

# Ashcombe Primary School

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

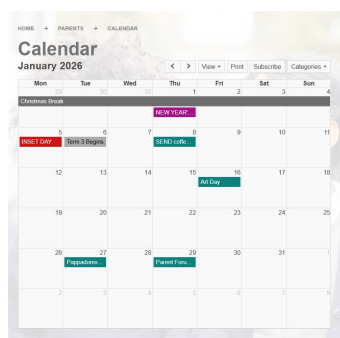


We are half way through term 3 and what a rainy term it has been so far. While we had a really lovely Christmas holidays, we've all needed our rain coats and wellies so far this term! Unfortunately, the next two weeks seem to be continuing the pattern of light/heavy rain. It's therefore really important that parents and carers send children into school with labelled coats and warm clothes. Our optional suggestion of a change of clothes and wellies for OPAL play would be worth sending in just in case children do get very wet over lunchtimes. Despite the weather we've had a lovely few weeks back in school which have blown away the January blues. It's been really lovely popping into classes to see some of the progress the children have been making since September.

The days are getting longer a little bit at a time and some brighter spring weather will surely be on its way soon!

## Curry Day – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

As part of Ramadan Celebrations, Pappadoms have kindly offered every child a free meal which will be cooked by them – there is no need to book. Children will be offered samosas (allergens – contains gluten and mustard), chicken korma (allergens – contains dairy and coconut) or veggie curry (allergens – contains dairy and mustard) and rice. If your child does not wish to have curry or does not eat curry, please provide them with a packed lunch on this day.



## School Calendar

Did you know that you can subscribe to the school calendar on our website? We have lots of events each term, which I list in our newsletters but our online school calendar might help you keep track of events more easily. Visit our website here:

<https://www.ashcombeprimary.com/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7&pid=79&viewid=1>  
and hit the subscribe button!

## School Disco

The AFA have organised school discos for pupils to attend after school on Thursday 12th February. There are 3 discos at the following times:

Reception & Yr1; 3:30-4:45pm

Year 2 & Year 3; 5:00-6:15pm

Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6; 6:30-7:45pm.

The cost is £3.50 per child, which includes a snack and drink. Tickets go on sale on ParentPay this weekend. Our school discos are made possible through the support of parent volunteers, and we rely on their help to run these events safely and successfully. If you are able to help please get in contact with the AFA by emailing; [ashcombefriendsassociation@outlook.com](mailto:ashcombefriendsassociation@outlook.com).



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## Parent Forum - Behaviour

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our second Parent Forum, which will be focused on behaviour. This will take place in Turner Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm – refreshments will be provided. This will be a chance to learn more about how we support positive behaviour across the school and the approaches we use to help children make thoughtful, respectful choices. Your feedback

and partnership are really valued, and we hope you will join us.

## Superhero Dress Day – in memory of Austin - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We are excited to share more details about our upcoming Superhero Day at the end of this term! Children are invited to come to school dressed as any superhero that inspires them – this could be a comic book favourite or an everyday hero from real life, such as nurses, scientists, farmers, chefs, parents and grandparents, armed forces personnel, firefighters, charity workers, carers, or anyone who you think makes a positive difference. As part of the day, we are welcoming visitors from a range of important jobs to speak to the children about the work they do and how they help others. We really want this to be an enjoyable and inspiring day, celebrating the power we all have to change the world and make it a better place. We will be supporting two charities during the day – Be More Ben <https://bemoreben.org/> who support families after the death of a child and WOW (Wanted Not Wasted) <https://wantednotwasted.wixsite.com/wantednotwasted> who support children in the local community. We ask that families who are able, make a suggested cash donation of £1 or more to support these causes.



## Staffing Update

At the end of this term, we'll be welcoming back Mrs Penn who has been on maternity leave since last year. She will be coming back into year 1 and that sadly means we'll be saying goodbye to Miss Walcott who has been with us since September. We're hoping we may have Miss Walcott back for some supply work until she finds her next post. I'd like to thank her for all her hard work and support in the time she has been with us. Unfortunately Mrs Perryman is out of school for 2-3 weeks to care for an unwell family member. We all wish her family the best and hope she will be back soon. While she is out of school, the class will be led by Mrs Harper, Mrs Langston and Mr Biggins. Mrs Caple who supports in Mr Trewern's class will also be out of school for approximately 4-5 weeks – we look forward to having her back. Miss Devey will be supporting the class while she is out of school.



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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.*

### Term 3:

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

**Parent Forum Meeting 2** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January (2:00-3:00pm) – **Behaviour**

Year 4 Presentation – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, pm

Year 4 Presentation – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – AFA School Discos: Reception & Yr1 – 3:30-4:45pm

Year 2 & Year 3 – 5:00-6:15pm

Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 – 6:30-7:45pm.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Superhero day, in memory of Austin Newcombe (Children and staff are invited to dress up as a hero, either a comic book hero or everyday hero, suggested cash donation of £1.)

**End of Term 3: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

### Term 4:

**INSET Day – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**Term 4 begins: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

KS1 Workshops with Perform – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

KS2 Internet Safety Workshops – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (More details to follow)

**Mid-year School Reports sent out – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 5 Parent Presentation 1 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March pm

Year 5 Parent presentation 2 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March am

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

Ashcombe's Got Talent Finals – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Parent Forum Meeting 3** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (9:00-10:00am) – **Inclusion**

AFA Easter Fayre – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**End of Term 4 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

### Term 5:

**Term 5 begins: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Class Photos YR and Y6 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Y5 Morfa Bay residential – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Parent Forum Meeting 4** (2:00-3:00pm) – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – **Transition**

KS2 Test week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

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

**End of Term 5 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**



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## Term 6

**INSET Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Term 6 begins: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Reception and Year 1 sports day – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (reserve day Friday 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**Parent Forum Meeting 5 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (9:00-10:00am) - Community**

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Parents' Evening 1 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 4:00-7pm**

**Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-6:00pm**

**Year 4, 5 & 6 sports day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (reserve day Friday 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Year 2 & Year 3 sports day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (reserve day Friday 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Service – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July am and pm**

Y6 Guard of Honour Goodbye – 2:40pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**End of Term 6 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Forever proud to serve you.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny  
Headteacher

