



# ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

# NEWSLETTER

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## Positivity

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

1H	Mila T-H
1SH	Milo W
2C	Dougie A
2G	Asya D
3B	Henry G
3H	Milo A
4C	Teddy G
4I	William G
5B	Poppy T
5AG	Dalton Y
6R	Levi R
6RG	Sophia B



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# Personal Development



## Year 3 Tatton Park Trip

On Friday, Year 3 went to a Stone Age workshop at Tatton Park. They explored the changes in Britain during the Stone Age from the Paleolithic Era through to the Neolithic Era. They experienced what life was like for people living at the time, learning about how they hunted for foods using bone and stone tools, how they built their homes using wattle and daub and constructed fires using flint. They all had a fantastic day and even surprised some of the Tatton Park staff with the historic knowledge they already had.



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## Harvest Festival

We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated food for our harvest collection last week. As you can see, it was a bumper collection and will certainly help a lot of people who are in need. Flo Knowles at our local food bank 'Food Friend' sent this message:

'Wow, what a fantastic amount of food! Please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone. We wouldn't be able to continue our service without this kind of generosity.'

I would also like to thank all the parents, from this year and previous years, who have kindly given up their time to pack all this food in their cars and deliver it to the food bank. Your help is much appreciated.

Mrs Axcell



## Year 6 Parent Lunch

Last week, Year 6 parents were invited into school to have lunch with the children. It was a fantastic opportunity for our parents to see how our lunchtimes run, whilst enjoying the food and company of the children.

It was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who was able to come and join us.



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## Topic Visitors

Following the success of our parent topic visitors last year, we would like to invite visitors into school to talk about the jobs they do. If you work in a field linked to any of this term's topics and feel you would be able to support us with this please contact the class teacher to organise a visit to the year group.

Further information about what is being covered in each year group is available on the curriculum overviews and knowledge jigsaws that were sent out at the start of the half term.

Our topics this term are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Children are learning all about themselves. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Their body</li> <li>- How to keep healthy</li> <li>- Families</li> <li>- How people change over time</li> </ul>	Lowry Animals including humans Dance Christianity Computing and systems	The Great Fire of London Animals including humans – food exercise and hygiene. How we use ICT Dance Christianity	Stone Age to Iron Age Animals including humans – nutrition/skeleton Computer systems and networks Invasion games Textiles Christianity Music – Dood Dodgeball
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
The Roman Empire Animals including humans – digestion/teeth Football Still life drawing Islam Textiles Pottery	Anglo Saxons and Scots Space Computing systems and networks Netball and Outdoor Adventurous Activities Music – JSax Textiles Christianity	The Industrial Revolution Animals including humans - circulation/diet/exercise Clarinet Hockey and outdoor adventurous activities Mechanical systems Computing systems and networks Islam	



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# Pupil Leadership

## Finance Team

We would like to introduce our Finance Leadership Team. Lead by Molly, the team members are Amy, Isaac, Eleanor, Seb, Poppy, Tilly, Reuben, and Arselia with Mrs Chaplin as Staff Leader.

We have briefly met to introduce ourselves, to discuss initial exciting ideas and what we think the Finance Team is responsible for. We are meeting next week to discuss our ideas on how we can raise funds for school. Update to follow!



## Digital Leaders Team

Our Digital Leaders Team is led by Isabella with team members Francis, Elizabeth, Isaac, Lily, Georgia and Blake.

This week and next week the team will be teaching online safety lessons to Years 1 and 3.



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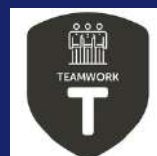
## Culture Team - European Languages Day



On European Day of Languages, we celebrated the cultures and languages shared within our school community. Each year group experienced a native speaker coming in and talking to them about their culture. The children learned some of the language, listened to familiar stories and much more. Year 3 visited Year 6 for a French cafe experience. All children conversed in French, to order and take orders of food. A great time was had by all and we enjoyed croissants and pan au chocolat!

We also launched our final Pupil Leadership Team- The Culture Team. We asked the children to apply to join our team and we will be coming round this week to collect the applications. We hope to celebrate all of the different cultures and languages within our team.

Anna and Lottie



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## Mental Health Ambassadors

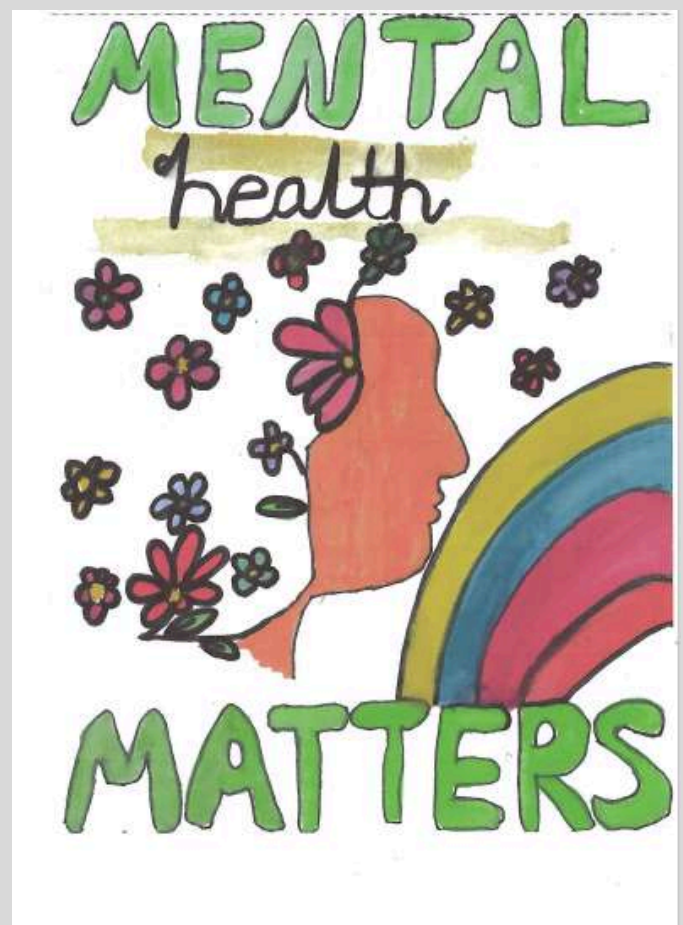
On Thursday 10th October, it's World Mental Health Day. We have decided to support Hello Yellow for the charity, Young Minds. All children can come to school in non-uniform, but we'd love everyone to wear a splash of yellow to show their support!

Instead of bringing in money in exchange for non-uniform, we'd like everyone to bring in a cake for a special Hello Yellow bake sale that the Mental Health Ambassadors will be running after school on the KS2 playground, because who doesn't like cake?

Please bring cake donations to school drop off on 10th October and remember to bring in some money at the end of the school day for the sale.

Thank you

Baxter Speedie, Mental Health Ambassador Joint Leader



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## Sport

Three games, three victories and three clean sheets. What a start to the season and thank you Jordan Halstead Estate Agents for allowing our Year 5/6 football team to look so professional! Every child who participated, demonstrated all aspects of Ashdene's RESPECT values when they took on Handforth Grange, Styal and Wilmslow Academy last Thursday. From goalkeeper to centre forward the entire squad were a true asset to the school. The next round of the football league will take place on Thursday 10th October.



## Active Ambassadors



Well done to 5B for being the KS2 Active Class of the Week with 127 extra active minutes.



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# This Week In Pictures

## Reception



## Year 1



## Year 2



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# This Week In Pictures

## Year 3



## Year 4



## Year 5



## Year 6




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# Attend. Achieve. Succeed.



Attendance	
RB	98.7%
RG	96%
1H	94%
1SH	93%
2C	99.3%
2G	97.3%
3B	99.3%
 3H	100%
4C	93.8%
4I	94.2%
5AG	94.7%
5B	98.1%
6R	91.9%
6RG	97.4%

Equates to:	Percentage	Quality
100%	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS	90%	CONCERNS
30 SCHOOL DAYS	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

**Attendance Update**

Our attendance target is **97%**. We all need to work together on ensuring children are in school EVERY day and not missing any learning.

Our attendance for the week is:

**96%**

Our attendance for the year to date is:

**96%**



Well done **3H** on their perfect attendance last week!



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# Reading Leaderboard



## Communication at Drop Off and Pick Up

There is a member of staff on every door at pick up and drop off. This is either a teaching assistant, teacher or member of the senior leadership team.

Conversations during drop off and pick up should only be used for brief messages, e.g. change in pick up arrangement, appointments, forgotten items etc. This enables the staff members to focus on their core duties at these times, ensuring that the children are safely welcomed and dismissed from school.

Should you require a longer/more complex conversation, please organise an alternative time to speak to the staff member. This can be arranged by emailing the school office or class email accounts.



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# Term Dates 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 term dates have now been added to the Ashdene website. Please see the link below.

[https://www.ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/29851099](https://www.ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29851099)



## Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is due to take place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. To book an appointment with your child's class teacher please click the link below to log into School Cloud.

<https://ashdeneschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system will close on Wednesday 9th October at 9am.

Please note, all appointments for our autumn term parents' evening will take place face to face in school. Following this, all appointment in the spring term will take place virtually.

All the key dates for the academic year are available on our parent calendar. Please take note of these as we will be unable to accommodate requests for dates outside of these for parents' evening.

<https://www.ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk/page/parent-calendar/127786>

## Reception and Year 1 Phonics Workshop

The phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents will be held on Wednesday 2nd October from 5-6pm . The meeting will be held in the KS1 hall. We will be discussing how phonics is taught here at Ashdene, along with key information about the Year 1 phonics screening. Please note, this workshop is for **parents only** and children should not attend.



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# Wilmslow High Open Evening

Wilmslow High School have an open evening on Thursday 3th October, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

## Key information:

- Tours with student leaders will start at 5.30pm - no entry to school before this time
- Entrance is via the school's new Main Reception area
- There will be very limited parking on site, so please park away from school (parking near Sainsbury's or Broadway Meadows Carpark near the Leisure Centre) and walk to the entrance
- The school's North Gate adjacent to the Broadway Meadows Carpark will be open. There is a path with lighting that will take parents through the school site towards Main Reception
- The Headteacher will be giving a short welcome speech in the Sports Hall at 5.45pm and at 7.15pm. Parents attending the 5.45pm session will not be able to start a tour until after this welcome address has finished. Parents who do not wish to attend this 5.45pm session will be able to start tours from 5.30pm.

Information can be found on the link below

<https://www.wilmslowhigh.com/noticeboard/open-evening/>



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HIGH SCHOOL



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# Penalty Notices



## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.]

### Penalty Notices will be issued for

**Term time leave:** Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

### Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

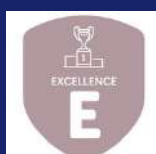
£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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# Parent Lunch

If you would like to attend the **Year 5** parent lunch on **Thursday 24th October**, please book a place by emailing your food choice from the menu below to [admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk).

(please note this is an invite for parents to experience the new school meal provision; there is no charge)

The deadline for booking a place is **Wednesday 9th October** at 4PM - no orders can be accepted after this date.

## MENU

Traditional All Day Breakfast

All Day Veggie Breakfast (V)

Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (GF) - please select - cheese, beans or Tuna mayo (vegan cheese available)

Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings - cheese, tuna or ham (vegan cheese available)

# Polite Notices

## School Day

Please ensure that children have everything they need for the school day to avoid dropping items into the school office. This can not only cause stress to children waiting for items but is disrupting to classes and other children.

## Playground Gates

Please can we ask that children do not climb or rattle the KS1 and KS2 gates at pick up time. This is damaging the structure of the gates and is also unsafe.

## PE Kit

As per the school uniform policy, the transition period for new uniform does not apply to PE kit. We are aware that there have been some supply issues with branded items. With this in mind, we expect to see all pupils in the new correct PE kit by half term. Please see the uniform policy link below.

[https://www.ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/27027116](https://www.ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/27027116)



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## TAKEHOME

20th September  
- 6th October



Lin Random House UK, Colin Wright

### How important is it to know about the author behind the book?



Penguin Random House UK, Colin Wright

## In the news this week

Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- > What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- > Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it important to you to read books by authors from different backgrounds and with different experiences? What do others at home think?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Key Dates

Thursday 3rd October - Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 4th October - Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 8th October - Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 16th October - Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th October - Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th October - Year 5 Parent Lunch 11.30am

Friday 25th October - School closes for Half Term 1

Monday 4th November - Inset Day

Tuesday 5th November - School reopens for Half Term 2

Monday 11th November - Individual School Photos



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# Community News



Are you looking for some new strategies for children aged between 5 and 12?

## Facing Defiance



Six week course: 6 online Teach sessions (one hour on Sundays) plus applying the strategies at home during the week  
£72 (1 or 2 parents can attend)

for more info and to book

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## OCTOBER CAMP

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