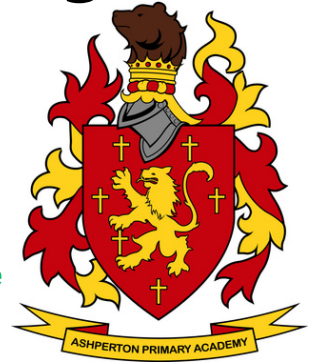


Ashperton Primary Academy

This week's news
2/10/2026

Attendance to date: 97.6%

This really is a super effort at the start of term - well done everyone!



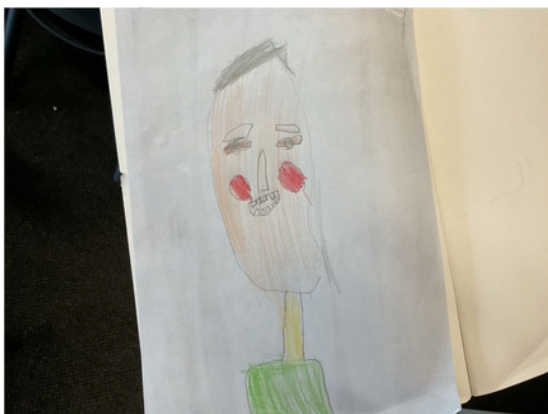
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting week at Ashperton for the children!

Our Year 3 and 4 children have completed their second week of swimming, finishing today with a pyjama swim as they practised their rescuing skills. We have been incredibly impressed with the progress they have made over the last two weeks and really appreciate how tired they have been after these intensive afternoon sessions! Well done, Green and Blue Class - have a good rest this weekend!

Red Class had their first session down at Forest School today, and I have been so impressed with all of their phonics learning this week. When I popped in today, I heard them blending sounds together to sound out actual words. "You are reading, Red Class!" I heard Miss Bushnell declare. What an exciting and euphoric moment to be in the classroom for! I was equally as proud when we invited our Year 6 parents into school for assembly today and our new starters showed just how beautifully they can sit throughout an assembly. Only a few weeks in and you have already come so far and impressing everyone!

Green Class have been very excited to tell me all about the volcanoes they have been making this week, ready for their explosive lava eruptions next week! They have shown fantastic teamwork and collaboration when creating these and are incredibly proud of their finished volcanoes. It is brilliant to be able to engage the children in conversations about their learning and hear them talk so enthusiastically about what they have been doing.



Turquoise Class have been looking at non-chronological reports this week and have been fascinated to find out all about Banksy, the famous street artist. Who is he? How does he keep his identity a secret? What messages do his artworks try to convey? The children have really enjoyed exploring these questions. It has also been wonderful to see them so engaged in their new class novel. Mr Botham is quite the enchanted storyteller and even the office staff have found themselves becoming rather captivated! A quick tap on the shoulder from me soon gets them back on task!

Purple Class have also been developing their control and pressure skills as they use different techniques to add shape and colour to their portraits. It has been lovely to see the care and attention they are putting into their artwork.

Orange Class are really enjoying the provision put in place to support their Year 2 curriculum and we are already seeing the benefits of this additional support. It is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and making such positive progress.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Oracy presentation from Mr Botham, Mrs Sallis and myself yesterday. Your child should come home with an Oracy at Home leaflet on Monday, and there is also a PowerPoint available on the school website if you were unable to attend and would like to have a look.

Thank you also to our Year 6 children, who gave a lovely assembly today to round off their fantastic week at Mill on the Brue. They were able to recall fabulous anecdotes and moments of joy, including times when they overcame their fears. It was wonderful to hear them reflect on their experiences and share these with their parents.

Whilst away, it is also important to note that they were awarded the Zero Hero Award for Waste! This award is given to the school that wastes the least food over the week at mealtimes. Thanks to some fantastic teamwork – and some very generous children helping to clear the plates of others! – there was very little food left over.

Well done, Year 6, for continuing to live our Sustainable Development Goals even whilst away!

Another fantastic week at Ashperton. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Caroline 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