

Ashcombe Primary School

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Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, it is hard to believe how quickly the summer term has gone. I was incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, who after working so hard towards their KS2 tests results also delivered a brilliant performance of their leavers' production, *I'm an 11-Year-Old, Get Me Out of Here!*, at the Blakehay Theatre. The children performed dress rehearsals for the rest of the school before taking to the stage for a final performance in front of their families, followed by a lovely picnic at Grove Park. They were absolutely amazing, and we are so grateful to the Blakehay Theatre for generously allowing us to use their wonderful venue. We hope all the families who attended enjoyed the show as much as we did.

The end of the year always brings some mixed emotions for us all. There is excitement of course for the summer holidays but a sadness too at the goodbyes we'll be saying to staff and our Y6s leaving at the end of this term. Like any year, we've had some peaks and troughs but I'm particularly pleased to see regular school trips being established after work from staff and support from the AFA. Another highlight has been seeing music return more regularly to school through WEMA music tuition, Rocksteady and now iRock. Seeing the school finally have the adventure playground spaces it needs has also been really special. I have really enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements, whether through visits to my office for a well-earned smelly sticker or the Hot Chocolate nominations each week. It is these everyday successes, alongside the larger milestones, that make Ashcombe such a special place to be. As we prepare to say goodbye tomorrow, I would like to thank all of our staff, children, parents and carers for their continued support. We wish everyone a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.



iRock School of Music Assembly



Yesterday afternoon, we welcomed some special visitors to Ashcombe for an exciting assembly from iRock School of Music. The children loved experiencing the excitement of a live rock band performance and the opportunity to see talented musicians who brought music to life right before their eyes. A few children were even selected to take part in the assemblies and try the instruments themselves.

Following the assembly, children were given information to bring home about the opportunity to join iRock, where they can learn to play as part of a real rock and pop band during the school day. The programme is designed to be fun, inclusive and confidence-building, helping children develop musical skills while enjoying the experience of performing with others.

- No previous musical experience is needed
- All instruments are provided.
- Families can reserve a place with no upfront payment, and the monthly subscription includes a first-lesson money-back guarantee.

Please visit: <https://www.irockschool.com/enrol> if you would like enrol your child.



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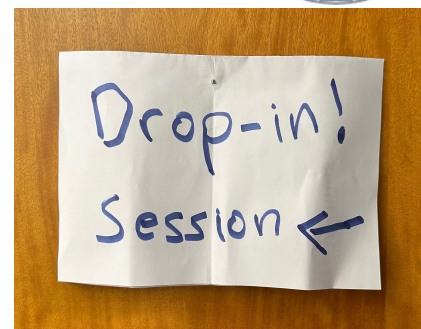
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INSET Day Classroom Optional Drop-In Session – Transition support

Friday 4th September is an INSET Day, and we are delighted to offer families the optional opportunity to visit school before the start of the new term. This is a great chance for children to reacquaint themselves with their new classroom, meet their teacher, and catch up with friends ahead of the first day back.

All classrooms will be open from **9:00am to 9:30am**, and the session is **open to children in all year groups**. We hope this informal visit will help children feel settled, confident and excited for the year ahead.



AFA - Summer Fayre & Year highlights



I would like to say a huge thank you to the AFA for organising another brilliant Summer Fayre. Despite exceptionally hot weather, it was wonderful to see the range of stalls and activities on offer covering the school site. I'd like to thank the many families supporting the event and helping to make it such a success. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered, donated, organised activities or simply came along to enjoy the afternoon.

The AFA are pleased to announce the Summer Fayre raised a fantastic: **£1898.13**

I would also like to single out the AFA for particular praise for the impact they've had on school life. This year alone they have organised the following events:

- Preloved Uniform Sales
- Drop N' Shop Movie Nights
- Christmas Fayre
- Spring Disco
- Spring Fayre
- Colour Run
- Summer Fayre

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On top of the events they have organised, they have supported the school in the following ways:

- Funding support for EYFS books.
- Annual funding given for Christmas Tree and Year 6 Leavers books.
- Agreed funding for Forest School resources.
- Agreed funding of £500 per year group to support off-site enrichment school trips
- Large donation to support the purchase of the new adventure playgrounds
- Agreed funding to redevelop the outside playground of Reception.
- Annual support for Opal Play resources.

We have been so lucky to have such a committed group of parents, carers and staff to run the AFA – they deserve all the credit they can for the impact they've had.

The AFA will be holding its AGM in September, which is the perfect opportunity for new members to join the team and support the fantastic work they do. The AGM is also when all members are selected for their 2026/27 roles.

So if you are interested in getting involved in a big or small way – any support is appreciated, please keep an eye on the AFA Facebook page, where details and confirmation of the AGM date and time will be shared once confirmed.



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Uniform policy reminder

A smart school uniform helps children feel proud to be part of the Ashcombe community and prepares them for the expectations of secondary school and beyond. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to remind families that children should wear the correct school uniform and PE kit, with all items clearly labelled. Please note that jewellery (other than watches and stud earrings), make-up, nail varnish, extreme hairstyles, hooded tops and sandals are not permitted. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found in our School Uniform Policy and on the school website: <https://www.ashcombeprimary.com/uniform-information/>



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Ashcombe branded school uniform is no longer sold from the school office, it is now direct with the suppliers – Conceptwear who are based on the Oldmixon. If you would like to order branded school uniform, please visit the Conceptwear website: <https://conceptwear.co.uk/schools/ashcombe-primary-school/>

Support with uniform

Purchasing new uniform with rising costs current climate when costs are increasing everywhere is very challenging and we'll look into the support we can offer you – please contact the school office if you need our help. Please keep an eye on social media where school uniform sales in supermarkets are often advertised. Also, our fantastic PTA - Ashcombe Friends Association; organise sales of pre-loved uniform to help keep the costs down for families and support environmental recycling. These sales normally take place at our school fayres.

2026/27 Term Dates



- Term 1 - Thursday 3 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026
- Term 2 - Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026
- Term 3 - Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027
- Term 4 - Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027
- Term 5 - Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027
- Term 6 - Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 23 July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

- *Thursday 3rd September 2026
- *Friday 4th September 2026
- *Friday 23rd October 2026
- *Monday 4th January 2027
- *Friday 12th February 2027
- *Monday 7th June 2027

BANK HOLIDAYS 2026-2027

- *25th December 2026
- *26th December 2026 (as this is a Saturday, the BH is being observed on 28th Dec)
- *Friday 1st Jan 2027
- *Friday 26th March 2027
- *Monday 29th March 2027
- *Monday 3rd May 2027
- *Monday 31st May 2027

Have a fantastic holiday everyone – we look forward to seeing you back in September.

Forever proud to serve you.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny

Headteacher



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