

Ashcombe Primary School

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8th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week of weather we've had! It's been hot but glorious and we've enjoyed being out in the sunshine. It's also been an excellent start to Term 5 which is rapidly racing away from us already – there are only 3 weeks left!

Morfa Bay 2025

Last week, children from year 5 took part in our annual residential at Morfa Bay and were lucky enough to enjoy the sunshine over in Wales too. It's been wonderful to see all the pictures of the activities the children took part in over the week – they have really pushed themselves in the time they have been away from home. One of my favourite parts of Morfa Bay is seeing families back together – there were lots of joyful tears on display as the coaches pulled into the car park. Well done year 5 – you've done yourselves proud!



Hot weather

It's looking like the weather is cooling next week but I'm sure we'll have some more sunny and hot spells in the weeks ahead. Please make sure children bring into school the following:

- A named refillable water bottle (1 litre maximum)
- A sun hat
- Sunscreen (if they can apply this themselves – if not please apply all day sunscreen at home before school)

AFA Summer Fayre

Please add Saturday 5th July to your diaries which is when we'll be running our first Summer Fayre since the pandemic. The AFA met last Monday to begin initial plans for this, discussing the range of stalls we hope to have on offer. After the success of the Easter Fayre which managed to raise a whopping £1700 for the school, I'm sure that the Summer Fayre will be brilliant!



Day of Sport and Kindness – to raise money for the Liam Shepherd Foundation

On the last day of term – Friday 23rd May - the children will be taking part in a day of sport and kindness activities to raise money for the Liam Shepherd Foundation. **Children can all come into school their PE clothes this day.** The suggested donation



is £1 per pupil and this can be **made in cash on the day**. There will also be a tuck shop after school.



TRANSITION PLANS 2024-25

As we enter the final term of the school year we've reached the stage where we need to plan for next year. Transition to a new year can be a hard time for some children as they move on to work with new teachers and new friends and, in the case of year 6, a new school. Following feedback from parents, we have been working hard to improve transition to make the process as smooth as we can.

Class teachers for next year

Leaders are meeting this term to decide where teachers will be based next year. Staffing can change as people move onto new roles so our plans are subject to change.

Mixing classes

At the end of every year we mix each year group. We do this in order to:

- Balance out the level of need across every class.
- Give children have a chance to make new friendships across the year group.
- Give children a regular transition experience which will support their move to secondary.

Children choosing friends for new classes

In the last week of this term, teachers will give the children time to choose three friends they would like to be in their class next year.

- The children will write 3 names (the order in which they write them makes no difference).
- Teachers and leaders will use this information to create three new classes for next year.
- Children will have at least one friend from their list their new class. Some children may get lucky and have two or all three of their friends.

Getting to know new teachers

- Children and families will be informed about who their child's teacher is for next year in week 3 of Term 6.
- Following this, we will be holding a transition handover meetings in school between teachers so that important information is passed on for the next year.
- Transition week for our year 6s and new Reception starters for 2025-26 will take place in week 5 of Term 6 (week beginning 30th June).
- Transition morning for year 1-5 will be taking place on Thursday July 10th

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 5:

KS2 Test week – 12th May – 15th May

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 21st May pm

Year 1 Parent Event/Performance – Wednesday 22nd May am

Day of Sport and Kindness for Liam Shepherd Foundation - Friday 23rd May (Children wear sport clothes to school)

End of Term 5 – 23rd May

Term 6:

Term Begins: Monday 2nd June

INSET Monday 2nd June

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

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

Reception and Year 1 sports day - Wednesday 18th June (reserve day Friday 20th)

AFA Summer Fayre – Saturday 5th July.

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

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

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

