

Ashcombe Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We've reached the end of our first week back and I can honestly say this has been one of the best starts to a school year I can remember. It's been so lovely seeing all the children return to school. Everyone looks a little bit more grown up and very smart in their fresh uniforms for the school year. It has also been brilliant to see our new Reception children join us on Thursday and Friday this week. I do hope families have managed some relaxation time with each other over the break and enjoyed a very hot summer. However, I know that for many families, the summer can sometimes be a long stretch where childcare can be difficult to manage. During our INSET days, staff have been carrying out training and getting ready for the children to return to school. I'm really pleased to say that they have settled back into school really well. I've got a rather epic newsletter here to recap or introduce families to our procedures.

Universal free breakfast club launches!

I'm really delighted to share that Ashcombe has successfully launched its FREE breakfast club this week! We are still running our paid breakfast club from 7:30am for a reduced fee of £2.50. This needs to be prebooked and paid for through ParentPay.

All children are then welcome to join us in our drop off window from 8:00 until 8:20am for FREE – there is no need to book, you can just turn up and you're in! Once inside, we'll provide your child with a healthy breakfast in a welcoming environment. As well as that we have:

- Sports Coaching
- Games and activities
- Access to meet our learning mentor team before school starts
- A member of the leadership team on duty each day
- Special themed weeks throughout the year.



The programme promotes wellbeing, supports concentration in the classroom, and helps create a positive start to each day. Last week we had 100 children join us on Thursday and on Friday for paid or free breakfast club. We'd love to see more in next week and beyond!

Uniform policy

Full details of our uniform policy can be seen on our website here:
<https://www.ashcombeprimary.com/uniform-information/>

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for us to return lost property to its rightful owner.



If your child accidentally brings home an item of clothing that does not belong to them, we would be grateful if you could return it to school as soon as possible.

We understand that school uniforms can be expensive, and we appreciate the investment families make. We do our very best to reunite all lost items with their owners, and clearly labelled clothing makes a huge difference in helping us do this.

We also have a **Lost Property table** located under the Year 1 overhang, where items found during playtimes are often placed. If your child has lost an item, please take a moment to check the table, as it may have been handed in and added to our lost property collection.



Wet weather uniform

Our aim is to get children outside for break and lunchtimes most days, even if there is light rain. We will only not go outside if there is sustained heavy rain or weather warnings in place.

For this reason it is vital that children come into school with **water resistant coats and a change of shoes.**

If you would like to **order branded school uniform**, please visit the Conceptwear website; <https://conceptwear.co.uk/schools/ashcombe-primary-school/> where a range of Ashcombe Primary School uniform items can be ordered online and delivered directly to your home.

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.

Our wonderful PTA, the Ashcombe Friends Association, also holds regular pre-loved uniform sales, where good-quality second-hand school uniform can be purchased at greatly reduced prices. These sales are a fantastic way to save money and support sustainable practices. Keep an eye on the Ashcombe Friends Association Facebook page for details of upcoming sales.



Plain white t-shirt



Plain black shorts



Plain black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings



Black or white trainers



School jumper, fleece or cardigan

If you have any school uniform items that are no longer needed, donations are always welcome. The AFA has a donation bin in the school foyer where you can drop off clean, usable uniform items for other families to benefit from.

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PE Days

When your child is taking part in PE, they should come into school in their PE kit. Classes will be taking part in PE on the following days:

YR: TBC (YR team will contact families)

Y1: Tuesday and Friday

Y2: Monday and Wednesday

Y3: Wednesday and Friday

Y4: Monday and Thursday

Y5: Thursday

Y6: 6HP and 6PH - Tuesday / 6HB - Wednesday

Failure to collect pupils on time:



themselves and the pupils.

- If a parent fails to collect a pupil – with no explanation- then the school will contact social services at 4.30 pm – to ensure there are staff in social services to gain advice from.
- If the failure to pick up is later, such as after the end of After School Club then the police will be called. Staff will not leave it until there is only 1 staff member present to safeguard

The importance of arriving on time

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn every day. Regular punctuality helps children settle into their day, take part in morning activities, and get the best possible start to their learning.

The school day starts at **8:45am**, and learning begins immediately with maths or reading practice. Even being **5 minutes late each day** adds up to **2.5 days of lost learning** over the year. **10 minutes late daily** equals **5 full days missed**.

This early learning time is crucial, and arriving late puts children at a disadvantage. This isn't about blame—it's about helping every child start their day positively and keep up with their peers.



Attendance – Every Day matters



When children miss school, they miss out on valuable learning, routines, and social time with their peers. Even just **one day off a fortnight** adds up to **nearly four weeks of missed learning** over the school year. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, keep up with their classmates, and make the most of every opportunity. We understand that illness happens, but wherever possible, please aim for full attendance—it really does make a difference. If you are unsure if your child is too poorly for school, please check this website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Snacks, packed lunches & drinks



We encourage healthy eating and staying hydrated in school

- Please make sure your child has a named drinks bottle in school.
- For break times children may bring into school some fruit or vegetables as a snack.
- Packed lunches should not include sweets.

We are **nut free school** due to some children having severe allergies – no nuts or nut based spread should be in school.

How to Raise a Concern

Sometimes you may have some worries about things at home or in school. If you have a concern about your child's education or experience, please follow the steps below:

1. **Class based concerns** – Speak with your child's class teacher.
2. **Informal concerns or feedback** – Senior leaders are out on the gate each gate and can be approached for conversations.
3. **Safeguarding / Wellbeing Concerns** – Please contact our pastoral team directly by emailing safeguarding@ashcombe.kmat.co.uk or calling the school office.
4. **Escalation** – If you have raised a concern and the matter remains unresolved, please contact the school office and this can be escalated to the senior leadership team – office@ashcombe.kmat.co.uk
5. **Formal process** – If necessary, concerns can be submitted through the school's formal complaints procedure, available on our [website](#) or from the school office.

We encourage open communication and value your feedback, but we kindly ask that all discussions about school matters are conducted respectfully and through the appropriate routes.

Ashcombe Friends Association

The AFA are our glorious parent teacher association, and they are responsible for organising lots of the fun events we have at school. Last year they ran Fayres at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. They also arranged discos, a pantomime, movie nights and a sponsored colour run.

Joining the Ashcombe Friends Association (AFA) is a fantastic way to support our school community. Every penny raised goes directly back into the school, helping to provide enriching experiences and resources for our children.



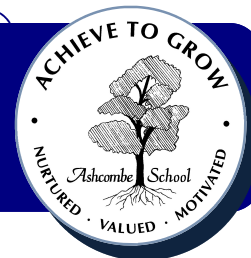
Each year, the AFA look to welcome new members to the team to help continue their amazing work. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your support can make a real difference and help ensure all the wonderful events and fundraising initiatives continue to thrive.

The AFA will be holding their AGM on the Monday 14th September at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you if you can join us.

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Important Dates ahead

I will endeavour to keep these dates in place but on occasion we will need to make changes if circumstances change. I'll aim to give families as much notice as possible for this though.

Please visit our school website to subscribe to our school calendar

Term 1:

AFA AGM meeting – Monday 14th September

After school clubs begin – w/c 14th September

Priory open evening – Tuesday 15th September

Broad oak open evening – Thursday 17th September

Y6 Bikeability - Monday 14th – Friday 18th September

Great Athletes video assembly – Monday 21st September

Morfa bay parents & carers information session - Thursday 24th September (after school)

Churchill academy open evening – Wednesday 30th September (5-8pm)

Hans Price open evening – Thursday 24th September (4:30-7:30pm)

Great Athletes sponsored fitness circuit – Monday 5th October

Year 3 Presentation 1 – Tuesday 20th October pm

Year 3 Presentation 2 – Wednesday 21st October am

AFA Halloween Disco – Thursday 22nd October

End of term 1 – Thursday 22nd October

INSET Day – Friday 23rd October

Term 2:

Term 2 begins: Monday 2nd November 2026

Parents and Carers' evening 1 - Tuesday 10th November (3:30-6:30pm)

Parents Carers' evening 2 - Wednesday 11th November (3:30-6:30pm)

Drama for all workshops- Superheroes – Wednesday 11th November

Whole School Photos – Thursday 12th November

AFA Movie Night 2 – Thursday 19th November

Nasal Flu Vaccination for all children with consent given – Thursday 19th November

KMAT Science Festival – Thursday 26th November

AFA Non-uniform day – Friday 27th November (non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the Christmas Fayre)

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 1st December pm (More details to follow)

Reception Nativity – Wednesday 2nd December am (More details to follow)

AFA Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December

Year 2 Christmas Presentation 1 – Monday 7th December pm

Year 2 Christmas Presentation 2 – Tuesday 8th December am

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 9th December (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers)

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers)

Christmas Parties (Children can wear party clothes)

Reception, Years 1 and 3 – Tuesday 15th December

Years 2 and 4 – Wednesday 16th December

Years 5 and 6 – Thursday 17th December

Weston College Christmas Panto for school – Friday 18th December

End of term 2 – Friday 18th December



Term 3:

INSET Day – Monday 4th January 2027

Term 3 begins: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Art Day – Friday 15th January

KMAT maths festival – Tuesday 19th January

AFA Adult quiz night – Friday 5th February

Year 4 Presentation – Wednesday 10th February pm

Year 4 Presentation – Thursday 11th February am

Superhero day – In memory of Austin Newcombe – Thursday 11th February

End of Term 3: Thursday 11th February

INSET Day – Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4:

Term 4 begins: Monday 22nd February 2027

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March (More details to follow)

Mid-year School Reports sent out – Friday 5th March

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March (Children wear something red. Suggested donation of £1 made via ParentPay)

Ashcombe's Got Talent Finals – TBC

Year 5 Parent Presentation 1 – Wednesday 24th March pm

Year 5 Parent presentation 2 – Thursday 25th March am

AFA Easter Celebrations – Thursday 25th March

End of Term 4 – Thursday 25th March

BANK HOLIDAY – Friday 26th March

Term 5:

Term 5 begins: Monday 12th April 2027

Class Photos YR and Y6 – Thursday 22nd April TBC

Y5 Morfa Bay residential – Monday 26th April to Friday 30th April

KS2 Test week – Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May

AFA colour run – Friday 14th May

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance 1 – Wednesday 26th May pm

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance 2 – Thursday 27th May am

Day of Sport and Kindness for Liam Shepherd Foundation - Friday 28th May (children come into school in sports kit)

End of Term 5 – Friday 28th May

Term 6

INSET Day – Monday 7th June 2027

Term 6 begins: Tuesday 8th June 2027

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens – w/c 7th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – w/c 14th June

Reception and Year 1 sports day – Wednesday 23rd June (reserve day Friday 25th June)

Parents and Carers' Evening 1 – Tuesday 6th July, 3:30-6:30pm

Parents and Carers' Evening 2 – Wednesday 7th July, 3:30-6:30pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 sports day – Wednesday 7th July (reserve day Friday 9th)

Year 2 & Year 3 sports day – Wednesday 14th July (reserve day Friday 16th)

Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Service – Thursday 15th July (am and pm)

AFA Summer Fayre – Friday 16th July

Y6 Guard of Honour Goodbye – Friday 23rd July @ 2:40pm

End of Term 6 – Friday 23rd July 2027

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Yours sincerely,

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