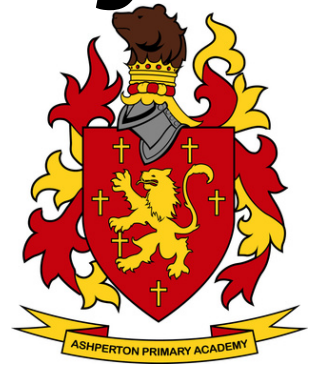


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
04/09/2026

Attendance to date: 98.4%

Starting strong - this year we would really like to keep ourselves at 97% or better - can you play your part?



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to be back at school, seeing all of our familiar faces and of course welcoming our new Red Class children this week.

I have had the pleasure of visiting Red Class throughout the week and they have already established themselves beautifully in the classroom, forming friendships and building relationships with each other Mrs Marriage, Miss Bushnell, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Roberts. They have settled incredibly well and we are delighted to have them as part of the Ashperton family.

Of course, our Year 7 starters have also been in our thoughts this week as they make their move to their new secondary settings. We know they are going to do brilliantly; we look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things they achieve.

This week we have also welcomed Mr Botham, our new Year 6 teacher and Deputy Head, to school. There have been lots of positive vibes coming from Turquoise Class and plenty of happy, smiley children leaving school each day! We know Mr Botham is going to be very happy here at Ashperton too.

Mrs Lewis has also joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Yellow and Blue Classes. Mrs Lewis is already a familiar face at Ashperton, having previously helped in school as a Forest School volunteer and an active Friends member so it is lovely to welcome her properly to the team.



What has been happening at Ashperton?

There has been plenty of activity around school over the summer holidays, some of which you may have noticed. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has given their time over the holidays to support school including Rufus and Cameron, who did a huge amount of work as part of their D of E; to the Baker family, Seabright Family, Dziadowiec family, Baker Family and of course the Bullock family, who never escape a bit of summer work!

Malcolm Warner has done a super job of installing our new septic tank and making the bottom car park look shipshape and smart. Thank you, Malcolm!

Trailblazer Holiday Club have also been enjoying all sorts of activities with Mrs Baker and crew over the holidays. A huge thank you to all of them including the children and of course to Mrs Wheeler, who has been busy coordinating the watering and picking of our allotment produce. Our freezer is now full of vegetables and fruit ready to be used in our school dinners – and for another venture we have planned... watch this space!

We now also have three beautiful new sheds in place, while we make space for a proposed building project close to the hall. There is lots happening behind the scenes! We were delighted that one of our sheds could be repurposed at Queenswood, a local school, for their Forest School adventures.

Finally, work has been completed on our previous vegetable patch. This has now been cleared and transformed into a beautiful sensory garden for the children to enjoy. The garden is a special place where children can remember people who are important to them, take a moment for quiet reflection, enjoy spotting some of the creatures that have taken up residence there and curl up with a story in our giant's chair. We are really looking forward to sharing this special space with you soon.



We have also welcomed the introduction of our new school dinners this week. Miss Simcock delighted the children, who had chosen roast dinner on Thursday, with bright orange carrots and beautifully green peas! There was noticeably less waste than we have seen previously, with one child commenting that lunchtime had become more like The Savoy, with the music and the food!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in such positive comments about the new food. We also apologise to those affected by the Arbor admin glitch – that was more our error than anyone else's - we too are getting used to these new systems!

A huge thank you to Friends of Ashperton for supporting us in our quest to improve school dinners. The new knives and forks, purchased with smaller Key Stage 1 hands in mind, have also been a great success. They are helping children to develop their independence and confidence in cutting up their own food, while the larger cutlery has also been well enjoyed by the children this week.



Attendance – Let's Be the Best!

This year, we are going to aim to have the best attendance in the county!

Thank you to everyone who made sure their children returned to school on time this week. We really appreciate your support. Of course, we understand that illness cannot be helped. However, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that holidays taken during term time are rarely authorised.

We have, however, deliberately positioned two INSET days on 22nd and 23rd October, creating an extended opportunity for families to enjoy a slightly cheaper holiday when travel and accommodation may be less expensive. Please do take advantage of these planned days where you can. We hope they will help families to enjoy some valuable time together without affecting children's attendance.

It has been a brilliant first week back, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead working closely with all of our families.

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