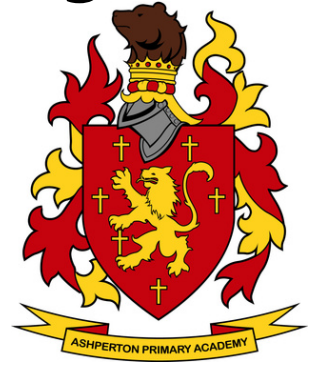


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
25/09/2026

Attendance to date: 97.9%
Fabulous attendance



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Ashperton! There has been so much happening across the school and once again our children have shown us just how adventurous, resilient and enthusiastic they are about their learning.

Whilst our Year 6 children have been having the time of their lives at Mill on the Brue in Somerset, our other children have been busy with swimming, outdoor learning, computing and lots of exciting classroom learning.

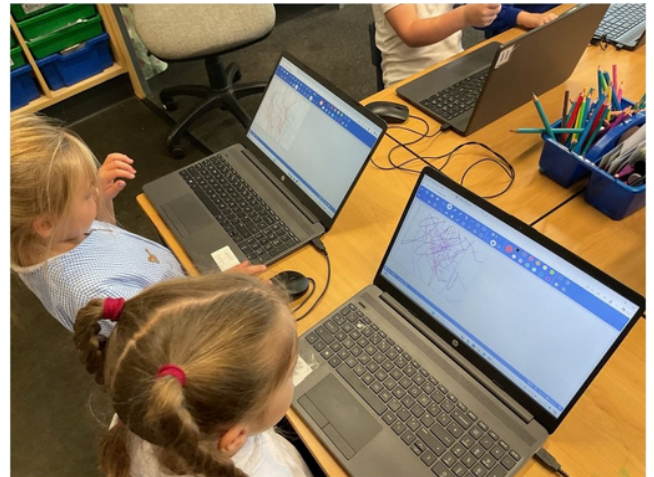
Our swimming sessions have got off to a fantastic start this week in Blue and Green Class. The children have really enjoyed their time in the pool and it has been lovely to see their confidence and skills developing already. An added bonus has been being able to enjoy their lunch break at Ledbury Rec, which has proved to be a very popular change to our arrangements. By having two classes share transport, we have also been able to keep the cost of the buses to a minimum.

A huge thank you to Mrs Baird and Mrs Baker for their fantastic swimming teaching. Learning to swim is such an important life skill, particularly here in rural Herefordshire, where our children are surrounded by lakes, rivers, quarries and other bodies of water. Developing these skills gives our children greater confidence and helps them to stay safe around water.

Purple Class have shown real resilience this week. Although they weren't able to go down to Forest School, they certainly didn't let that stop them enjoying the great outdoors! They have been busy cultivating even more crops from our ever-producing allotment, continuing to develop their understanding of growing, food and the natural world. They have also been developing their computing skills and showed huge enthusiasm when working on the computers. It is very clear that computing is becoming one of their favourite subjects!

Alongside swimming, Green have enjoyed an author visit from Nadia Shireen where they were taken into the bonkers world of the Grimwood series. She introduced them to the crazy cast of Grimwood inhabitants and shared what it's like to be an author and illustrator.

Orange Class have missed Miss Neath this week, while she has been away with Year 6 spotting our sporting stars and supporting them on their residential adventure. Despite missing their teacher, they have been fabulously behaved and I know Miss Neath will be incredibly proud of them. Mrs Baird and Mrs Da Silva have done the lion's share of the teaching this week but I had the pleasure of teaching Orange Class on Thursday and Friday. What a treat it was! They showed me their fantastic maths skills when comparing numbers, proudly demonstrated how they can find common exception words in a wordsearch and then went on to show me their fabulous understanding of single-clause sentences. I am expecting great things from this class. They were all absolute superstars and a real joy to teach. Their enthusiasm, confidence and sheer enjoyment of learning made my time with them such fun.



On Monday morning, Turquoise Class were up with the birds, ready and waiting at school to embark on their journey to Somerset for what was to be an incredible week at Mill on the Brue - and what a beautiful week of weather they had!

On arrival, they got straight into action with a series of team challenges, including the Spider's Web, Han's Challenge, low ropes and an Escape Room. It felt as though they spent a good proportion of their time eating wonderful food and enjoying delicious homemade cakes and snacks – although, of course, this was all very necessary to keep them fuelled for their next adventures!

And there were certainly plenty of adventures to come! The children tackled the Gladiator Wall, tunnelling, zip wires and even more team challenges, including the Egg Challenge and, of course, one of the firm favourites – the Leap of Faith!

I was incredibly lucky to spend the first couple of days with this amazing year group, and I couldn't have been prouder of them. Their bravery, 'give it a go' attitude and ability to work together were fantastic to see. They encouraged one another, challenged themselves and supported each other throughout the activities. I have a real feeling that this is going to be a year group that achieves great things.

A huge thank you to Mrs Handley, Miss Neath and of course Mr Botham for giving these lucky children such an incredible week. Residential like this are so special because we learn so much more about our children outside of the classroom. We see their independence, resilience, courage and teamwork develop before our eyes – and Turquoise Class have certainly grown together as a team.

We are really looking forward to hearing all about their adventures at the Mill on the Brue Assembly, to which all Year 6 parents are warmly invited on **Thursday 2nd October at 9:15am**. They will be sharing their anecdotes, stories and adventures from the week – and believe me, there are some brilliant memories to share!

Well done, Turquoise Class. You have made us incredibly proud!

It is weeks like this that remind us just how much our children are capable of when they are given the opportunity to explore, discover, challenge themselves and learn together. From the swimming pool to the allotment, from Forest School to the classroom, our children continue to embrace our Learning for the Future – World Warriors vision in so many different ways.

Well done, Ashperton! Another fantastic week of learning, adventure and making memories.

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