

Ashcombe Primary School

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Thursday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



We've reached the final countdown to Christmas now and we're in the last three weeks of the Autumn Term. We've had a really busy time in school with a lot going on to enjoy. I'm delighted to share that the community has managed to raise funds for great causes this term. The Weston Carnival committee got in touch to say that we'd raised £93 through brochure sales. During children in need last week, donations from families raised a total of £457 including £65 from one of our new Reception children! I was also blown away by the number of donations families brought in for our Christmas Fayre this week – we've got lots of beautiful prizes for children and adults to win. Children in Reception and year 2 have been busy rehearsing for their productions over the last couple of weeks – I'm really excited to see

what they come up with. We've also had children who are taking part in our Rocksteady music groups gearing up for their performances to children, parents and carers and our Y6 mini police graduating this week!

Christmas events coming up!

It's one of my favourite times of the year - I'm biased of course but I don't think other schools do Christmas quite like we do at Ashcombe. We've just had our two Christmas trees delivered to brighten up each hall. One courtesy of our wonderful AFA and another thanks to the Liam Shepherd Foundation. They look stunning and we're incredibly grateful for the donations. Staff will be livening up their classrooms and offices this week ready for the Christmas Fayre on Friday!



Every child needs Christmas



I'm so proud each year of members of our community and members of staff who organise packages for some of our families who need a little extra support. Times are hard for some people and Christmas can be even harder. It's been really moving to see the hard work which is going on in the background to make sure that some of our families get a little extra support.

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas jumper day

Our Aspens chefs will be working hard to cook up a storm on Wednesday 10th December when they'll be preparing a traditional Christmas dinner. Thank you to parents and carers for placing their orders in advance so that our team know how much to prepare. They really do work hard each year to make the meal a special event for the children. Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day and also for national Christmas jumper day the following day on Thursday 11th December. We won't be asking for any donations on the 11th but if families wish to/are able to make donations themselves to Save the Children, please follow this link: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/faq>

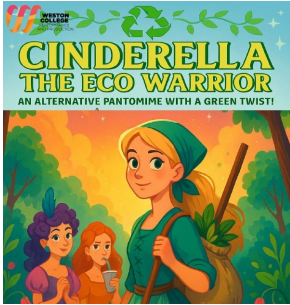


Christmas Parties

During the final week of term, children will be taking part in Christmas Parties on the following days:

- Reception, Years 1 and 6 – Tuesday 16th December
- Years 3 and 4 – Wednesday 17th December
- Years 2 and 5 – Thursday 18th December

Children can come into school in their party outfits on these days. They'll play some party games with the children in their year groups as well as enjoying some party food. Teachers will be sharing some contribution lists for party foods. Please sign up for your child to bring something in if you are able to.



Weston College Pantomime

We are very pleased to inform you that a fantastic group of performing arts students from Weston College have very kindly offered to perform their pantomime "Cinderella the Eco Warrior" to the pupils of Ashcombe Primary School on the last day of term, Friday 19th December. This will be a lovely treat and fantastic end to the term for our pupils. We really hope the children enjoy it and it gets them truly in the Christmas spirit ready for the Christmas holidays!

Communication – your child's learning

I've had some feedback from parents and carers that they would like more opportunities to check in on their child's learning through the year. I'd like to summarise the school's approach if you would like to more and also share a new strategy I hope will allow parents/carers to know more on a regular basis.

Parents Evening 1 – Autumn Term: This meeting is aimed at building relationships between teachers and parents and carers. It's a chance for you to speak with your child's teacher and let them know the important things you want them to know. It's also a chance to agree the best way to communicate over the year. Teachers share an overview of expectations for the year ahead.

Mid-year report – Spring term: We have shifted to a mid-year annual report alongside the other schools in our Trust. The aim of this is to give families an overview of where your child is half way through their learning journey for the year and what your child needs to work on to improve.

Parents evening 2 – Summer term: These meetings are aimed at summing up how your child has achieved and attained over the course of the year. It's a chance for teachers and parents/carers to reflect on successes for the year and what should be targeted the following year.

Celebration of Learning Drop ins

We would like to invite parents and carers to come into classes 30 minutes early at the end of this term so that children can share their learning in maths and another subject of their choice from the wider curriculum. Parents and carers will have a chance to look through their child's books and also have a brief update from their child's teacher. We will aim to run these drop ins during term 3 and again in term 5 this year. We will be opening gates and doors at 2:45 on the following dates for the following year groups:

Year 1: Monday 15th December

Year 2: Monday 15th December

Year 3: Wednesday 17th December

Year 4: Monday 15th December

Year 5: Tuesday 16th December

Year 6: Tuesday 16th December



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AFA Christmas Fayre

We're really excited to welcome families to our Christmas Fayre this Friday. AFA members have been working really hard in the background to get things organised and I'm pleased to share that there are a wide variety of games for families to take part and lots of prizes to be won and enjoyed. Turner Hall will be open for refreshments straightaway after we open our gates for collection and we'll open up the rest of the spaces for parents to visit other stalls from 3:30. The Christmas raffle will be taking place on Monday 8th at 5pm and will be broadcast live on the school Facebook page.

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.

Term 2:

Term 2 begins: Monday 3rd November 2025

AFA Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December

Year 2 Christmas Presentation 1 – Monday 8th December pm

Year 2 Christmas Presentation 2 – Tuesday 9th December am

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 10th December (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers)

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers)

Rocksteady pupils, School performance – Thursday 11th December

Parent Forum Meeting 1 - Monday 15th December (9:00-10:00am) – Pupil wellbeing and personal development

Christmas Parties (Children can wear party clothes):

Reception, Years 1 and 6 – Tuesday 16th December

Years 3 and 4 – Wednesday 17th December

Years 2 and 5 – Thursday 18th December

Rocksteady pupils, Parents performance – Thursday 18th December

Weston College Pantomime – Friday 19th December

End of term 2 – Friday 19th December

Term 3:

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

Term 3 begins: Tuesday 6th January 2026

SEND Coffee Morning – January 8th 2026

Art Day – Friday 16th January

Year 4 Presentation – Wednesday 11th February pm

Year 4 Presentation – Thursday 12th February am

Curry Day – Donated by Pappadoms & Aishah's food Charity – Tuesday 27th January

Parent Forum Meeting 2 - Thursday 29th January (2:00-3:00pm) – Behaviour

Friday 13th February - Superhero day – In memory of Austin Newcombe

End of Term 3: Friday 13th February



Term 4:

INSET Day – Monday 23rd February 2026

Term 4 begins: Tuesday 24th February 2026

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March (More details to follow)

Mid-year School Reports sent out – Friday 6th March

Year 5 Parent Presentation 1 – Wednesday 11th March pm

Year 5 Parent presentation 2 – Thursday 12th March am

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March (Children wear something red. Suggested donation of £1 to be made via ParentPay)

Ashcombe's Got Talent Finals – Wednesday 1st April

Parent Forum Meeting 3 – Wednesday 25th March (9:00-10:00am) – Inclusion

AFA Easter Fayre – Thursday 2nd April

End of Term 4 – Thursday 2nd April

Term 5:

Term 5 begins: Monday 20th April 2026

Class Photos YR and Y6 – Thursday 23rd April

Y5 Morfa Bay residential – Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May

Parent Forum Meeting 4 (2:00-3:00pm) – Tuesday 5th May – Transition

KS2 Test week – Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance 1 – Wednesday 20th May pm

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance 2 – Thursday 21st May am

Day of Sport and Kindness for Liam Shepherd Foundation - Friday 22nd May (Children can come into school in sports kit)

End of Term 5 – Friday 22nd May

Term 6

INSET Day – Monday 1st June 2026

Term 6 begins: Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens – Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 12th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June

Reception and Year 1 sports day – Wednesday 17th June (reserve day Friday 19th)

Parent Forum Meeting 5 – Friday 26th June (9:00-10:00am) - Community

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July

Parents' Evening 1 – Tuesday 7th July 4:00-7pm

Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday 9th July 3:30-6:00pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 sports day – Wednesday 8th July (reserve day Friday 10th)

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

Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Service – Thursday 16th July am and pm

Y6 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