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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS /PTA EVENTS /FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Spring Term 1—2025

21st January	9.15am PINS PARENT GROUP MEETING
22nd January	3.00pm Shining Lights Choir - PARENT MEETING for Young Voices@O2 London
27th January	Year 5—Frozen Musical (@The Arnewood School-see separate letter)
30th January	Winter Disco— Attached
3rd February	PTA EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING 6.00pm (see PTA newsletter notice from 29.11.24.)
5th February	All day - Shining Lights Choir trip to Young Voices@O2 London
6th February	Osmington Bay Residential—Parent Meeting 3:30pm—4:00pm
7th February	Doughnut and Cookie Friday—After school - Attached
10th & 13th February	Parent Consultations, Hall, 3.40—6.00pm
17th—21st February	Half term
24th February	Inset day
<u>MONDAY</u> 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)
4th April	School finishes 1:30pm
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



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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>

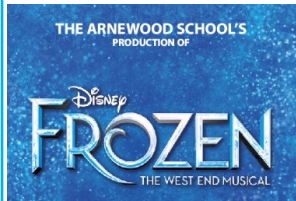
NEW Third Party

Communications:

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

Arnewood @AJS: 'FROZEN' DRAMA WORKSHOP

Our thanks goes to Mr Stanton and the students from the **Arnewood School** production of **FROZEN** for leading a fantastic Drama workshop with our Year 5 children here at AJS.



Our Year 5s are really looking forward to going across to Arnewood on January 27th to watch the whole show!

Year 6 - BIKEABILITY 2025



Very well done to those Year 6 pupils who took part in this year's BIKEABILITY training.

We were very proud of how well they followed instructions and took part fully in all of the activities in school and out on the local roads.



Premier Education

Premier Education

are a running a multi skills club after school

Monday (year 3/4) and Tuesday (year 5/6)

Please click the link below for full details :

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118-918273/?back=1&active_only=1&location=New%20Milton



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— APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF



If parents/carers ever have any concerns about their child's learning needs, please do arrange to talk with/meet the teacher, via the office team (by phone or email) - our team are happy to help. As a courtesy, we would ask that parents do not use social media platforms/chats to post comments or opinions about teaching or staff. Thank you for your help with this.

Outdoor Learning



During the Autumn term, all classes were busy in their Outdoor Learning sessions covering the curriculum areas of Science and Art. Everyone drew pencil drawings of trees as part of a longitudinal study in Science and created some amazing leaf pictures using natural materials. Fun was had playing the 'This is not a stick...' game which helped to fire up children's imaginations for creating their leaf art. Well done Ashley, you produced some incredible pictures and made some great memories.





THE FUTURE OF AJS PTA

'HANGS IN THE BALANCE':

The PTA needs at least two official members in role, to be compliant. We are looking for a Treasurer and Secretary at this stage.

The PTA will be holding an **Emergency General Meeting**

Monday 3rd February 2025 @ AJS 6.00—7.00pm

If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in joining us, please let the PTA know via adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk by 9.00am, 3.2.25.

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.

Support us

Ashley Junior School PTA Winter Disco



Thursday 30th January 2025

Timings

Lower School : 4:45pm—5:45pm
Upper School : 6:00pm—7:00pm

Cost per pupil £3.00

This includes unlimited refreshments

Booking and payment to be made via Arbor.

Please ensure your child's dietary and allergy information is updated on Arbor

Deadline for booking - Friday 24th January

PTA

Doughnut sale Friday!

Get yourselves a treat from
3:30pm – 4:00pm on
Friday 7th February

Location - outside the school office.

£1.00 per doughnut
(Selection available)
50p for a cookie.

(Cash only event)



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PARENT CARER
NETWORK
enabling voices to be heard



PINS Parent Group – ALL WELCOME!

At Ashley Junior School we are very pleased to be continuing to work alongside the Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) as part of the PINS programme - a national project aimed to improve inclusivity in schools for **all** children, particularly those who are neurodiverse.

As part of this project, in October we set up a parent group, led by Rosie from HPCN. Sessions for this group are an opportunity to come and have conversations about what's going well for you and your child in school and what needs some improvement. Rosie takes notes during the meeting and then meets with the leadership team to talk through any thoughts or issues raised.

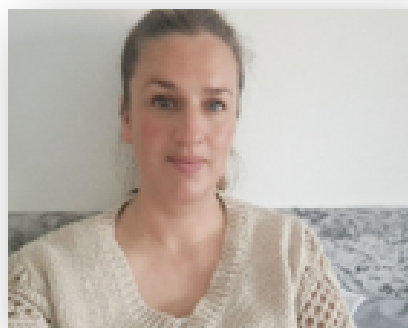
These PINS Parent Group sessions are a really great opportunity to have your voice heard and support the school to make positive changes for all our young people. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January. Rosie will lead the meeting at 9.15 am; you are welcome to come into school at 9.00am for tea/coffee and biscuits following school drop-off.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 21st January 2025

Time: 9.15am

Location: AJS Library

An introduction from Rosie



My name is Rosie, and I work for the Hampshire Parent and carers network. I will be running the PINS groups and working with you to listen to you and build positive relationships between home and school. I have many years of training with children in SEN within the Early's years sector, as a Qualified Early Years SENCO and SEN law Training and my own personal experience of SEN with my own Children.

Email: pins@hpcn.org.uk

Web page: www.hpcn.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HampshireParentCarerNetwork/>

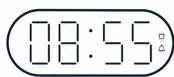


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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
William

Kingfisher
Macey

Skylark
Hunter

Barn Owl
Bow

Eagle
Oliver

Osprey
Zack

Merlin
Brooke

Robin
Autumn



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren
Olivia

Kestrel
Jasmine

Kingfisher
Jessica

Skylark
Ann

Barn Owl
Casey

Eagle
Iris

Osprey
Pearl

Merlin
Freddy

Robin
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HIGH FLYER



Wren
Elisia

Kestrel
Estelle

Kingfisher
Ralph

Skylark
Tess

Barn Owl
Aston

Eagle
Farley

Osprey
Ellie

Merlin
Eilidh

Robin
Noah