



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 7 Friday 18th October 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS /PTA EVENTS /FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Autumn Term 1

23rd October

Open Morning for Year 2 Parents 9-10:00am

PTA Meeting 5.30—6.00pm

28th October —1st November

Half Term

Autumn Term 2

4th November

Inset Day—School Closed to children

5th November

Open Morning for Year 2 Parents 9.00 -10:00am

5th November

Year 3 'Light Show ' & Science Day : Science Dome@AJS

7th November

9.00am PTA Cake & Coffee Morning, in aid of OAK HAVEN: CASH DONATIONS ONLY

11th November

Remembrance Assembly (Y6 parents, arrive 10.30am)

11th—15th November

Anti-Bullying week

15th November

Children in Need (details to follow)

23rd November

Xmas Stall @ New Milton's Christmas Festival & Parade

29th November

SPARKLE & SHINE day & Xmas Raffle donations

10th December

Lower School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

12th December

Upper School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

18th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

20th December

Last day of term—school closes 1.30pm

23rd December—3rd January

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 1—2025

15th, 16th & 17th January

Bikeability—Y6

30th January

Winter Disco—TBC

10th & 13th February

Parent Consultations, Hall, 3.40—6.00pm

MONDAY 3rd March

AJS World Book Day (Please note date is different to National WBD celebration)

5-7th March

Osmington Bay Residential—Year 5

7-18th April

Easter Break

21st April

Bank Holiday



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'Letters home' link:

All letters sent home are available on our school website:

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=71>

NEW Third Party

Communications:

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Third+Party+Communications&pid=98>



Thank you to the Year 4 families for coming together on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to celebrate **HARVEST FESTIVAL** with us.

Thank you also to all of the AJS families who were able to make a donation to our food collection for

NEW FOREST BASICS BANK.

We delivered your donations to them this week. Thank you for helping families in our community.



CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF WEAR RED DAY

#WRD24

CHANGE HEARTS
CHANGE MINDS
CHANGE LIVES

Thank you to the children for supporting the 'Show Racism the Red Card' celebration of the 10th Anniversary of **Wear Red Day** today.

We marked the day by taking part in different activities, focusing our thoughts on how we show **RESPECT** to everyone in our school community.

Thanks also to **AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust** for coming to work with Years 5 & 6, with their '**Respect and Citizenship**' workshop.



YEAR 3 PARENTS: Kestrel, Robin and Wren

The school has only received **half** of the payments needed for the

Year 3 Explorer Dome Experience, scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 5th November.

If you have not already done so, please make your payment via Arbor.

Thank you for your support.



Service of Remembrance



AJS Remembrance Assembly - MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024

We would like to invite our **Year 6 parents/carers, from Merlin, Robin and Osprey classes,** to attend this year's AJS Remembrance Assembly, as the Y6 children will be leading this special service.

We look forward to welcoming our Y6 parents on the day;
the service will start at approximately 10.40am,
- parents are welcome to arrive at school from 10.30am.
Please complete the e-form to help us to cater for people attending.
<https://forms.office.com/e/NNT2e2Sw1x>

*A limited supply of poppies will be sold during the week after half term in school time.
All donations will go to The Royal British Legion.*



HOT SCHOOL MEALS - Ashley Junior School

We now have our own bespoke Menu for our school.

Please use this version to show your child(ren) what they can order each day. Thank you!











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WEEK 1 YOUR SCHOOL MENU

NOVEMBER 2024 - APRIL 2025

Fresh vegetables will change seasonally and may not be shown in the photos.

Hampshire County Council Education Catering

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Veggie bolognese pasta</p>  <p>Chicken Katsu curry and rice</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Shortbread</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Vegetarian sausage roll with stickle cut wedges</p>  <p>Ham carbonara with pasta</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Cheese and tomato pizza</p>  <p>Sweet sticky chicken with rice</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Rice crispy cake</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Plant-based sausage and Yorkshire pudding</p>  <p>Sliced beef and Yorkshire pudding</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Cheese and onion quiche</p>  <p>Fish fingers</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Chips, vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Sticky ginger sponge</p>

FOOD TO FLOURISH

WEEK STARTING: 4 November, 20 November, 18 December, 20 January, 10 February, 10 March, 31 March

FRESH FRUIT SERVED EVERY DAY








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WEEK 2 YOUR SCHOOL MENU

NOVEMBER 2024 - APRIL 2025

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Hampshire County Council Education Catering

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Plant-based sausage hotdog and bread potatoes</p>  <p>Chicken curry and rice</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Onion chocolate pudding</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Veggie lasagne</p>  <p>Pork sausages with mash and gravy</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Cheese and tomato pizza</p>  <p>Rubbed salmon and stickle cut wedges</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Cherry honey cake</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding</p>  <p>Sliced chicken and Yorkshire pudding</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Sweet potato and lentil curry and rice</p>  <p>Fish fingers and chips</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Lemon drizzle sponge</p>

FOOD TO FLOURISH

WEEK STARTING: 11 November, 2 December, 6 January, 27 January, 24 February, 17 March

FRESH FRUIT SERVED EVERY DAY











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WEEK 3 YOUR SCHOOL MENU

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Hampshire County Council Education Catering

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Macaroni cheese</p>  <p>Beef chilli with rice and tortilla chips</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Chocolate biscuits</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Veggie cottage pie</p>  <p>Chicken nuggets and bread potatoes</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Vegetable and bean burrito</p>  <p>Fancy BBQ sauce pizza topped with chicken</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Jammy shortbread biscuit</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Quorn and leek pastry crown</p>  <p>Sliced pork and Yorkshire pudding</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Fruit, mousse or jelly</p>	<p>CHOOSE FROM</p> <p>Cheese and potato fritata</p>  <p>Fish fingers</p>  <p>ON THE SIDE</p> <p>Chips, vegetables or salad</p> <p>TO FINISH</p> <p>Toffee apple sponge</p>

FOOD TO FLOURISH

WEEK STARTING: 18 November, 9 December, 13 January, 3 February, 3 March, 24 March

FRESH FRUIT SERVED EVERY DAY

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YOUR SCHOOL JACKET POTATO MENU




SUSTAINABLE THINKING

Hampshire County Council Education Catering

All served with vegetables of the day or salad and dessert of the day

MONDAY	Baked Beans
TUESDAY	Tuna Mayo
WEDNESDAY	Cheese
THURSDAY	Tuna Mayo
FRIDAY	Cheese and Beans



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Thank you to the parents who attended the first **Parent Carer Network Meeting last Tuesday.**

We hope you found it useful and are really grateful to you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences. A number of very valid points were raised and we have started to think about the best ways to address these.

Communication

1. Some parents weren't sure of the best place to get to support if they were concerned about a learning or social issue with their child.

In the first instance, this should be raised with the teacher.

- This can be done by emailing the admin office at any time (adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk) either with the details or with a request that the teacher call you – they will aim to reply within 5 working days.
- By speaking to your child's teacher on the playground at the end of the day. They will be happy to talk or arrange a time to call you or meet with you.
- By talking to a member of the senior leadership team on the gate at the start of the day. They will pass your concern to the class teacher, who will then get in touch with you if appropriate.

2. Some parents felt that school did not communicate with them regarding their child.

We are always happy to talk to you about your child's progress or any concerns you have. Initial meetings in year groups at the start of every year give an opportunity for you to 'put a face to a name' and to meet your child's teacher.

There are three further formal meeting opportunities to discuss your child's progress throughout the year in the parent consultation meetings. You will also receive a written progress check and an end of year report.

In addition, we use 'Marvellous Me' to let you know the great things your children are doing in class.

In school, we meet regularly as teams to discuss all children's learning and to look at the support given to individuals and groups to help them make good progress. As mentioned above, if you have any concerns about your child, we want to hear from you so we can help.

3. Some parents felt the number of emails was overwhelming.

Email is our main form of communication, regarding whole school issues, and the newsletter contains the key information and dates we need you to know.

We receive a large number of circulars from Hampshire with various offers, which we are aware may not interest every parent. We used to add these to the newsletter, but that made it too long so we have been sending these on a Friday marked as 'third party comms'.

After listening to parents, we will be purchasing a notice board to display these instead of emailing third party adverts etc. Once up, please do 'keep an eye' on the board, in case there is something of interest.

Some parents felt there were not enough reminders of key events such as year group meetings or parent consultations.

All key events are detailed in the weekly newsletter in the 'key dates' section. Any new dates are printed in red. In addition, we will use the new notice board, when it arrives, to highlight the key dates for the week ahead. In a 'this week/ next week' format. We will also add any reminders to return forms etc.

Support for social, emotional and mental health needs in school

Some parents were unsure of the support available if their child has Social, emotional, mental health (SEMH) needs.

At Ashley Junior School, we have a number of provisions to support children who find the social aspect of school challenging.

These include:

Meet and greets at the door to support anxious pupils in coming into school.

Lunch and breaktime supervision by the regular classroom teaching assistants who know the children well and can look out for children who need support in playing and socialising.

A 'quiet lunch' provision for those children for whom the dinner hall presents a sensory overload.

Teacher involvement – supporting pupils through setting up buddies and friendship groups to support a child who may need support making friends.

Nurture – a more formal intervention, where the child attends a number of sessions out of class in a small group, focussing on supporting their emotional and social needs.

ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support - this is usually a one-to-one provision, for a period of 6 weeks, where a child is given time to work on particular SEMH needs and talk over any concerns or anxieties they may have.

In some cases, the child's need is recognised as requiring outside help. We can apply for an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to further support them and ensure that provision follows them throughout their educational career. This process can take several months and involves an Education Psychologist assessment.

If you feel your child has needs in this area that require additional support, you can contact the class teacher in the first instance. You can also speak to Mrs Cheesman, our Mental Health Lead and Home-School Link, or Mrs Harling, our Special Educational Needs coordinator (SENDSCO).

Pen licences

Some parents felt the pen licence was not helpful and that their child felt it was unachievable and therefore not an incentive.

It was agreed that the current system of 'pen licences' was not working and that going forward children would be encouraged to write in pen starting from Year 3. A new 'handwriting certificate' would be introduced to recognise children who had made particular effort to improve their handwriting. Neat, joined handwriting is a requirement of the expected standard in writing by the end of Year 6.

Again, we are very grateful to the parents who were able to support us at this first meeting.

IMPORTANT UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER:

Wristwatches can be worn to school,
but children do so at their own risk.

Please note, **no SMART watches(including 'Fit Bit' styles) should be worn in school**; any brought in should be handed to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day.

The school accepts no responsibility for any damages or loss.



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER

Please click on the link below to see this month's online safety newsletter, with **very** useful guidance:



<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67>



PTA SMARTIES CHALLENGE 2024



Last call:
Monday 21st
October

*Fill-up and secure the tops of the tubes, and
return them to school . Thank you!*

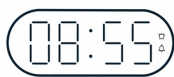


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

If your child is absent and you haven't received advance permission from Mrs Bartolomeo to take your child out of AJS, the school and Hampshire County Council may take action.

These measures can include:

- ⇒ **Issuing a fixed penalty notice***, otherwise known as a 'fine' – the Local Authority, Hampshire County Council, can give each parent a fine;
- ⇒ From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012;
- ⇒ **If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted by the Local Authority for your child's absence from AJS;**
- ⇒ In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160;
- ⇒ Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered by HCC.



***Please note that fixed penalty notices can be issued to AJS parents in these circumstances:**

- **Holiday taken during term time; we cannot make any allowances for the comparative high cost of travel during school holiday weeks themselves**
- **Children who are persistently late for school**
- **Children who are persistently late after registration closes.**

Please note: If your child misses school due to medical or dental appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment to the school office team for our records– thank you.

STAR READER

Wren

Esme

Kestrel

Archer

Kingfisher

Elsie

Skylark

Esmee

Barn Owl

Amber

Eagle

Madison

Osprey

Ava

Merlin

Evie

Robin

Tom



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren

Oscar

Kestrel

Theo

Kingfisher

Max

Skylark

Oliver

Barn Owl

Theadora

Eagle

Lumen

Osprey

Arunima

Merlin

Eilidh

Robin

-



HIGH FLYER



Wren

Kodi

Kestrel

Theia

Kingfisher

Skyla

Skylark

Phoebe

Barn Owl

Casey

Eagle

Evalyn

Osprey

Tannah-Mae

Merlin

Jewel

Robin

Harry