Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
6/11/2026

Attendance to date: 97.2%

We've got it back above that magic 97% - well done!

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you have enjoyed a lovely, restful half-term break. As always, we are looking at ways to continually improve what we offer at Ashperton, and we would really value your feedback on the placement of our INSET days.

Last year, we placed an INSET day immediately before a bank holiday, whereas this year we extended the October half-term by placing two INSET days together. There is always a great deal of thought behind these decisions. We consider how we can make the school calendar work as well as possible for families, including providing opportunities to access slightly cheaper holidays and travel, breaking up what can sometimes be a long half-term and encouraging families to make the most of school closure days for holidays rather than taking children out of term time.

We recognise that different arrangements will suit different families, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Your opinions and feedback would be greatly appreciated and will help inform our thinking when planning future INSET days. If you have feedback to give please fill in the short questionnaire by following the linkor the QR code. Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/dyQvwGDRLk

Placement of INSET days



This term, we have a real focus on ensuring our children are Learning for the Future and becoming World Warriors. The children are enjoying our SDG assemblies, which explore the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified by the United Nations. These are the areas we need to work together on before 2030 to help make our world a better place.

This week, we have been looking at SDG 2: Zero Hunger. Following our Harvest celebrations, we felt this was a particularly relevant goal to revisit. A huge thank you to everyone who brought in a dried or tinned product. Some of our wonderful School Councillors delivered the donations to Ledbury Foodbank.

Our Harvest Festival really was a wonderful occasion, and it was fabulous to see so many parents and carers supporting and enjoying the event. The rain just about held off, allowing everyone to enjoy scarecrow making, hot chocolates, apple pies, crafts, scavenger hunts and rock decorating. A special thank you to the Pannier family, who so kindly brought their Merlot tractor up to school so that we could fill the bucket with all of our wonderful produce.

Pupil Progress Meetings

This week, we have also held our Pupil Progress Meetings. These meetings involve the current class teacher, SENCo and Assessment Coordinator. They provide an opportunity to reflect on the previous half term and consider whether any children may need additional support to help them continue making expected progress.
This support may take the form of interventions such as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) or additional support to help children with their academic progress. We hold these meetings at the end of each half term and every child is discussed in detail. If any changes are made to your child's support or provision, we will share these with you at parents' evenings.

A Thank You to Our Reading Helpers

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our reading helpers. Mrs Chapman currently comes into school every week to listen to children read and this hour of support is invaluable.

If you think you might have an hour to spare, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for additional volunteers to listen to our readers. We know that a number of parents and carers arrive a little early for pick-up, and even half an hour of your time could make a real difference to a child's reading journey. Please let the school office know if you would be interested in helping.

Is your child interested in riding for school?
Thanks to a wonderful Mum, we have set up our own horse riding team for school. If your child is a keen horse rider and likes competing please contact Hannah Davies directly on 07976976451. It is a great opportubity to do something they love whilst proudly representing school.

Open Morning
We held our Open Morning this week and, as always, it was incredibly humbling to show prospective parents around our wonderful school. There was so much learning taking place and our children represented Ashperton brilliantly.

We received many positive comments about our Year 4, 5 and 6 children, who confidently showed our visitors around. Guests also commented on our learning environments, how happy our children are in school, the way they move around the building and, importantly, how respectfully and confidently they speak to adults. Well done, Ashperton! You are always making your teachers and families proud.

Learning Beyond the Classroom
On Thursday, some of our Year 3 children represented Ashperton at a netball event at Bishop's School. Well done to everyone who took part!

We finished the week with two lovely trips, one of which was right on our doorstep. We pride ourselves on providing children with rich and meaningful experiences but we also recognise that these do not always need to involve travelling great distances. We are fortunate to have such wonderful resources and opportunities within our local community.

Mr Bills and Mr Bradstock enjoyed sharing their knowledge of local farming with the children. The visit focused specifically on meat production. Next term, as part of their Design and Technology learning, Yellow Class will be designing their own meal using some of the local beef they learned about during the visit. This is a wonderful example of bringing real-life experiences into the classroom and making meaningful links across the curriculum.

Green Class have also started the term with a visit to Bishopswood. This is always a favourite trip for the Year 3s, where the children learn about the Iron Age through hands-on activities, including creating their own clothing, building dens and making spears. There were some excited Year 3s this morning when they arrived at school and we can’t wait to hear all about their exciting day.

Support Our School Lottery!

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our Ashperton Primary Academy School Lottery. Our lottery has been set up specifically to raise funds and make a difference to the experiences and opportunities we can provide for our children. It is a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together in partnership with our school, while also giving something back.

The money raised will help us to:

- Provide additional resources for our children.
- Improve and develop our school environment.
- Offer extra-curricular opportunities in music, art and sport.

For just £1 a week, you could be in with a chance of winning a prize while supporting your child's school. The odds of winning are also much better than with the National Lottery! Every ticket purchased helps us to provide even more opportunities for our children so thank you to everyone who chooses to support us. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

A quick reminder that our upcoming dates and events are listed on the final pages of this newsletter. To make it easier to spot any new additions, new dates are highlighted in red for all you organised people!

One exciting date that has just been added is our Pop-Up Christmas Shop, which will be run by Friends of Ashperton. This will give your child the opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping and choose some lovely, reasonably priced gifts for their family and friends. It is always special for children to choose and buy something themselves, and we are grateful to Friends for organising this opportunity.

Another date I would particularly like to draw your attention to is Saturday 14th November, when we have arranged a school work party. There are plenty of jobs to be done and we would really appreciate some extra pairs of hands. Once again, even half an hour of your time can make a real difference. Please let the office know if you are plannng to attend. And, if you can’t make this one there are another two planned inthe diary!

Every job completed by our volunteers helps us to save money on maintenance and improvements, meaning that more of our school budget can be spent directly on the children and the opportunities we provide for them. If you can spare some time, however little, we would love to see you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Ashperton community.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Bullock

Headteacher

ASHPERTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Play £1. Win Prizes. Support Our School!

There's a winner from Ashperton every week!

£1 per ticket per week

The more people who join, the bigger the potential prizes and the more money we can raise for our school.



A simple way to make a difference!

Please join and help us raise funds for Ashperton Primary Academy!



Join here:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ashperton-primary-academy

Every ticket counts, and every new member helps our school community.

Ashperton Primary Academy dates for 2026-2027

Date	Cl as s	Event
AUTUMN TERM		
2nd September	Whole School	First day of Autumn Term
18th September	Whole School	Individual photos and siblings
21st – 25th September	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue residential
21st September – 2nd October	Year 3 and 4 (Green and Blue)	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
2nd October	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue Assembly
29th September 9:30 – 11:00		Open Morning
30th 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
21st October 1:30pm	Whole School	Afternoon Harvest celebrations
22nd and 23rd October	Whole school	INSET days These have been planned in so that you can make the use of cheaper holidays, flights and nights aways.
5th November	Whole School	Open Day
6th November	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bishops Wood
10th November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	Parents evenings/meetings
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
11th November		National Memorial Arboretum
13th November Saturday	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Children In Need – wear something spotty
14SSXth November		
16th November	Whole School	8:30 – 12 Volunteer workforce day at school with cakes
18th November	Parents	Toy museum workshop
17th November	Year 1 (Purple Class)	SEND One Page Profile meetings
30th November 1:30pm		British Motor museum trip
1st December at 5.30pm,	SEN	Nativity dress rehearsal
2nd December at 1.30pm	Year 2 (Orange Class)	Nativity performance
4th December at 1:30pm	Reception (Red)	Nativity performance
7th December at 5.30pm	Reception (Red)	KS1 Dress rehearsal
8th December	Reception (Red)	Evening Nativity Performance
	KS1 (Purple/Orange)	Christmas House Day
	Year 1 (Purple) and Year 2 (Orange)	
	Whole school	

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9th December at 1.30pm	Year1(Purple) andYear 2(Orange)	Afternoon Nativity Performance
10th December	Whole School Whole School (KS2 Carols)	Wear what you like to school and bring a filled jar
10th December 3:15pm	Whole School	Christmas Fayre and KS2 Carols
11th December	Whole School	Rudolph Run and Christmas Lunch
17th December		Trip to Panto
SPRING TERM		
5th January	Whoel School	First day of Spring Term
8th January	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Herefordshire Musuem Roman day
13th January	Choir	Young Voices
26th February	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bristol Museum trip
5th March	Whole School	Mini Marathon
9th 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
10th 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
12th March	Year 2 (Orange Class)	West Midlands Safari Park
Saturday 13th March	Parents	8:30 -12 Volunteer workforce morning at school with cake
17th March	SEN	SEND One Page Profile meetings
19th March	Whole School	Red nose day - Wear a dash of red
19th March	Whole School	Yr 3 4 dress rehearsal
23rd March at 1.30pm	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Afternoon Yr 3 4 Performance
24th March at 5.30pm	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Evening yr 3 4 Performance
25th Macch	Whole School	Colour Run
SUMMER TERM 12th April		
20th April	Whole School	First day of Summer Term
10th – 13th May	Purple Class	Goodheart Animal Sanctuaries
14th May	Year 6 (Turquoise Class)	SATS week
17th May	Year 5 & 6 (Yellow 7 Turquoise)	TAG Rugby Festival
	All years	Leavers and Class photos
28th May	Whole School	INSET This has been tagged onto the bank holiday of half term.
7th June	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Multiplication test
7th – 11th June	Year 5 (Yellow)	Bikeability

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11th June	Year 3 (Green)	Birmingham Botanical Garden trip
14th June	Year 1 (Purple)	Phonics screening
16th June	New Reception Parents	Welcome evening
18th June	Whole School	Wear what you like in exchange for bring in a jar
18th June	Whole School	Summer Fayre after school
21st June-2nd July	Orange, Purple and non-swimmers	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
22nd June	New intake	Stay and play
23rd June	KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon	Sports Day
30th 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
13th July at 5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14th July 1.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14th July 5.30pm 15th July	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
16th July	SEND Year 4 (Blue Class)	SEND One Page Profile meetings Campover at School
Sunday 18th July 19th July	Parents	8:30 – 4pm Volunteer workforce day at school with Bbq
20th July 1:30pm	Whole School Year 6 (Turquoise)	Beach trip Leavers Assembly and Bbq

Future Naturalists

DISCOVER WILDLIFE



Burgage Hall, Ledbury

14th November
10 till 12.30



Join us for indoor fun as we explore wildlife of the UK. Discover skulls, fossils and owl pellets. We will have live creatures for you to look at plus a wet felted craft activity to have a go at. Suitable for all the family. Free and no need to book.



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