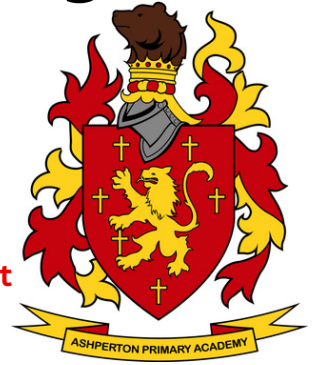


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
9/10/2026

Attendance to date: 96.6%
Numbers of days off school are days when children are not learning!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week at Ashperton, full of visits, investigations, creativity and wonderful learning experiences!

Red Class visited the church to find out all about christenings. It was a lovely opportunity to learn more about this special ceremony and how it is celebrated. Year 5 have been putting their map skills to the test by exploring our local village, maps in hand! They have been looking carefully at how space is used within a village and identifying its different features. Their fieldwork will continue with visits to Ledbury and Hereford, where they will compare villages, towns and cities and develop their understanding of how places are organised and used.

Blue Class were all up bright and early this morning, ready for their trip to Cadbury World to learn more about the Mayan civilisation as part of their history topic. I am sitting rather wistfully in my office, hoping that they remember that chocolate is Mrs Bullock's favourite thing in the whole world! I shall, of course, be very interested to hear all about their adventures when they return!

Purple Class have been busy developing their literacy skills during their time in Forest School. Inspired by Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom, the children have made their own brooms to reflect their learning from the story. They have also been carrying out some very scientific investigations, exploring which materials are best at absorbing water. Listening to their discussions, I can hear just how much they have learnt. It is wonderful to see their vocabulary developing and their confidence growing as they explain their ideas and discuss their findings.

Orange Class have been investigating materials and exploring which ones are best suited to different purposes. Miss Neath took on the role of the Big Bad Wolf to see whether she could blow down the houses the children had built using their chosen materials! I am pleased to report that no little piggies were eaten, as Orange Class knew exactly which materials would be best for the job!

Green Class have had an explosive time making their own volcanoes! This week, their hard work culminated in making their volcanoes erupt. Lava flowed everywhere, and the delight on the children's faces said it all! What a fantastic way to bring their learning to life.

Turquoise Class have been working hard on their Banksy topic. This week, they created stencils in preparation for their graffiti workshop. They have also been writing non-chronological reports about Banksy, exploring who he is, how he keeps his identity secret and the hidden messages within his artwork. I was particularly impressed with their choice of vocabulary, including pseudonym, political and controversial, demonstrating their growing understanding of Banksy's work and the messages he conveys through his art. Perhaps you could ask your children to tell you about Banksy and discuss some of his artwork together!

Sport and teamwork

Over the past two weeks, we have been really proud of our school sports teams, who have represented Ashperton in after-school netball and football fixtures. Miss Neath commented that, although Eastnor won the match, it was the best game she had seen our team play! It is fantastic to see the children developing their skills, determination and teamwork, and learning that how we play is just as important as the final score. The children have also enjoyed taking part in our inter-house games, bringing plenty of enthusiasm, healthy competition and team spirit.

At breaktimes, the children have continued to enjoy opportunities to play together, stay active and make the most of our outdoor spaces. It is lovely to see so much energy and enthusiasm across the school!

What would you like the space used for?

Please could you have another go at following the QR code or link (I sady set it up incorrectly last time!) to give your opinion on what ther space could be used for on the KS1 playground. I know Friends are keen to start fundraising for this space.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/e7EhxTjm54>

Ploughing Match

This year, I am delighted to announce that we had three worthy winners in the The Trumpet and District Agricultural Society handwriting competition. First for Henry; second for Tilly and a third for Esmae. Well done to all who took part!



Playtimes

At breaktimes, the children are really enjoying our Triple A scheme. There is plenty of space for everyone to play, and it has been wonderful to see the children getting creative with the equipment, working together and encouraging one another. Whether they are pushing each other around on the go-karts, organising their own sporting activities or enjoying a quieter moment with a book in our sensory garden, it is lovely to see the children making the most of the opportunities available to them. They are also enjoying our lovely new water fountain!

A reminder about our October INSET days

Please remember that we have two INSET days planned for Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October. I am hoping that many of you will be able to take advantage of the cheaper travel opportunities and perhaps bag yourselves a bargain getaway!

These dates have been deliberately positioned to give families the opportunity to take holidays outside of term time, helping to reduce the need for children to miss valuable learning days. We would love to hear your thoughts on these dates and how helpful you have found their positioning. Your feedback is always appreciated!

Our Annual Harvest Get-Together – Wednesday 21st October

We are looking forward to welcoming our families to our annual Harvest celebrations on Wednesday 21st October at 1:30pm. Parents, grandparents and extended family members are all warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon together.

We will begin our celebrations on the school sports field, where the children will parade out and perform a song. Afterwards, you will be able to collect your children and enjoy the range of activities we have planned, including:

- A taste of Harvest: delicious pies made by the children!
- Stone decorating: a creative activity led by our Year 6 pupils.
- Scarecrow building: working together to create our very own Harvest scarecrow.
- The House Captains' Creativity Challenge: a new addition this year, run by Mr Botham and our House Captains. The exhibition of entries will be displayed in the hall.

There will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate the children's creativity, enjoy time together and embrace the spirit of Harvest.

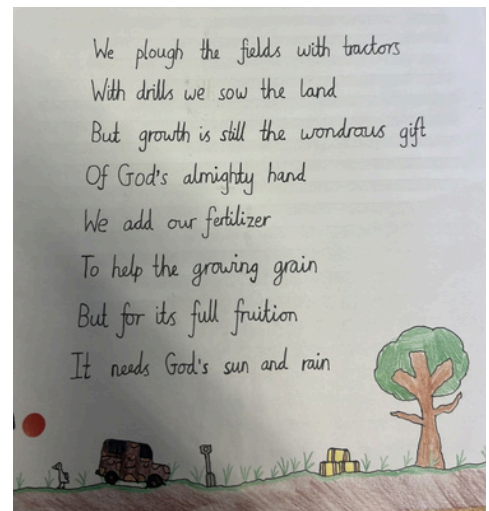
Finally, please ensure that all entries for the Creative Cup are submitted by next Wednesday. Further details can be found on Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Harvest celebrations!

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 10 th November	KS1 (Purple, Orange) Slots from 1:30pm – 5:00pm KS2 (Green, Blue, Yellow, Turquoise) Slots from 3:30pm – 6:30 pm	Parents evenings/meetings
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