



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 13 Friday 5th December 2025



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



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
18th December	Christmas Craft Fair @ AJS, 2.00 - 3.00pm
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 email sent Monday 24.11.2025)
10th & 11th February	Spring Term Parent Consultations
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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Thank you to all the year groups who took the time to join in the joyful spirit of the season by adding a beautiful Christmas bauble to the AJS outdoor tree!

The tree looks remarkably festive, and it truly brings a warm glow to our school grounds.



It was lovely to see the children arrive for our Sparkle and Shine event! The pupils came through with a dazzling display of joy and enthusiasm, it brought a sparkle of delight to all of us.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed items for the AJS Christmas Fair. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and it helps create a festive atmosphere that we all enjoy. We are excited to welcome you to join us for this wonderful event.

The Eco team give up part of their lunch time play every Thursday for a variety of different environmental-themed activities around school.

On Wednesday AJS took part in Low Energy Day. This is a day when we (as a school) try to minimise our energy consumption. We try to only use electricity when absolutely necessary.



It was lovely to hear the conversations and different outlooks that different classes took from the day. Some really concentrated on minimising lighting where necessary, whereas others thought about switching laptops off at the mains for the day.

Our eco warriors went around throughout the day handing out stickers to reward adults and children for being eco-friendly.

On Thursday the school Eco Team kindly went to the playground at Ashley Recreation Ground to do some litter picking.

Bake Sale

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Spate and Shop

Warnings

Free Allergies
we cannot guarantee
these cakes are not
for gluten-free diets
POT. etc.

The money that is raised will go to the school sports
Balls, bats and other gear.



50p per
Item Please
bring Change

We would like to extend a congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 Cake Committee! What a fantastic job you all did hosting the Bake Sale! Your hard work and dedication showed, and we hope that you enjoyed all the delicious purchases.

Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for the exciting total raised.



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?

Competition 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!

Reminder!

It has come to our attention again that pupils in our school are engaging in group chats on WhatsApp outside of school hours. As previously communicated and highlighted on our online safety pages, it is not recommend the use of WhatsApp for children under the age of 13. There are various reasons for this, including concerns around privacy, cyberbullying, and inappropriate content.



For your reference, please find a link to our online safety page regarding this matter

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1288&type=pdf>

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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!

STAR READER

Benjamin

Dija

Rosen

Enoc

Curie

Evie

Farah

Roy

Simmonds

Oliver

Zephaniah

Maximus

Kahlo

Anya

Attenborough

Iris

Earhart

Sebbie



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Benjamin

Alex

Rosen

Juan

Curie

Harrison

Farah

Charlie

Simmonds

Priya

Zephaniah

Jake

Kahlo

Kaitlin

Attenborough

Lumen



ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Benjamin

Jake

Rosen

Ronnie

Curie

Rafe

Farah

Blake

Simmonds

Freddie

Zephaniah

Esther

Kahlo

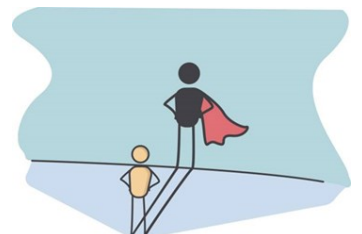
Zack

Attenborough

Phoebe

Earhart

Tom





'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:

The Smiles Studio Lymington are welcoming new NHS children patients (under 17). Full details on the local Look –Out page.

Click the link below for details and further information on local community communications.



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

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER:



Please click on the link below for our latest edition:

www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67

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>

https://www.instagram.com/ashleyjuniorschool?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=M2M0Y2JmOTAYOA==



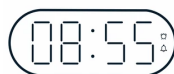


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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.