

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**20th March**

**RED NOSE DAY—Comic Relief—see message in this week's newsletter**

**26th March**

**Year 5 visit to Ashley Baptist Church**

**26th March**

**YEAR 3 EASTER ASSEMBLY 9.30am- see separate letter**

**27th March**

**School finishes at 1:30pm**

**30th March—10th April**

**Easter break**

**14th April**

**Anglo Saxon and Viking Day**

**6th May**

**Afternoon Event—ABM Smoothie Bike Workshop**

**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**

**10th June**

**Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace**

**15th June**

**Class Photographs**

### INSET days 2026/2027

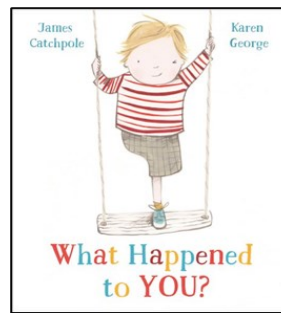
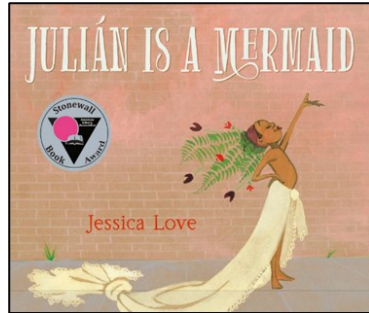
**Tuesday 1st September '26**

**Monday 2nd November '26**

**Monday 4th January '27**

**Monday 22nd February '27**

**Monday 7th June '27**

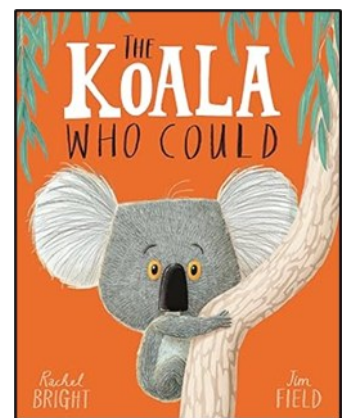
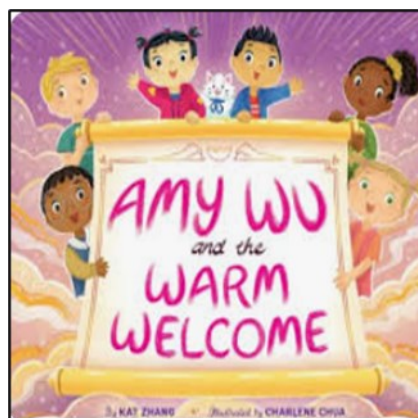
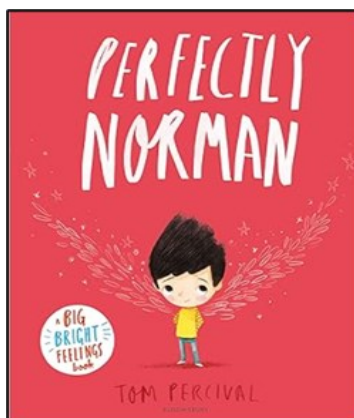
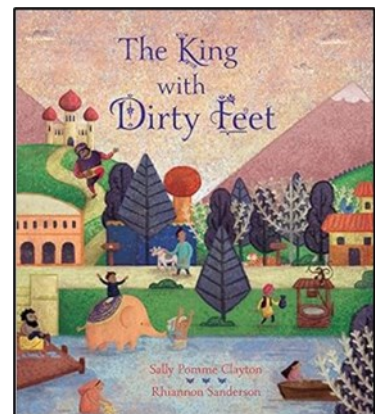
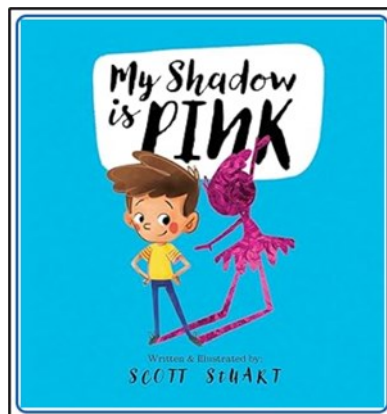


## Story Time Assemblies 2025/2026



These are some of the wonderful story books that have been shared during our Storytime Assemblies.

Can your child remember what the moral or key message is in each story, or share with you which story they have enjoyed listening to the most so far?





## Osmington Bay Residential Trip 2026

Last week, our adventurous Year 5 children took off to Osmington Bay PGL for three days of action-packed thrills. From the moment they arrived, they threw themselves into all the wonders and challenges on offer: Showing remarkable teamwork and support for each other by scaling the dizzying heights of 'Jacobs Ladder', facing their fears on the Giant Swing and navigating their way around the whole site independently, with nothing but a map and their team to find Orienteering symbols, to name but a few.

From sunrise to long into the evening, all the children thoroughly made the most of every opportunity on offer - including the delicious food in the dining hall. Each and every one was incredible ambassadors for Ashley Junior School and we are very proud of all they achieved. They brought back to school new found resilience and determination, no matter the challenge - *albeit they were totally exhausted and windswept!*

**We are excited to inform you that next week, the Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to learn about the upcoming 2027 residential trip from the Year 5 pupils and the teaching team.**

**This presentation will provide insights and information. Parents will then receive further details regarding the Year 4 booking, for the 2027 residential in due course, so please keep an eye out for those updates!**



## Priestlands Sport Partnership

On Wednesday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children joined five other schools for a netball tournament. Throughout the tournament, our pupils displayed sportsmanship and collaboration, and demonstrated the values of teamwork and respect.



## Year 5 Police Community Visit



Year 5 welcomed two local Police Officers to our school on Wednesday afternoon; they talked about what they do and how hard they work to keep us safe.

The children learned about what equipment the police have to wear, a few pupils were invited to try on one of their protective vests, which was really heavy!

The children discussed how important it is to be respectful, to be honest, and to share our worries with trusted adults if they ever find it tricky to make the right choices.



## Science Week 2026

This week, our pupils had the opportunity to become young scientists as part of **British Science Week 2026!**

Throughout the week, each class engaged in a variety of exciting activities, including a fascinating experiment to discover whether buttered toast really does always land butter-side down. We encouraged our young scientists to record their findings.

There was a live lesson from Horrible Science for everyone to enjoy. It was a fantastic experience, that sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for Science!

### Poster Competition

The British Science Association's 2026 poster competition centres on "Curiosity" Children are invited to create a poster showing what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future.

**All named entries must be submitted on A4 paper by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, to Simmonds Class.**

### Home Challenge

I have set you a challenge to discover...

## What is the biscuit dunking 'Danger Zone'?

**This year British Science Week is all about being Curious and asking questions.**

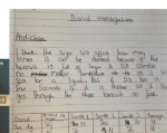
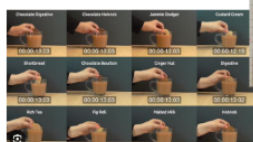
### **CHALLENGE:**

Set up a test to discover the **dunking Danger Zone**. Creating a fair test by deciding which variable you might change and record your results creatively. You might want to *test temperature, different brands or even the angle of the 'dunk' - you decide*. Remember to include your prediction and results. Maybe include photographs to show how you carried out your experiment. **Staff don't want sludgy cuppas!!!**



All entries to be submitted by:

**Tuesday 24th March to Miss Brooker  
in Simmonds Class**



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## HELMETS: Bike and Scooter Safety Message

As the evenings become lighter, we are pleased to see more children riding their bikes and scooters to school. While this is a wonderful way to encourage physical activity, it is essential that safety remains a top priority.

We would like to remind you to ensure that your child wears a helmet whenever they ride. **Wearing a helmet significantly reduces the risk of head injuries, in the event of an accident occurring, so please encourage them to adopt this safety measure.**

*As a gentle reminder, also remember “**Be Safe. Be Seen**” Wearing bright colours and using lights can help make sure that drivers and pedestrians see them, especially during twilight.*

## Year 3 Fishbourne Trip meeting briefing

Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting after school, on Tuesday, to learn more about our exciting trip to Fishbourne. We really do hope that the trip goes ahead, as it promises to be an engaging, fun-packed educational day, learning about the Romans.

## Year 3 Visit from Mrs Perryman, Ashley Baptist Church

Year 3 classes were treated to an afternoon with Mrs Perryman, who entertained the classes by bringing in Easter eggs. These had little surprises inside to help us learn more about the Easter Story.



On Friday, 20th March, we will be celebrating Comic Relief's **Red Nose Day** at school.

To join in with the fun, the children are welcome to **come to school wearing non-uniform,** in exchange for an online donation made directly to the charity's website\*.

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

*This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to show their support for a great cause!*

*\*We encourage you to make a donation to help those in need. You can easily contribute online using the link below:*

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/?>

## School Meal Accounts



As we approach the end of the financial year, we kindly remind you to check your child's dinner account.

If there is an owing balance, we ask that it is cleared and topped up, to ensure they can enjoy future meals without any issues.

Payments can be via your child's online account.



## STAR READER

Benjamin

Hanz

Rosen

Meadow

Curie

Max

Farah

Elsie

Simmonds

Oscar

Zephaniah

Emma

Kahlo

-

Attenborough

-

Earhart

Sebbie



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Benjamin

Joel

Rosen

Zac

Curie

Dexter

Farah

Jasper

Simmonds

Lucy

Zephaniah

Leon

Kahlo

Kaitlin

Attenborough

Theadora



## ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Benjamin

George

Rosen

Victor

Curie

Alfie

Farah

Ivy

Simmonds

Isabella

Zephaniah

Leon

Kahlo

Kaitlin

Attenborough

Liam

Earhart

Autumn





## '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+%2DOut&pid=105](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](http://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67)



Staying  
Safe

Online

## 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!*

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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 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.**