



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS / PTA EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Autumn Term 2

23rd December—3rd January

Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 1—2025

6th January

Pupils return to school

15th, 16th & 17th January

Bikeability—Y6

27th January

Year 5—Frozen Musical (@The Arnewood School—see separate letter)

30th January

Winter Disco—Letter to follow

3rd February

PTA EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING 6pm (see PTA newsletter notice from 29.11.24.)

7th February

Doughnut and Cookie Friday—After school
(Details to follow)

10th & 13th February

Parent Consultations, Hall, 3.40—6.00pm

17th—21st February

Half term

24th February

Inset day

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)

w.b.12th May

YEAR 6 SATs week



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 15 Friday 20th December



'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>

Merry Christmas to you all!



Thank you to all of the AJS community for your support and commitment to our children this term.



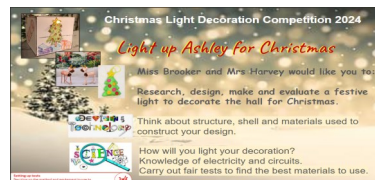
We hope that families have a restful and safe two weeks holiday; we look forward to welcoming the pupils back on **MONDAY, 6TH JANUARY**.



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY - ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you to our friends at Ashley Baptist Church for hosting our annual Christmas Assembly this week.

It was lovely to have the AJS community altogether, sharing poems, stories and songs about Christmas.



Light up Ashley for Christmas Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to...

1st place - Dylan

2nd place - Mackenzie

3rd place - Joint winners: Phoebe A & Izzy R



Money raised - Christmas Raffle and Mini Christmas Market



Where's Rudolph Game board - £2 per star - stick on the map where you think Rudolph is hiding.



Not for Sale - Winning Bundle for the Where's Rudolph? Game



Christmas Sweet cups £3 each



Famero Rocher Wreaths £3 each

The PTA are **very** proud to announce that the total **profit** made from the Christmas Raffle and Christmas Market sales was a staggering **£1024.69!**

Thank you so much to our AJS friends and families who donated items for the raffle, bought goods from our Christmas Market, and who bought raffle tickets!

What an amazing amount of money to put towards the AJS children's learning experiences. **THANK YOU!**

Robin Class— Book Celebration Event!



Our Robin children enjoyed sharing their learning with members of the staff team this week. Look how proud they are of their own work!

This special sharing event was topped off with drinks and biscuits for the guests and Robins...what a perfect way to spend a morning altogether!





Christmas lunch and jumper day

What a wonderful AJS Christmas lunch and jumper day we had on Wednesday. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all!



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER-



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>

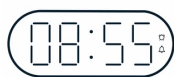


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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.