

Ashcombe Primary School

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Wednesday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final two weeks of a very busy term with some more hot weather on the way. Already this term, we've had YR/1 Sports Day, transition week, Y6 adventure days, the Y4 multiplication check, Y1 phonics check and drama workshops for Y1 and 2. Children have completed their end of year assessments and we now have the summer fayre, Y6's end of year production and saying goodbye to Y6s and staff leavers ahead of us. Term 6 is always an exceptionally busy term and with the unusually hot weather and excitement of the world cup going on it can often be a hard time for children as they prepare to move up to the next year. I've talked to the children in assembly about some of the big feelings they may have at this time of year and how to look after themselves and each other. The children have achieved so much this year, and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed sharing and celebrating those accomplishments with you during this week's meetings.



Hot weather

Following the unprecedented hot weather from two weeks ago, forecasts are showing that temperatures are rising again this week and into the next, albeit not quite as high as they were a fortnight ago. To mitigate the effects of the hot weather our site supervisor will be on site to open windows early, children will be reminded to drink water regularly and fans where available will be deployed to help cool children and staff. Please make sure children are sent into school with light, cool clothing, water bottles, sun hats and suncream. We will continue to monitor the weather and adjust lunchtimes to be shorter or inside as necessary.

Trust Leaders met this week to plan longer term for the extreme weather we saw two weeks ago which, in the years to come, will likely occur more frequently. We will be exploring further mitigations to make classrooms more comfortable by looking at heat reducing strategies on our windows and look to invest in more fans and portable air conditioning devices. Now that we have adventure playgrounds in place, I will also be looking to create more shaded spaces that we can make use of around school as many of these spaces were lost during our extension work. These investments will take time but we will work to get these in place so that we have more tools to reduce temperatures in extremes in the years ahead.

Universal Free Breakfast Club

I am pleased to share that, in keeping with the government's aim of offering free breakfast clubs across the country by 2027, we will be launching ours in September. We will be retaining our existing early start breakfast club from 7:30. The price for this club will be reduced in September to £2.50 per session and bookings can be made through Parent Pay.



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The free breakfast club will be open from 8:00 am and will not at this stage require booking in advance. Doors will close for the free breakfast club at 8:15. While at the club children will be able to choose from the following:

- Choice of cereals
- Toast with jam, marmite or honey
- Fresh fruit
- Yoghurt

We will also be running special themed weeks with special menus. Children will be supervised by a mixture of the existing breakfast club team, a sports coach, senior leaders and other school staff. At the time of writing, we are the largest primary school to launch a free breakfast club so it may be that some of our arrangements change over time as we get used to our new approach.

Our free Breakfast Club will help give children a calm, positive start to the school day. With a healthy breakfast, time to socialise with friends, and a relaxed "soft start" to the morning, children arrive in class feeling settled, happy, and ready to learn. It can help improve concentration, build confidence, support routines, and reduce the rush of busy mornings for families. We are really excited to welcome the children to join us in September.

AFA Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our annual Summer Fayre this Saturday between 12-3pm where family and friends can enjoy:

- Hot Dog Stand and Refreshments
- Ice creams
- Licenced Bar
- Lots of games
- Glitter tattoos
- Circus Skills
- Inflatables
- Entertainment

And much, much more! As well as all the fun of the Summer Fayre, we'll be holding our AFA Summer Raffle Draw on the day. The AFA has once again secured an amazing range of prizes, including cash prizes, family days out, restaurant vouchers, beauty treatments, books, activities and much more!

Raffle tickets are available now from the school reception and will also be on sale at the Summer Fayre. Every ticket purchased helps support Ashcombe Primary School, so don't miss your chance to win one of our fantastic prizes.

All money raised will be going towards the school. I would like to thank all the staff and families who have given up their time to organise the event and/or run stalls on the day. The weather is looking glorious so we can't wait to see you there!



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Colour Run Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Colour Run this year. It was a fantastic event, with children, staff and families all having an amazing time taking part in the colourful fun. We are delighted to announce that we raised a whopping **£2,977.35** for the school! The atmosphere was incredible, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the event.

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and helped make the day such a success. We hope the Colour Run will become an annual Ashcombe tradition and look forward to making next year's event even bigger and better!



Staffing Update



Sadly we will be saying goodbye to some more of our team at the end of this term. **Mr Skone**, who has shared a class with Mr Burditt alongside providing regular supply cover around Ashcombe, is leaving us after three years with us to take up a permanent role at Weston College next year. Mr Skone is a gentle and kind soul and has brought a calm reassurance in the team – we will really miss him but I would like to offer my congratulations to him on securing this new role. **Mrs Burditt**, after 26 years of dedicated service as a TA will be leaving us this year. Her creativity and artistic flair have left a lasting mark on Ashcombe. From designing costumes and supporting choreography for Weston Dance Festival, to creating the beautiful displays that brighten our school, she has inspired both pupils and colleagues alike. Over many years, she has also supported countless Year 5 pupils on their

Morfa Bay residential visits, helping them grow in confidence and make unforgettable memories. She leaves a lasting legacy at Ashcombe and we will all miss her very much. **Mrs Langston**, who has served the school for 25 years as a HLTA and has taught so many of our Y6s, is leaving for a role outside of education. In her time here Mrs Langston has championed the arts inspiring so many of our pupils to take up acting and singing. She has made a massive impact on the school and its community and will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank all of these staff for the energy and commitment they have shown Ashcombe in their time here. They will always be a part of this place.

WEMA Music Tuition

Mr Bowman who has been tutoring music for the West of England Music Association with us over the last year ran a very special assembly for years 2-5 last week showcasing the range of instruments he can tutor including drums, flute, guitar (acoustic, bass and electric), keyboard and ukulele. The children were really excited to see what they could learn. If you are interested in signing up for music tuition for next year, please visit the WEMA website for more information: <https://wema.org.uk/music-hub/young-people-families/learn-to-play/>



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Gold School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that Ashcombe Primary School has been awarded the **Gold School Games Mark** in recognition of our commitment to sport and physical activity. This prestigious award celebrates the wide range of sporting opportunities available to our pupils, including PE lessons, extracurricular clubs, competitions and inclusive activities that encourage all children to be active and enjoy being part of a team. We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship, and thank our staff, families and volunteers for their continued support in helping us achieve this fantastic accolade. Well done, Team Ashcombe!



Future Stars Holiday Club at Ashcombe

The fantastic sports coaches from Future Stars will be running Summer holiday club here at Ashcombe.



With a fantastic range of activities, games, sports, arts and crafts, and opportunities to make new friends. The holiday club offers children a safe, active and enjoyable environment throughout the break. Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to book early to secure their preferred sessions. Visit the Future Stars website for further details and booking information: <https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/club/ashcombe-summer-2026-holiday-club/>

Term 6:

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 11th July

Y5 Beach Trip – Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 Dress rehearsals – Year 2 & Year 3 trip to Blakehay – Tuesday 14th July

Year 3 Beach Trip (after the Blakehay) – Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 Dress rehearsals – Year 4 & Year 5 trip to the Blakehay – Wednesday 15th July

Year 2 & Year 3 sports day – Wednesday 15th July (reserve day Friday 17th)

Year 6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Service – Thursday 16th July am and pm

Autism awareness day – Friday 17th July

Year 4 Trip to Weston Woods – Monday 20th July

Year 6 Guard of Honour Goodbye – 2:40pm Wednesday 22nd July

End of Term 6 – Wednesday 22nd July

Forever proud to serve you.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny
Headteacher

