



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS

21st November	Your Time To Shine Day (<i>Details on page 3</i>)
24th November	Year 3 Explorer Dome
25th November	Book Look Drop-In 3:40pm—4:10pm (<i>Details on page 2</i>)
5th December	SPARKLE & SHINE day for the children: wear something sparkly!
5th December	3.30pm: Cake Sale for charity and school fundraising
w/b 8th December	Autumn Term Reports sent home—'Approach to Learning'
9th December	2pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Poetry and Music Performance – Parents welcome(<i>Details on page 3</i>)
11th December	2pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Poetry and Music Performance – Parents welcome(<i>Details on page 3</i>)
15th December	Whole School Visit to Ashley Baptist Church
17th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	School Finishes 1:30pm
22nd December—2nd January	Christmas Holiday
5th January	Inset day
6th January	Spring Term Starts
13th January	Year 5 OSMINGTON BAY PARENT MEETING: Q&A 3.40—4.10pm, Hall
14, 15, 16th January	Year 6 Bikeability (see separate letter)
16th—20th February	Half Term
23rd February	Inset day
4th—6th March	Y5 Osmington Bay
30th March—10th April	Easter break
w.b. 11th May	Year 6 SATS week
25th—29th May	Half Term
1st June	Inset day
w.b. 2nd June - 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check



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This week, launched Antibullying Week at AJS with our Odd Sock-Day and then, throughout the week, pupils attended additional assemblies dedicated to antibullying, reinforcing the message of kindness and respect. We also celebrated World Kindness Day on Thursday, 13th, to further enrich the kind culture that we cherish at AJS.



We believe that fostering an environment of acceptance and kindness is vital for our community...

It was lovely to see so many children dressed in their spotty outfits supporting Children in Need.



If you would like to contribute, please remember that donations can be made online <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>

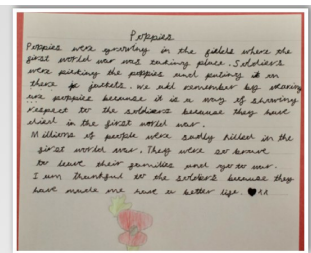


We would like to extend our thanks to the Year 6 pupils who presented the Remembrance service to the Year 6 parents/carers and the entire school. Their dedication and commitment to honouring this important occasion were truly commendable.



The service was a beautiful tribute, and it was wonderful to see the pupils engage with such respect and sincerity.

We also extend thanks to Phoebe and Oliver for representing the school at New Milton's Remembrance Parade last Sunday.



Book Look Drop-in

We are delighted to invite you to our **Book Look** taking place on **Tuesday 25th November from 3:40 to 4:10 pm**. This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to pop into your child's classroom and celebrate the learning they have accomplished this term.



Books will be available for families to explore together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Library Books

We are reaching out to seek your support for our school library. If you have any good quality, age-appropriate books, you no longer use and would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful. Your contributions will help enhance our library's collection and provide valuable reading resources for our pupils.

Books can be brought to the school office at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Thank you.



My dentist visit

Year 3 had a wonderful visit from some of the Dental team at Mydentist in New Milton. The children had the opportunity to learn about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy. They were taught effective brushing techniques and discovered which foods are good and bad for their teeth. The visit concluded with a fun quiz, along with prizes for our eager learners!

We would like to extend a big thank you to our visitors for their engaging presentation and for making this experience both informative and enjoyable for our students.



Winter Coat

As the cold and wetter weather approaches, we would like to kindly remind you to ensure that your child/ren, come to school with a warm, waterproof coat.



CHRISTMAS POETRY AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES 2025

Parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us at this year's annual Poetry and Music Performance afternoons:

Years 3&4 Tuesday 9.12.25. 2.00pm

Years 5&6 Thursday 11.12.25. 2.00pm

Earhart class will perform at both!



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

[Poetry & Music Performance 2025 – Fill in form](#)

HELP DECORATE THE AJS FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE!

We are excited to continue our Christmas tradition this year by inviting all AJS families to join us in decorating our outdoor Christmas tree!

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to contribute a special bauble from home to help make our tree festive and joyful.

Please keep in mind that we ask for only one decoration per family, and kindly note that the baubles will not be returned to the children.

Children— check the list below for your decoration date!

Year 3 - 8.45am Monday 1st December

Year 4 - 8.45am Tuesday 2nd December

Year 5 - 8.45am Wednesday 3rd December

Year 6 - 8.45am Thursday 4th December



Your time to shine day 2025—FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

With evenings getting darker, the Autumn term is the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of being seen to traffic.

On **Friday 21st November**, we invite AJS pupils to wear, for example, bright socks, a bright headband or fluorescent wristband, **with their usual school uniform**, to raise awareness of Road Safety.



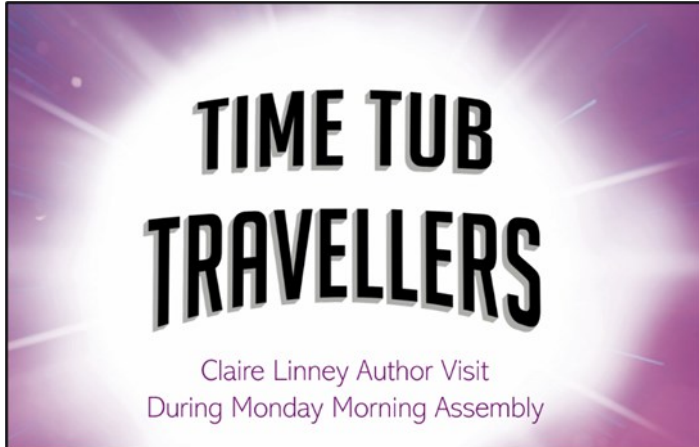
We want to encourage all children to be more visible to drivers and other road users,..

Author Virtual Visit - Claire Linney, Monday 10th November

We were thrilled to welcome virtually children's author Claire Linney to AJS during our Monday assembly this week.

Here's some information about Claire, her writing and the questions that each class asked!

If you are interested in buying the books then the purchase links are here <https://www.clairelinney.com/links>



About the author

- ▶ Claire Linney
- ▶ Mum & award-winning author
- ▶ Lives in East London, UK
- ▶ Loves time travel and Black British history



About her books

The Time Tub Travellers is a fun, adventure series that explores Black British history through time travel.

When Zula's aunt's antique bathtub turns out to be a Time Machine, she and her best friend Milo find themselves trapped 400 years in the past. Excited at the chance to show her history teacher, there are Black people in Britain's past, she pulls Milo deeper and deeper into the dangerous world of Tudor London. History is about to get real in ways Zula never imagined.

Will Zula prove her teacher wrong and get herself and Milo safely back to their own time?

Questions that Claire Linney answered during her virtual assembly

Yr3

Rosen Class: How long on average does it take you to write a book?

Benjamin: Was it difficult becoming an author?

Yr4

Curie class: How did you get the idea of a time travel story?

Farah Class: What is life like being an author?

Yr5

Zephaniah Class: What tips would you give to an aspiring author?

Simmonds Class: Do you enjoy developing ideas for your stories and thinking about what you are going to write and why?

Yr6

Attenborough Class: Where do you get your inspiration from when you write a story?

Kahlo Class: Is it hard to be an award-winning author and a mother at the same time?

Earhart- Do you always read when you are in the bath and what type of books do you like reading?

STAR READER

Benjamin

George

Rosen

James

Curie

Jasmine

Farah

Isabelle

Simmonds

Esme

Zephaniah

Emma

Kahlo

Anya

Attenborough

Kieran

Earhart

Alfie



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Benjamin

Kuba

Rosen

Chester

Curie

Johann

Farah

Charlie

Simmonds

Priya

Zephaniah

Leticia

Kahlo

Kaitlin

Attenborough

Roxy



ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Benjamin

Calyx

Rosen

Isla

Curie

Harrison

Farah

Estelle

Simmonds

Faith

Zephaniah

Preston

Kahlo

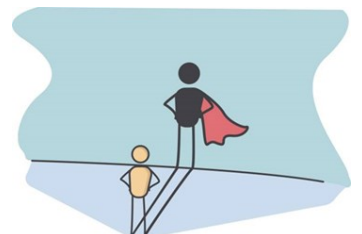
Hollie

Attenborough

Bow

Earhart

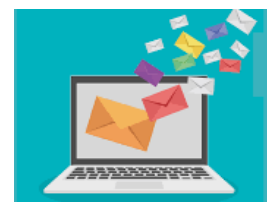
Raymond



'Letters home' links

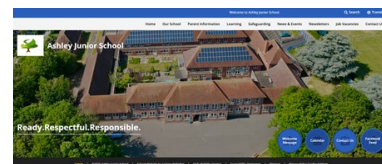
All letters sent home are available on our school website:

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



'Local Look Out' - Local Community Communications:

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Local+Look+%2D+Out&pid=105>



**Staying
Safe**

Online

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER:

Please click on the link below for our latest edition:

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title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67](https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67)

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AJS Social Media Platforms

We wanted to remind you to check out our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.

Our **Insta** and **FB** posts are a great way to keep up with all the latest happenings, celebrate pupils achievements, and stay informed about school events.



Engaging with us online will help you to feel a part of our school community and share in the joy of your child's journey. Don't miss out on the fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/16DqgnsR4E/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



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 have not 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;
- ⇒ The fine for school absences across the country are **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.
- ⇒ **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.