

Ashcombe Primary School

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Monday 9th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great first week back after half term, albeit with some damper weather than we enjoyed in May. Last term was a very busy one with Morfa Bay, Key Stage 2 tests and our Day of Sport and Kindness. We've got a long term to finish the school year off. Last week our year 4's began their multiplication tests and this week our year 1's have started their phonics check. On the horizon we have transition days planned for children to visit their new classes/teachers and our year 6's who will be moving on to their new schools.

Day of Sport and Kindness for the Liam Shepherd Foundation



We had a really special final day of term 5. We held our 'Day of Sport and Kindness' to remember Liam and raise money for the Liam Shepherd Foundation. Children were able to take part in a variety of sports like blind football, archery, netball, rounders tri golf and more. In between sports, children took part in kindness activities in class - making cards for others or helping with things around school. Can I say a special thanks to the coaches at Future Stars, Tyler, Scarlett and Imogen who supported activities through the day as well as Mike Prior who supported our year 4's with football coaching. Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated money which will go straight to the Foundation. A huge, huge thank you is already offered to Kim and the Liam Shepherd Foundation. The Foundation have very kindly made a donation to purchase and sponsor our brand new Ashcombe team kits. This will make us look super smart when representing the school at all our sports events in the years to come!



Message from the AFA



We'd like to thank you all again for your support at the Easter fayre! All the children looked to have enjoyed themselves and we were able to raise money ready for more items for the school! Planning for the Summer fayre is well underway, so make sure you have marked in your calendar the 5th July. We need volunteers both on the AFA and for the upcoming fayre. We're aiming to make this the best event yet! Please keep an eye out for sign-ups on various platforms if you'd be happy to help for the event. In our meeting last term, we were able to agree to fund new equipment for the school performance stage. Some elements were getting tired and needed renewing. An item that will benefit all with the wonderful shows the

children perform! We also made some more contributions to the garden being renovated at school, work is already in progress. We have a few ongoing projects/events that we're hoping to plan for the children with the money raised from events, we will endeavour to share all the amazing things we accomplish from the fundraising. It's thanks to all the support from the families that we are able to raise money to make improvements and hold activities for the children, thank you for all your support!





Mental Health – The Decider

On Tuesdays for most of this term children in years 3-6 are taking part in Mental Health assemblies led by Gina. Gina works in our school once a week with children and families. Her assemblies are focused on The Decider Skills. These are a set of skills designed to help the children navigate life's ups and downs. You can learn more about The Decider skills and download the web app here: <https://pwa.thedecider.org.uk/>

Parents and Carers' Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Parents' and Carers' evenings to finish the year. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate achievements over the year. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we appreciate your continued partnership in helping every student thrive. We'll also be looking ahead to next year at the key targets for the children to work on in the years to come.

Parents' and Carers' Evening 1 – Tuesday 8th July, 4:00-7:00pm

Parents' and Carers' Evening 2 – Thursday 10th July, 3:30-6:00pm

Sports Days

The track has been marked out of the field and children have already begun practising for this year's Sports Days. Classes will begin with rotating around a series of events before moving to the race track. I have also been preparing some new material for my commentary in between events! It is always lovely to see parents and carers join us for these days and we're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather.

- Reception and Year 1 Sports Day - Wednesday 18th June (reserve day Friday 20th)
- Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day - Wednesday 9th July (reserve day Friday 11th)
- Year 2 & Year 3 Sports Day - Wednesday 16th July (reserve day Friday 18th)

Uniform Expectations:

GIRLS' DRESS CODE

- White Polo Shirt or Plain White Blouse
- Knee Length Black or Grey A-Line Skirt or Trousers
- Blue School Sweater or Cardigan and or School Fleece
- Black or Grey Tights
- Plain Black Shoes
- Blue Checked Gingham Dress in the Summer
- Black or Grey Knee length shorts
- Shorts can be worn under dresses (Optional)

BOYS' DRESS CODE

- White Polo Shirt or Plain White Shirt
- Black or Grey Trousers or Shorts
- Plain Black Shoes
- Blue School Sweater or School Fleece



ADDITIONAL CLOTHING REQUIRED BY ALL:

- A warm, waterproof/resistant coat/lighter option in the warmer months
- Sunhat
- Wellies (Optional)
- Waterproof trousers (Optional)
- Additional change of clothes in school (Optional but recommended in Reception)

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PE KITS (to be worn into school on your child's designated PE days for this term):

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings
- Black shorts in summer months
- Black or white trainers (daps no longer needed)
- A school jumper, fleece or cardigan ONLY to be worn with kits and Y6 can wear their leaver's hoodie with their PE kit. **No Morfa Bay hoodies should be worn.**



Plain white t-shirt



Plain black shorts



Plain black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings



Black or white trainers



School jumper, fleece or cardigan

Key dates for the year ahead

I've tried to look ahead so that you can get as many dates in the diary as possible. If we do need to change anything, I'll aim to get that information to you as soon as possible.

Term 6:

Y4 Multiplication Check Window Opens – Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check week – Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June

Y6 Activities week – Monday 16th June to Friday 20th June

Reception and Year 1 Sports Day – Wednesday 18th June (reserve day Friday 20th)

Rocksteady launch day assemblies & workshops – Wednesday 25th June

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 5th July, 12-3pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day – Wednesday 9th July (reserve day Friday 11th)

Year 2 & Year 3 Sport Day – Wednesday 16th July (reserve day Friday 18th)

AFA Non-uniform Day – Friday 27th June (In exchange for a donation for the Summer Fayre)

Parents' Evening 1 – Tuesday 8th July, 4:00-7pm

Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday 10th July, 3:30-6:00pm

Y6 Leavers Show, Parents Lunch and Leavers' Service – Thursday 17th July, am and pm

Wrong Trousers Day for Grand Appeal – Monday 21st July (Children can come into school wearing unusual trousers, shorts or skirts)

End of Term 6 – Tuesday 22nd July

Forever proud to serve you.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny
Headteacher

