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Bulletin 20 Friday 7th February 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...2024/25

NEW EVENTS /PTA EVENTS /FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Spring Term 1—2025

7th February

10th & 13th February

17th—21st February

24th February

26th February

Spring Term 2—2025

28th February

MONDAY 3rd March

5-7th March

14th March

26th March

28th March

2nd April

4th April

7-18th April

21st April

Summer Term 2025

22nd April

2nd May

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26th—30th May

2nd June

22nd July

23rd July - 2nd September

Next year: 2025/26

3rd September

Doughnut and Cookie Friday—After school - Attached

Parent Consultations, Hall, 3.40—6.00pm

Half term

INSET day

5.30pm PTA Meeting– planning for the next events!

Jack and the Bean Stalk - Theatre visit Whole school

AJS World Book Day (Please note date is different to National WBD celebration)-**details to follow**

Osmington Bay Residential—Year 5

Non-uniform day in exchange for Boxed Easter Egg
(Full details to follow)

PE day - all pupils in PE kit today

Easter Bingo and Raffle Evening 6-8pm
(Details to follow)

Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day(**details to follow**)

School finishes 1:30pm

Easter Break

Bank Holiday

SUMMER TERM STARTS

Freddo Friday sale after school 3:30pm—4:00pm
(Details to follow)

YEAR 6 SATs week

Half term

INSET day

School close 1.30pm - end of school year

Summer Holidays

INSET day



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'Letters home' link:

All letters sent home are available on our school website:

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

NEW Third Party

Communications:

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

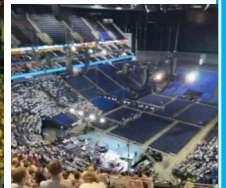


info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com

Shining Lights AJS Choir @ London O2

Congratulation to the **Shining Lights** AJS Choir members who travelled up to London this week to perform in one of the **Young Voices** 'Largest Children's Choir' concert events of this year! They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, with fine voices, lots of excitement and boundless energy!

Our sincere thanks goes to Mr Legg and his Shining Lights staff team, as well as Mrs Pepin and Mrs Pollard, who were with the children from 6.00am Wednesday until 1.00am Thursday!



OUTDOOR LEARNING NOTICE:

Rescheduled Outdoor Learning for Skylark class will be on Thursday 13th February.



We are aware that lots of AJS families may be struggling financially at the moment; we have a small grant allocated to us to support those in need for things such as energy bills, warm clothing and bedding.

Eligibility is not restricted to just those in receipt of benefits. If you feel we might be able to support you, or would like further details, please contact Mrs Cheesman by email:

adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk



BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!

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!

TOKEN TIME



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Please click on the link below to see our latest online safety newsletter, with **very** useful guidance:

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=835&type=pdf>



Safer Internet Day 2025



Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February, with learning based around the theme

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them. Next week, ask your children about what they have learned about it in school...

Parent-Teacher Consultations



Arbor

- Monday 10th February
 - Thursday 13th February
- 3:40pm – 6:00pm

Appointment bookings can be made via Arbor. **The system went live from 5:00pm on Friday 31st January and will close on Monday 10th February at 12:00pm.**

Booking guidance can be found here <https://support.arboreducation.com/hc/en-us/articles/203792102-Booking-GuardianConsultations->

Spring into Action



Spring into Action: Monday 3rd—Sunday 9th March

This year's theme is **the weather**, with ideas to help families engage with nature and benefit from being active outside. Take a look at some of these ideas!

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/education/primary-schools-in-hampshire/resources-for-primary-schools/spring-into-action/>



RELOCATING THE OUTDOOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

We will be relocating our set of outdoor music instruments next week, so that the children have easier access to them once the field reopens in the Spring. These will be set into the ground next to our new mini-orchard of donated, young apple trees, next to one of the field 'mounds'.

Our thanks goes to Richard Frampton, from Harrow Wood Farm, for the use of the rotavator, for this project!



POLITE LANGUAGE, PLEASE

We have received reports, from members of the public, that highly offensive and inappropriate language has been used by our pupils whilst they have been in the adjacent Ashley Play Park after school hours.



Please could parents remind their children that we expect all AJS pupils to use polite language in and outside of school.



Your support with this is very much appreciated, thank you.



1. Thank you to the Disco Kings and Queens!

We raised **£296.48** profit from last week's discos.

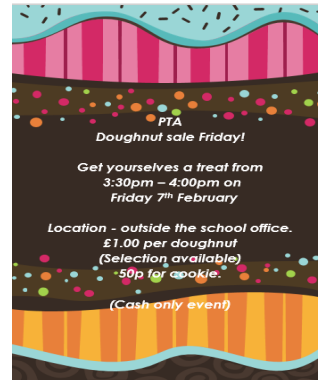
Thank you everyone!!



2. Friday 7th February 3.30pm:

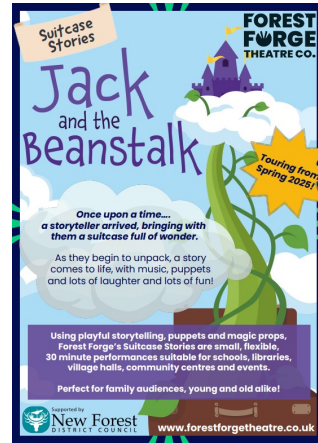
Cookies and Doughnuts Sale after school

CASH ONLY PLEASE



3. Friday 28th February

Our PTA will be funding four performances of **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**, by the Forest Forge Theatre Company, for all AJS children! *Thank you to you all for your fundraising contributions over this past year.*



3. Friday 14th March 2025

Non-School Uniform Day in exchange for boxed Easter Egg donation

This year the PTA would like to hold a Non-School Uniform day in exchange for a **donation of a boxed Easter egg** - any size welcome. These will be put towards the Easter Raffle!

The PTA team will be at the reception gates on the morning of **Friday 14th March** to collect in all donations. **THANK YOU!**





Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING on Monday 3rd February.

Here are the updates from the meeting: PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. CHAIR: Hazel has confirmed that she will continue as Chairperson for the rest of this school year, as planned. At the next AGM(Annual General Meeting) in September, she will be stepping down from her role as Chairperson, after many years of commitment to our school community.

*If there is anyone who might be interested in taking on this commitment to our school, **please email Mrs Bartolomeo (via adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk) with your 'Declaration of Interest' by Friday 4th April, 9.00am.***

Only people who express their interest in this way will be invited to 'shadow' our current Chair, Hazel, for the whole of the Summer term (whilst supporting all of the PTA team's work and events), and be eligible to take part in the 'VOTE FOR A NEW CHAIR' at the September AGM.

No 'Declaration of interest' = no opportunity to shadow and therefore no eligibility to stand in the AGM for the voting of a new CHAIR.

2. TREASURER: We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Treasurer joining the PTA team - thank you to Anouska for volunteering to take on this role for the rest of this academic year, in the first instance. Anouska will be shadowing our out-going Treasurer, Kelly, so that the handover of financial information is as smooth as possible. *We are so pleased to have Anouska's support, enthusiasm and commitment to the PTA team, thank you!*

3. SECRETARY: The PTA still does not have one this year! If you would be interested in taking up this position, please get in contact with the Chair via the AJS PTA Facebook page.

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What are the main roles and responsibilities of a PTA committee?



PTA chair

To lead the committee, ensuring the PTA is run in line with its constitution and according to the wishes of all members.

The chair's responsibilities

- Chairs and facilitates meetings in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute
- Sets the date and agenda for meetings and keeps the discussion on track
- Delegates tasks to committee members
- Ensures decisions are implemented
- Liaises with the school about fundraising priorities
- Welcomes and motivates new volunteers
- Is a designated signatory on the PTA bank account

At the AGM

- Writes the annual report

Suits people who are...

- Strong leaders
- Diplomatic and fair
- Enthusiastic

PTA treasurer

The treasurer controls the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions. They make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable, and report financial information to the rest of the team.

The treasurer's responsibilities

- Manages the day-to-day finances
- Keeps a detailed and accurate record of the PTA's financial activity
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way
- Arranges floats for events
- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses

At the AGM

- Prepares the financial report

Suits people who are...

- Confident at handling money and budgets
- Good with numbers

PTA secretary

The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

The secretary's responsibilities

- Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decisions made and relevant action points
- Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets
- Ensures meetings have enough attendees to form a quorum and keeps records
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At the AGM

- Helps the chair prepare for the meeting and takes minutes on the day

Suits people who are...

- Great communicators and Accurate writers

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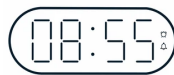


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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

Ria

Kestrel

Carla

Kingfisher

Jessica

Skylark

Logan

Barn Owl

Leonardo

Eagle

Back next week

Osprey

Sisi

Merlin

Oscar

Robin

Noah



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren

Jude

Kestrel

Dexter

Kingfisher

Priya

Skylark

Martha

Barn Owl

Kieran

Eagle

Kaitlin

Osprey

Carter

Merlin

Back next week



HIGH FLYER



Wren

Leighton

Kestrel

Delilah

Kingfisher

Seby

Skylark

Sophie

Barn Owl

Craig

Eagle

Arthur

Osprey

Louisa

Merlin

Dhilsha

Robin

Molly