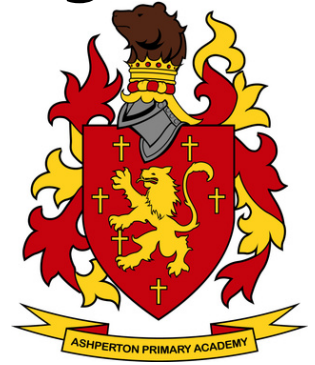


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
16/10/2026

Attendance to date: 96.9%

We have still got time to turn it around!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half-term, we celebrate everything the children have achieved. There is nothing quite like watching each individual child grow and develop over time, and it is one of the greatest pleasures of being a teacher. Over the last couple of weeks, I have managed to visit every class, and as Headteacher, I cannot tell you how proud I am of the exemplary teaching, the high standards of behaviour and the progress our children are making.

In Purple and Red Classes, I watched our super-sonic phonics lessons! All the children were working hard to learn their sounds, participate enthusiastically and practise their skills, which they are also applying across other subjects.

Orange Class wowed me with their grammatical skills, showing a great understanding of verbs, subjects and “leftovers”. In Green Class, the children were expanding their vocabulary while learning about volcanoes and their discussions were superb. They also demonstrated fantastic mathematical skills, using their number facts to tackle increasingly complex questions.

In Blue Class, the children enjoyed showing me what they had learnt about food chains. They even corrected me several times when I got the direction of energy transfer the wrong way around! Both Blue and Yellow Classes also showed me how well they are progressing with column addition and subtraction.

Turquoise class have produced some fabulous, imaginative pieces of writing about Banksy. They have demonstrated their skills in using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, as well as colons and fronted adverbials. The presentation of the finished pieces I have seen so far has been of a very high standard.

There has also been a focus on handwriting over the last couple of weeks. A number of children have been recognised for their excellent handwriting and presented with a certificate and a lovely new pen. Well done to all those children who are demonstrating such great skill and taking pride in their handwriting, as well as transferring these skills across all subjects.

Red Class have also been busy making bread this week. Mrs Marriage is so clever at finding fun ways for children to practise key skills. Through squeezing and kneading the dough, the children are strengthening their hands and developing their pencil grip without even realising they are doing so! The smell of the bread rising in the office certainly made me feel hungry, and the finished hedgehog-shaped loaves looked amazing.

School Harvest Celebration

Next Wednesday is our school Harvest celebration. Please arrive at school for 1:30 pm, when the children will parade out to sing a song to our visitors. There will be lots of exciting activities to enjoy! Please be aware that your child will go out onto the field to take part in the activities wearing their wellington boots. Children should not return to the school building wearing wellingtons unless they are going into the hall for the Celebration Cup entries.

The toilet at the back of the hall will be open for visitors to use. At the end of the Harvest celebrations, please leave through the gate at the bottom of the Red Class play area, which is the same gate you will have used to enter.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of tins or other dried and non-perishable food to support our contribution to Ledbury Foodbank. This valuable local resource supports our efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and, importantly, helps local families access essential supplies when they need them most.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children working so hard, embracing their learning and taking such pride in their achievements. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bullock
Headteacher

Ashperton Primary Academy dates for 2026-2027

Date	Class	Event
AUTUMN TERM		
2 nd September	Whole School	First day of Autumn Term
18 th September	Whole School	Individual photos and siblings
21 st – 25 th September	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue residential
21 st September – 2 nd October	Year 3 and 4 (Green and Blue)	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
2nd October	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue Assembly
29 th September 9:30 – 11:00		Open Morning
30 th September	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations
2nd October	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Mill on the Brue Assembly
9th October	Year 4 (Blue)	Trip to Cadbury's World
21 st October 1:30pm	Whole School	Afternoon Harvest celebrations
22 nd and 23 rd October	Whole school	INSET days These have been planned in so that you can make the use of cheaper holidays, flights and nights away.
5 th November	Whole School	Open Day
6th	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bishops Wood
November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings
10 th November	KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	
11th November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings and SEND One Page Profile meetings
13 th November	Whole School	Children In Need – wear something spotty
Saturday 14 ^{SSX} th November	Parents	8:30 – 12 Volunteer workforce day at school with cakes
16 th November	Year 1 (Purple Class)	Toy museum workshop
18 th November	SEN	SEND One Page Profile meetings
19 th November	Year 2 (Orange Class)	British Motor museum trip
30 th November 1:30pm	Reception (Red)	Nativity dress rehearsal
1st December at 5.30pm,	Reception (Red)	Nativity performance
2nd December at 1.30pm	Reception (Red)	Nativity performance
4th December at 1:30pm	KS1 (Purple/Orange)	KS1 Dress rehearsal
7th December at 5.30pm	Year 1 (Purple) and Year 2 (Orange)	Evening Nativity Performance
8th December	Whole school	Christmas House Day
9th December at 1.30pm	Year 1 (Purple) and Year 2 (Orange)	Afternoon Nativity Performance

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10 th December	Whole School	Wear what you like to school and bring a filled jar
10 th December 3:15pm	Whole School (KS2 Carols)	Christmas Fayre and KS2 Carols
11 th December	Whole School	Rudolph Run and Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Whole School	Trip to Panto
SPRING TERM		
5 th January	Whole School	First day of Spring Term
8 th January	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Herefordshire Museum Roman day
13 th January	Choir	Young Voices
26 th February	Year 3 (Green Class)	Bristol Museum trip
9 th March	Red (Reception) KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	Parents evenings/meetings
10 th March	Reception (Red) KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm KS2 and SEND (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm	Parents evenings/meetings SEND One Page Profile meetings
12 th March	Year 2 (Orange Class)	West Midlands Safari Park
Saturday 13 th March	Parents SEN	8:30 -12 Volunteer workforce morning at school with cake
17 th March	Whole School	SEND One Page Profile meetings
19 th March	Whole School	Red nose day - Wear a dash of red
19 th March	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Yr 3 4 dress rehearsal
23 rd March at 1.30pm	Year 3 (Green) and Year 4 (Blue)	Afternoon Yr 3 4 Performance
24 th March at 5.30pm		Evening yr 3 4 Performance
SUMMER TERM		
12 th April	Whole School	First day of Summer Term
20 th April	Purple Class	Goodheart Animal Sanctuaries
10 th – 13 th May	Year 6 (Turquoise Class)	SATS week
14 th May	Year 5 & 6 (Yellow 7 Turquoise)	TAG Rugby Festival
17 th May	All years	Leavers and Class photos
28 th May	Whole School	INSET This has been tagged onto the bank holiday of half term.
7 th June	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Multiplication test
7 th – 11 th	Year 5 (Yellow)	Bikeability
June 11 th June	Year 3 (Green)	Birmingham Botanical Garden trip
14 th June	Year 1 (Purple)	Phonics screening
16 th June	New Reception Parents	Welcome evening

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18 th June	Whole School	Wear what you like in exchange for bring in a jar
18 th June	Whole School	Summer Fayre after school
21 st June-2 nd July	Orange, Purple and non-swimmers	Swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks
22 nd June	New intake	Stay and play
23 rd June	KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon	Sports Day
30 th June	KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon	Reserve sports Day
1st July	Whole School	Move up day and new reception in take
5th July	New Reception	New intake preschool induction
7th July	All Years	Meet your child's new teacher
9th July 1:30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Dress rehearsal
9th July	All years	Annual reports out
13 th July at 5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14th July 1.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
14 th July 5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 (Yellow and Turquoise)	Performance
15 th July	SEND	SEND One Page Profile meetings
16 th July	Year 4 (Blue Class)	Campover at School
Sunday 18 th July	Parents	8:30 – 4pm Volunteer workforce day at school with Bbq
19 th July	Whole School	Beach trip
20th July 1:30pm	Year 6 (Turquoise)	Leavers Assembly and Bbq