



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS / PTA EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



### Autumn Term 2

10th December

Lower School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

12th December

Upper School Poetry Performance Festival 2-3pm

16th December

Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church

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

6th January

Pupils return to school

15th, 16th & 17th January

Bikeability—Y6

30th January

Winter Disco—Letter to follow

7th February

Doughnut and Cookie Friday—After school

(Details to follow)

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

14th March

Non-uniform day in exchange for Boxed Easter Egg

28th March

Easter Bingo and Raffle Evening 6-8pm

(Details to follow)

7-18th April

Easter Break

21st April

Bank Holiday

2nd May

Freddo Friday sale after school 3:30pm—4:00pm

(Details to follow)



# Ashley Junior School

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RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE



Bulletin 12 Friday 29th November



## '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>

## HELP DECORATE THE NEW AJS FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE!



We would like to start a new AJS Christmas tradition this year; each family is invited to decorate our new outdoor Christmas tree with a bauble from home.

Please note that it can only be one decoration per family, and baubles will not be able to be returned to the children.



**Children— check the list below for your decoration date!**

Year 3 - 8.45am Monday 2nd December

Year 4 - 8.45am Tuesday 3rd December

Year 5 - 8.45am Wednesday 4th December

Year 6 - 8.45am Thursday 5th December



## Ashley Baptist Church visit - Year 4

Thank you to our friends at Ashley Baptist Church who warmly welcomed our Year 4 children last Tuesday afternoon.

We are very grateful to the ABC team for their time, and look forward to going back with the whole school for our Christmas service in a few weeks time!



## CHRISTMAS POETRY AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES 2024



Parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us at this year's annual

Poetry and Music Performance  
afternoons.

Years 3&4 Tuesday 10.12.24. 2.00pm

Years 5&6 Thursday 12.12.24. 2.00pm

Robin class will perform at both!

Parents/carers need to secure their 'seat' at the performance by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HpNrNPU6Xd>



## PTA MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET & *Sparkle and Shine!*



*A very big thank you to the PTA team and volunteers for helping on the day.*

*Thank you also to all the parent/carers who supported by purchasing items and donating raffle prizes.*

# BREAKING NEWS

## MESSAGE FROM MRS BARTOLOMEO:



*It is with great sadness, that I received and acknowledged the resignation of our PTA Treasurer, Kelly Kingman, today. Her last day, in this voluntary post, will be Friday 14th February 2025.*

*AJS would like to thank Kelly for everything that she has done over the years to support the PTA in their mission to fundraise vital funds for our school.*

*Her unwavering commitment, energy and time have been very much appreciated, and we will be forever grateful for her presence on the PTA team, even after her own child had moved on to their secondary school. **THANK YOU, KELLY.***

## THE FUTURE OF THE AJS PTA 'HANGS IN THE BALANCE':

The PTA needs at least two official members in role, to be compliant.

The PTA will, therefore, be holding an

**Emergency General Meeting**

**Monday 3rd February 2025 @ AJS, or accessed via a Teams link**

**6.00—7.00pm**

**If no volunteers come forward to fulfil the official roles required, the PTA will 'fold' at the end of this academic year, and all planned events, throughout the rest of this year, will be cancelled.**

**No more discos, bingo nights, raffle draws, smarties challenges, Christmas movie nights, 'Icecream/cookies&donuts Fridays', to name but a few.**

**Ultimately, no more fundraising for our wonderful children...**

## PARKING ISSUES

Please could all AJS families who park their cars on local neighbourhood roads, before dropping off/collecting their children to/from school, note that they should NOT park on, or in front of, residents' driveways.

We have received a complaint from residents in Molyneaux Road who have experienced these issues with cars belonging to AJS families.

Please note that residents will report any offending vehicles to the police.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.



*It was so lovely to welcome so many families into school this week to celebrate and share their children's work with them.*

*Thank you for coming - we will do this again in March 2025. Look out for the date!*



## ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER

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

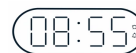
<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67>



## DON'T BE LATE!

Our school gates are opened between 8.45—8.55am, and then they close.

Look out for **TOKEN TIME** next week, and be **READY** to pick up your token!



## POLITE REMINDER:

Parents are responsible for the welfare of their own children before and after school.

Please ensure that your child has safe arrangements to get to and from school on time every day—the school is NOT responsible for their welfare during these times.

THANK YOU



## OUTDOOR LEARNING - REMINDER MESSAGE FROM MRS HARVEY

Friday 6th December Barn Owl

Friday 13th December Osprey



Order deadline has been extended to  
6th December To place your order please click the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/zGUATfxWvr>



**FOOD TO FLOURISH**

Hampshire County Council  
Education Catering

**YOUR SCHOOL MENU  
THEME DAY**  
Christmas 2024

**MEAT-FREE OPTION**  
Vegetable wellington  
with meat-free sausage  
(Vg)

**ON THE SIDE**  
Roast potatoes, stuffing  
ball, seasonal  
vegetables and gravy

**TO FINISH**  
Iced shortbread or  
ice-cream

**MEAT OPTION**  
Roast turkey with pork  
cocktail sausage

**ON THE SIDE**  
Roast potatoes, stuffing  
ball, seasonal  
vegetables and gravy

**TO FINISH**  
Iced shortbread or  
ice-cream

[hants.gov.uk/educationcatering](https://forms.office.com/e/zGUATfxWvr)

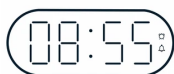


**All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.**

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

Olivia

Kestrel

Huey

Kingfisher

Kara

Skylark

Martha

Barn Owl

Leonardo

Eagle

Amber

Osprey

Muanna

Merlin

Aavai

Robin

Raymond



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren

Rafe

Kestrel

Thomas

Kingfisher

Kara

Skylark

Oscar

Barn Owl

Theadora

Eagle

Hollie

Osprey

Jackson

Merlin

Thomas

Robin

-



## HIGH FLYER



Wren

Blake

Kestrel

Luke

Kingfisher

Kara

Skylark

Jazmine

Barn Owl

Roxy

Eagle

Leo

Osprey

Esme

Merlin

Thomas

Robin

Autumn