

Ashcombe Primary School

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Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term seems to have gone quicker than any other Autumn term I've known. The children have made a really good start to the year. Leaders and staff have been working hard on some of our whole school priorities following our Ofsted inspection last year and I've been pleased to share our progress with our Trust partners. We're looking forward to inviting our linked inspector back into school later in the year to showcase the work we have been putting in.

Parents and Carers' Evenings

We will be holding our first parents and carers' meetings for this academic year soon after the half term break. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and look over the start they have made to the school year and ensure that you have clear lines of communication in place. Teachers will share some of the work and expectations for the year ahead in their meetings and any support or areas to practice at home. Appointments will be available to book via School Ping shortly. Meetings will be held on the following dates:



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

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

Cold and Wet weather

As the weather becomes cooler and more unpredictable, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a suitable coat and warm clothing. Fresh air, physical activity and outdoor play are an important part of the school day, and children will continue to spend time outside throughout the autumn and winter months. Unless the weather is severe or unsafe, we will be outside at breaktimes, lunchtimes and for some learning activities.



Please make sure your child has:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Wellies
- A change of clothes for OPAL play in case they get wet or muddy.

Show Racism the Red Card Day – Friday 16th October

'Show Racism the Red Card Day' will be taking place on Friday 16th October. To mark this event, we will be encouraging all adults and students to wear something red for the day. No fundraising or collection of money is needed - just get involved by wearing red. We will allocate a small amount of time on the day to having a discussion with students about the importance of equality and diversity.



Allergens and Anaphylaxis Guidance



From September 2026, all schools in England must follow new statutory guidance designed to improve the safety of children with allergies. This includes having a published allergy policy, providing allergy awareness training for all staff, maintaining spare adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens) for emergencies, and ensuring that pupils with significant allergies have appropriate Individual Healthcare Plans in place.

These changes aim to strengthen the support available to children with allergies and give families greater confidence that schools are well prepared to respond effectively should an allergic reaction occur.

Thank you for your support in helping us implement these changes. If you still need to complete the New Allergy form you can do this via the following link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/z3WmDLssTG>

Important changes in school:

- 4 Auto-injector pens are held on site in the school office in case of emergency.
- Children should not bring in sweets, cakes or other food to share on their birthdays anymore. However, to mark their special day they can come into school in non-uniform if they wish.

Ashcombe Class Championship

This year, we are excited to launch the Ashcombe Class Championship; a fun and competitive challenge that encourages teamwork, participation and school pride. Throughout the year, classes earn points by taking part in team challenges, achieving the strongest attendance within their year group and tackling a range of mystery challenges that will be revealed along the way.

Every point counts as classes compete to climb the leaderboard and be crowned champions. At the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms, the class with the highest total will be awarded the prestigious Ashcombe Class Championship Trophy in a celebration assembly.



We can't wait to see the enthusiasm, teamwork and determination our children bring to the competition! We've already completed our first team challenge – drawing staff portraits and these have been judged by our Local Partner Committee Members Katie and Jennifer, they were really impressed with the children's work.

AFA – Halloween Disco



The AFA will be hosting 3 Halloween Disco's with the support of Disco Queen. These will take place on the last day of Term 1 on Thursday 22nd October. Tickets are on sale via the Zeffy app: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/ashcombe-friends-association>

There will be three discos taking place throughout the evening:

- Reception & Year 1: 3.30pm - 4.45pm
- Year 2 & Year 3: 5.00pm - 6.15pm
- Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Tickets cost £4.00 per child (includes a drink and a snack)
- Fancy dress is optional, but encouraged. Prize for the best costume in each year group.
- Please do not bring masks or fake weapons.

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Positive Projects



Our Positive Projects initiative gives every year group the opportunity to choose two meaningful projects each year that make a difference to others. The aim is for pupils to learn about and empathise with different groups, parts of the community, or environmental and animal welfare issues, and to take action through fundraising or volunteering. Examples include raising money for the Donkey Sanctuary and visiting local nursing homes to spend time with residents. These projects help children develop compassion, social responsibility, and an understanding of the wider world, while reinforcing British Values such as mutual respect and community engagement. By working collaboratively on real-life causes, pupils build empathy, teamwork, and a sense of purpose. Our aim is for all our pupils to experience and develop their belief in changing the world and making it better.

Year group	Fundraiser	Volunteering time/Making something
Reception	Cake sale for the foodbank	Encouraging children to bring in donations for the Foodbank
Year 1	Cake sale for RSPCA	Delivering handmade Christmas cards to the local community.
Year 2	Spring Market sale to raise money for The Grand Appeal	Visiting Pine Lodge Residential
Year 3	Book sale - Christmas books for children in hospital over the festive period	Positive community project 'cereal box challenge' Children will collect donations of cereals from families and local businesses to donate to the local foodbank.
Year 4	Raising money for the RNLI	Construction of Bug hotels for the school site
Year 5	Raising money to adopt an endangered animal	Collecting items for the food bank
Year 6	Weston Hospice Care – Coin Challenge	Dementia Project and visiting Acer House residents.

School Trips

Last year, following feedback from parents and carers, we worked hard on enriching our curriculum through a wide range of visits and visitors that bring learning to life and provide real-world experiences beyond the classroom. These opportunities deepen pupils' understanding of key topics, broaden cultural capital, and inspire awe and wonder about the world around them. Educational visits might include museums, historical sites, theatres, and outdoor learning environments, while visitors such as authors, scientists, community leaders, and professionals share expertise and experiences that connect learning to the wider world. These experiences support SMSC development, reinforce British Values, and help pupils see the relevance of their learning in everyday life.





Year Group	Trips
Reception	Ashcombe Park (Term 5 or 6)
Year 1	Court Farm (Term 4)
Year 2	The Wild Place (Term 6)
Year 3	Beach morning (Term 5) Weston Museum 'Stone Age workshop' (Term 6)
Year 4	The Wild Place Project (Term 5)
Year 5	Morfa Bay Residential (Term 5) The Beach (Term 6)
Year 6	Adventure Days – inflatables @ Hutton Moor, Ashcombe Park Visit, Laser Quest, Beach, Life Skills (Term 5 and 6)

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. * NB- change of school party days for Year 3 & Year 5*

Term 1:

MHST Mental health and wellbeing pop-up – Monday 12th October (3-4pm)

NSC Earlham Grove Drop-in session – Tuesday 13th October (2:45-3:45pm)

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

🎬 Year 4 Cinema trip – Thursday 12th November

Children in Need - Friday 13th November (Children wear something yellow or spotty. Donations via ParentPay)

🎬 Year 3 Cinema trip – Thursday 19th November

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

AFA Movie Night – Thursday 19th November

🎬 Year 6 Cinema trip – Tuesday 24th November

🎬 Year 2 & Year 5 Cinema trip – Wednesday 25th 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 5 – Tuesday 15th December**

*** Years 2 and 4 – Wednesday 16th December**

*** Years 3 and 6 – Thursday 17th December**

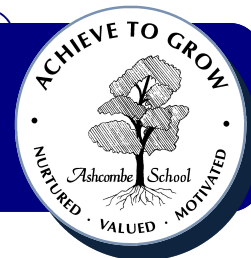
Weston College Christmas Panto for school – Friday 18th December

End of term 2 – Friday 18th December

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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

Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny

Headteacher

