some very careful observations and thoughtful discussions taking place during the lesson.



Learning through play. It has been a real joy to see the provision being so successfully implemented in Years 1 and 2. There is lots of learning happening through structured play, questioning and conversation with the children encouraged to explore, investigate and develop their ideas. The children certainly seem to be thriving in their new environments, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing. Forest School, with the help of Mrs Baird and Mrs Berry, has also got off to a fantastic start in these two classes.

This week, I observed Red Class continuing with their topic Marvellous Me, creating some fantastic Picasso-inspired pictures. And, can you believe it? They have already started their Maths work on subitising to 3 – recognising an amount without having to count each object individually. What a brilliant start to their mathematical learning!

New activities in After-School Club

Following our parent survey last term, we listened to your request for more non-sporting activities during After-School Club. We now have a member of our teaching team supporting the children each evening, offering a wider variety of activities alongside our usual provision.

For the first half term, these include:

- Monday – Miss May: Lego
- Tuesday – Mrs Marriage: Board games
- Wednesday – Mrs Roberts: Crafts
- Thursday – Mrs Wheeler & Mrs Bullock: Allotment and cooking
- Friday – Mr Botham: Board games

We hope the children enjoy having the opportunity to try lots of different activities and develop new interests.

Inspiring our children

It is always lovely to see our staff inspiring the children not only in the classroom, but through their own achievements too. This weekend, Mrs Baker and Miss Bushnell did just that! They took on the Cheltenham Half Marathon, completing an incredible 13.1 miles together. They made it look remarkably easy – although I'm sure their legs may have told a slightly different story today! What a fantastic achievement and a brilliant example of perseverance, determination and setting yourself a challenge. Well done to our amazing Year 5 teachers!

It has been a really positive start to the term, and I am incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. There is already so much fantastic learning happening across the school, and I look forward to seeing this continue to develop over the coming weeks.

Have a super week, as we wish our Year 6 a fantastic week in Sonerset, whilst on their residential!

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