



# Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 12 Friday 28th November 2025



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



w.b.1st December	AJS FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE - family decorations brought in
<b>5th December</b>	SPARKLE & SHINE day for the children: <b>donate an item for this year's XMAS TOMBOLA and wear something sparkly</b>
<b>5th December</b>	<b>3.30pm: Cake Sale for charity and school fundraising</b>
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
11th December	2pm: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Poetry and Music Performance – Parents welcome
15th December	Whole School Visit to Ashley Baptist Church ( children only)
17th December	Christmas Lunch, and 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' day
<b>18th December</b>	<b>Christmas Craft Fair@ AJS, 2.00 - 3.00pm</b>
19th December	School Finishes @ 1:30pm
<b>22nd December—2nd January</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>5th January</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
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 ( <b>see email sent Monday 24.11.2025</b> )
<b>16th—20th February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>23rd February</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
4th—6th March	Y5 Osmington Bay
<b>30th March—10th April</b>	<b>Easter break</b>
w.b.11th May	Year 6 SATS week



### Year 3 Explorer Dome Visit

This week started off on Monday with the Explorer Dome visiting the Year 3 pupils. This onsite visit was designed to enrich their learning in Science, delving into the fascinating world of 'Light'.



The highlights of the day included a spectacular show featuring an array of light effects and experiments inside a darkened dome. The children enjoyed a high-energy experience where they investigated concepts such as:

- What light is and its source
- How light travels and how we perceive it
- The intriguing properties of mirrors, prisms, and filters

This immersive journey captivated the children with a dazzling display of reflection, refraction, and colour mixing. What a great experience had by all!



### Year 4 Ashley Baptist Church Off Site Visit

Pupils in Year 4 undertook a visit to Ashley Baptist Church on Tuesday. This visit was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to enhance their understanding of our Religious Education theme this term, which is 'Holy'.

Throughout this term, the children have been learning about the significance of Mary to Christians and how they demonstrate their belief in her holiness. The visit to the church allowed them to experience this teaching in a real-world setting, deepening their appreciation and understanding.



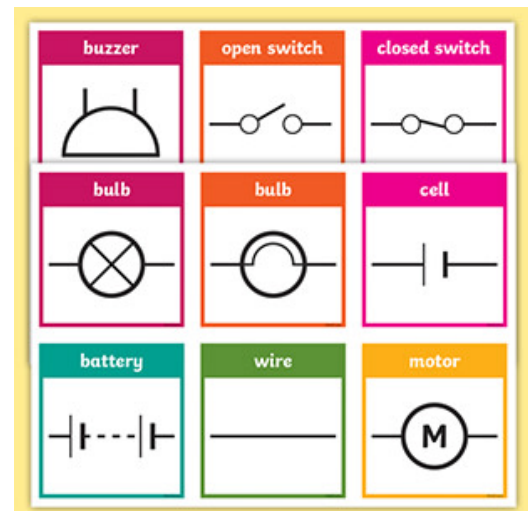
Thanks goes to the ABC team for welcoming our Y4s for their visit.

## Year 6 SCIENCE: ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

As part of the Year 6 science, in a fascinating project the Year 6 children have been creating lighthouses. This hands-on activity is designed to help the children understand how electrical circuits and their components work.

READY  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE

The project not only encourages creativity but also provides practical experience in building circuits and applying scientific principles. It is great to see how engaged the children were as they learnt to connect wires, use batteries, and incorporate bulbs in their designs.



**Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Book Look event.**



It was a wonderful opportunity for you to come and see the fantastic learning that your child has been involved with this term.

*Your continued involvement is invaluable in supporting our pupils' learning journeys; we appreciate the time you took to engage with their progress.*



*Thank You*

This year, AJS raised an amazing **£384.27** for the Royal British Legion's POPPY APPEAL through donations made in the first week of November.

*Thank you to you all...*



# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

## ASHLEY JUNIOR

## SCHOOL

### 2025

The next few pages have details about the forthcoming  
AJS Christmas Activities for the children.

*Get your diaries and calendars ready,  
so that you know what's coming up and when!*

1. Christmas Tree - family decorations;
2. Christmas Post Box;
3. **Christmas Tree Competition;**
4. **Tombola donation** to wear 'Sparkle&Shine', and Cake Sale;
5. Christmas Poetry and Music Performances;
6. Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch;
7. **Christmas Craft Fair:** This cash-only event will feature the children showcasing their creativity, as they run various craft stalls in an effort to raise money for outdoor play equipment. *Pop in, enjoy the merry atmosphere and then come back at 3.30pm to collect your child in the usual way!*

We look forward to welcoming you...

## HELP DECORATE THE AJS FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE!



**REMINDER:** Starting next week, we will be decorating the outside Christmas tree at Ashley Junior School.

*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**

## **AJS CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX**



**Until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, our school Christmas post box will be located in the corridor by the children's entrance into school, so that cards can be posted on the way in!**

**It is VERY important that every card has the recipients' full name, class and year group written on it, so that they can be delivered to the right children.**

***Our very own Year 6 elves will then do their very best to get the cards delivered to each classroom everyday!***



**Christmas Tree Decoration Competition** 

*Light up an Ashley Tree for Christmas*

Miss Brooker is challenging you to...

Research, design, make and evaluate a festive Christmas Tree to light up Ashley for Christmas.

Think about structure, shell and materials used to construct your design.

How will you light your tree to show it off?  
What theme will you choose?  
Minimum height 30cm Maximum height 60cm

Can you incorporate recycled materials into some or all of your design?

**Deadline:** Monday 8th December 2025

**Location:** Simmonds class( Y5),

**REMEMBER:** Label your Christmas Tree with your name, class and the project name, and hand in the planning sheet ideas too.

**GOOD LUCK!**



**FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**'Sparkle and Shine Day', in exchange for tombola donations**

This year, Ashley Junior School will be holding a 'Sparkle and Shine Day' where children can come to school wearing something with sparkle and shine on them in exchange for donations for the Christmas Tombola Stall, which will be part of our first CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR.

All profits raised will go towards raising money for the outdoor school play equipment.

We would like to thank you in advance for your valued support in raising funds for the school.

**Suggested donations for the tombola are as follows:**

**Alcoholic drinks (to be brought in by an adult)**

**Chocolates**

**Gift Sets**

**Candles**

**Christmas nibbles**

*We cannot accept any fresh items and please do check the 'use by' dates on any items that run out before 19<sup>th</sup> December on goods.*

**The AJS team will be at the reception gates on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December to collect in all donations. THANK YOU!**

**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](#)



YOU ARE INVITED TO AJS

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Family & friends of AJS welcome!

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER

2PM TO 3PM

YR3 & 4 IN THE HALL  
YR5 & 6 IN THE GYM

Get ready to soak up the festive cheer at our special Christmas Craft Fair! Join us for an afternoon of wonderful crafts, music, and surprises, all while supporting a great cause.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Craft Stalls - students will be showcasing their handmade creations
- Festive Entertainment - Christmas music and a performance from the school choir
- Christmas Surprises

All the money raised from the fair will be used to buy exciting new play equipment for the children to enjoy at playtimes. Your support makes a real difference-we can't wait to see you there!

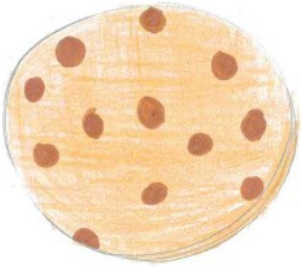
# Bake Sale

Friday 5th December 2025 (Sparkle and Shine)



WARNING  
⚠️  
Food Allergies:  
we cannot guarantee  
these cakes are not -  
free gluten - free dairy -  
free etc.

The money that  
is raised will go  
to New forest  
Basic bank and  
School fundraising.



50p per  
Item please  
bring change

# Bake Sale!



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free etc.

JOIN US FOR  
Ashley Junior School  
Year 6 Cake Committee

## BAKE SALE

*Fundraiser*

FRIDAY 5th December

1530 Outside Reception  
All proceeds will go to the School / New Forest Food Bank.

Cakes Cookies Brownies Cupcakes and  
Lots More Delicious Treats!  
Prices Range 50p - £1



# Christmas menu

## Lunch

Roast Turkey

Or

Roast Quorn Fillet

With Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy

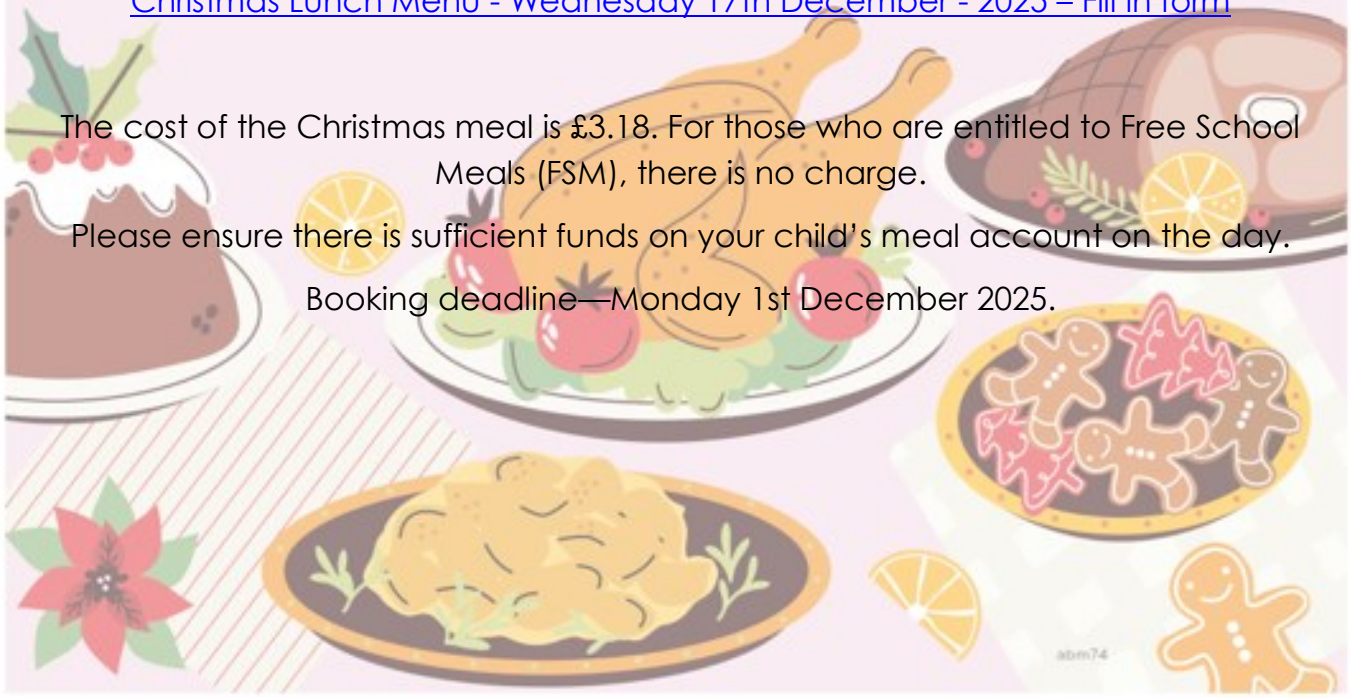
Festive Iced Shortbread Biscuits

Or

Fruit Jelly

Please complete the form using the booking link below

[Christmas Lunch Menu - Wednesday 17th December - 2025 – Fill in form](#)



The cost of the Christmas meal is £3.18. For those who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), there is no charge.

Please ensure there is sufficient funds on your child's meal account on the day.

Booking deadline—Monday 1st December 2025.

## STAR READER

Benjamin

Eva-Rose

Rosen

Zac

Curie

Imogen

Farah

Eslie

Simmonds

Dylan

Zephaniah

Lloyd

Kahlo

Anson

Attenborough

Iris

Earhart

Autumn



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Benjamin

Back Next Week

Rosen

Back Next Week

Curie

Alexander

Farah

Charlie

Simmonds

Back Next Week

Zephaniah

Back Next Week

Kahlo

Back Next Week

Attenborough

Back Next Week



## ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Benjamin

Summer

Rosen

Lexie

Curie

Lois

Farah

Leighton

Simmonds

Tess

Zephaniah

Sophie

Kahlo

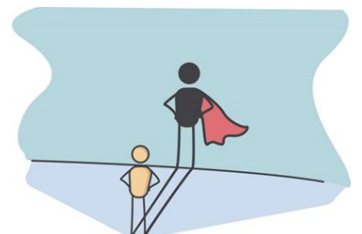
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Earhart

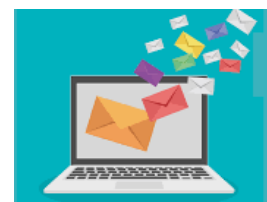
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## 'Letters home' links

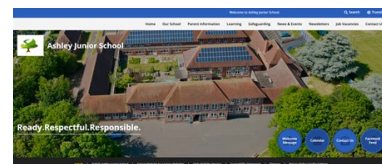
All letters sent home are available on our school website:

<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:*

[www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?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>

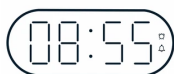


**All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.**

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.**