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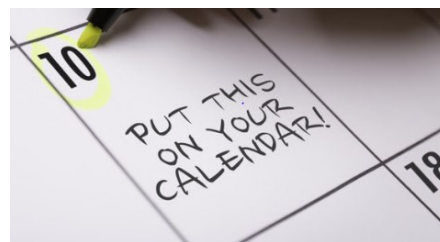
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS



14th July	Year 6 Enrichment: Activity Day
16th July	Year 5 Enrichment: Rescheduled Arnewood Cup event
22nd July	9.15am Y6 Leavers Celebration Service-Y6 parents welcome Assembly duration (1 hour approximately) 1.30pm: End of term: school closes

INSET days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September ;
Monday 2nd November;
Monday 4th January;
Monday 22nd February;
Monday 7th June '27.

Dates for 2026/27:

2nd September	Term starts for all pupils
8th September	Individual School Photographs(N.B.—Family sessions after school)
16th September	Flu Immunisations - Y3-6 9.10—10.10am 'Year 2 Gruffalo Trail Tour' - AJS Tours for Y3 2027
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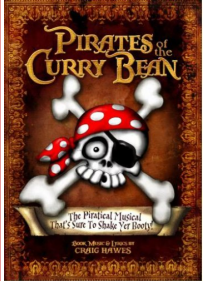
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Year 6 Production



Thank you to all the Year 6 pupils for their hard work and dedication in their recent production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. What a fantastic performance it was!

The commitment and enthusiasm displayed by the pupils were truly commendable, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts. A special shout-out goes to the Year 6 team for their guidance and support throughout this journey. Additionally, we want to express our gratitude to all the parents and carers who came to watch the performance; your presence made it even more special for the children.

Reports

This week, you will have received your child's report along with their reflections on their progress this term.

In addition, Year 4 will have received their Multiplication check reports.

This is an opportunity for discussion and to celebrate achievements as well as identify areas for continued growth.

Transition Afternoon

This afternoon, the current Year 2,3,4 & 5 pupils spent time in their new classes. It was an opportunity for them to meet their new class teacher and connect with their future classmates before the new term begins.

Additionally, over the past few weeks, our current Year 6 pupils have enjoyed spending time at their new schools, getting a feel for what lies ahead. We believe these experiences will greatly ease their transition and make for a smooth start in the new academic year!

Thank you for your support

We hope you and your family enjoyed the delicious ice cream on Treat Tuesday! We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of this event.

We raised a grand total of £271.39! This fantastic amount will go towards the school mural. Once again, thank you for being such an important part of our school community.



Year 5 Greek Mezze

On Wednesday our Year 5 pupils got creative by crafting their very own Greek Mezze Sharing Platters.



Inspired by the rich culture and history of Greek cuisine, the children were tasked with designing a simplistic plate filled with culinary delights. It was a delightful sight to see everyone experimenting with different ingredients and, of course, tasting their delicious creations!





**We would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of staff
who will be leaving AJS at the end of this year...**

Miss Holmes

After 12 years at AJS, having taught around 360 pupils in that time, it is time to say goodbye to Miss Holmes, who will be retiring from teaching. Loyal, fun-packed and dedicated to the school, we will very much miss her being part of our school family, as a teacher, leader and friend. Miss Holmes has impacted so many children's lives in her time at our school, and in the schools in which she worked before coming to AJS.

We wish Miss Holmes all the very best for her next adventures!

Mr Millward

It is with great sadness that our dear colleague, Mr Millward, will be retiring due to ill health at the end of term. As a Learning Support Assistant at AJS for five years, Mr Millward supported a number of pupils in a variety of classes, and did so with compassion and commitment. A keen gardener, Mr Millward also helped maintain our Quad area, as well as support pupils in our Forest School After-School Club, with tireless energy and keen interest .

We are sure that you will join with us in sending Mr Millward our very best wishes– we will very much miss him being part of the AJS team.

Mrs Hebbert, Miss Richards, Miss Mann and Miss Davies

We would like to extend our thanks to all of these staff members for their whole-hearted commitment to the children in their care whilst they have been at AJS. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them and we wish them all the best for their next adventures in September.

And finally...

*We extend our thanks to **Mrs Woodward, Mr Kiddell and Mr Hill**, who have been, without question, the BEST visiting teaching team that we have ever seen in action!*

Supporting our Year 4 pupils with dedication, care and tenacity, we are so grateful to them for 'stepping in' this year to work with our fabulous Year 4 LSA team to ensure that the children had great experiences. They'd be very welcome back at any time!

FRIDAY 17TH JULY

CHILDREN WILL BRING THEIR SCHOOL BOOKS HOME!

We will be sending home some of the children's learning journey books for them to keep.

Please could you ensure that your child(ren) **brings a bag into school** to carry the books home after school on that day.

Please note that there might be some pages missing in books—this is where we have had to remove photographs of groups of pupils.

Any books not taken on that day will be recycled during the summer holidays.

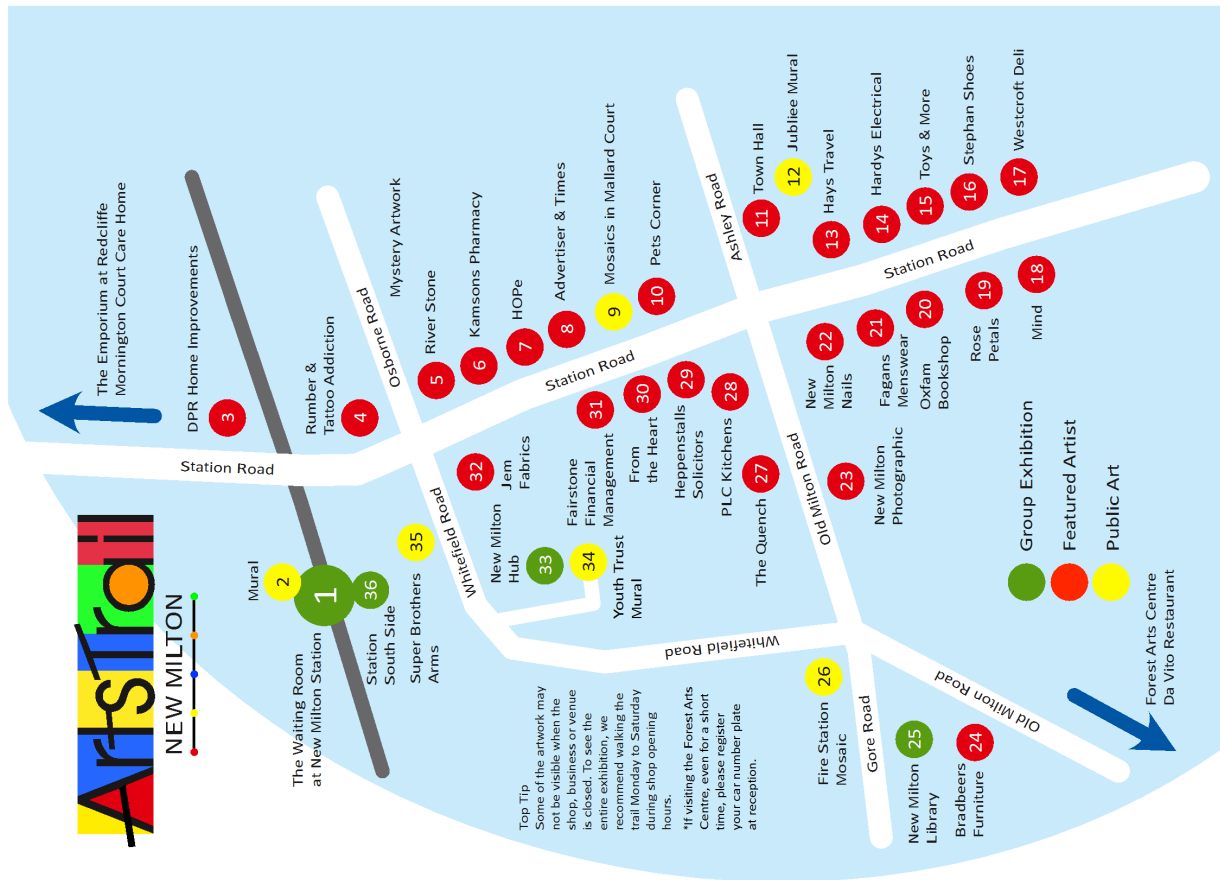
Thank you!





We hope you all enjoy the Arts Trail 1st—15th August.

Full details below.



Arts Trail Events

Street Art Workshop with Nathan White

25th July, 11am to 4pm, Drop in anytime - FREE!

Join Nathan using street art materials including stencils and spray cans for an inspirational session! No booking required. All welcome including children accompanied by an adult. Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, New Milton BH25 5NY

Arts Trail Launch at New Milton Station

1st August, 11am to 12pm.

Join us to celebrate the launch of our first Arts Trail where we will be unveiling our new pop-up exhibition on the theme of 'Coast'. Pick up your Trail map and head off to explore New Milton and all our wonderful local artists. As with all events at the station, there will be cake!

Meet the Artists at Westcroft Deli featuring

Nathan White and Niki Lythgoe

6th August, 6pm to 8pm, booking required.

Two very different style of artists to enjoy!

Book at newmilton.org.uk/artstrail or scan the QR code FREE! But you will need to pay for your own wine :)

New Milton Artists of the Year

A fun competition for all!! 8th August. Set up from midday. Painting from 1pm to 4pm - FREE!

Bring your painting and drawing equipment and enjoy an afternoon of creativity on New Milton Recreation Ground! Coffee and ice cream vans will be in attendance! All welcome including children accompanied by an adult. Judged by the audience, the winners will be announced at 4:15pm.

Urban Sketching with Helen Talbot

New Milton Station 14th August

10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm
booking required - £10pp

Enjoy a couple of hours on the platform learning all about urban sketching with local art tutor Helen Talbot. Bring your sketch book and choice of pencils, markers etc.

Book at newmilton.org.uk/artstrail or scan the QR code
All proceeds to the Friends of New Milton Station No.1 Project. Limited to 12 participants per session.

Thanks to the New Milton Community Garden and the Barton Bees WI for hosting our Arts Trail 'After P'Arty' for all the participants!



For two weeks, New Milton town centre will become a free art gallery!

Our shops, businesses and venues will be hosting work by local artists to create a fun and colourful event. Follow the trail and discover a variety of art and perhaps some shops and businesses you never knew existed!

Huge thanks to all the businesses and venues who have supported this whole town event. It's a new initiative for everyone involved and we are very excited to see New Milton's very own art exhibition.

Thanks also to our sponsors who have supported this event. We couldn't have done it without you.



1st - 15th August 2026

newmilton.org.uk/artstrail

Over 80 artists exhibiting across 40 venues!

Book events and download the map here:



- 1 The Waiting Room at New Milton Station
'Coast Exhibition' featuring six local artists
www.newmilton.org.uk
- 2 New Milton Station History Mural
[Nicky Judd](#)
Milton Heritage Society and Friends of New Milton Station. www.newmilton.org.uk
- 3 DPR Home Improvements
[Rectory Quilters](#)
'The New Forest Quilt' is being raffled to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society and Oakhaven Hospice. www.rectoryquilters.co.uk
- 4 Rumber & Tattoo Addiction
[Gary Chapman](#)
 [garyafcb](#)
- 5 River Stone
[Derek Honour](#) www.dereksart.club
- 6 Kamsons Pharmacy
[Rose Bryan](#)
 [rosiebryan61](#)
[Stephen Roberts](#)
www.coastal-creative.co/collections/stephen-roberts
- 7 HOPE
[Julia Heissig](#) jgheis@gmail.com
[Loretta Coles](#)
 [heartfeltdoodling](#)
- 8 Advertiser & Times
[Dave White](#)
 The Artist Dave White
[Neill Crawford](#)
 The Artist Dave White
- 9 Mosaics in Mallard Court
Dedicated to local historian Arthur Lloyd

- 19 Rose Petals
[Nicky Adlem](#)
  [cottonglasscreations](#)
- 20 Oxfam Bookshop
[Gillian Geary](#) n.geary789@btinternet.com
- 21 Fagans Menswear
[Helen Talbot](#) 07773 672079
[Victoria Blackburn](#)
 [big_beautiful_forest](#)
- 22 New Milton Nails
[Chloe Carine](#)
 [chloecarineart](#)
- 23 New Milton Photographic
[Lou Williams](#) louniqueartwork@gmail.com
- 24 Bradbeers Furniture
[Shelley Perry](#)
 [@shelley_perry_artist](#)
[Debbie Chinchin](#) debbiechinchin@icloud.com
[Christopher Small](#) www.chrissmall.art
chrissmallart@outlook.com
- 25 New Milton Library.
'Five Go Back To The Forest'
[Solent Mind Men's Group](#)
www.solentmind.org.uk
- 26 Mosaic on Fire Station Wall.
'Marking Time' by [Trudi Lloyd-Williams](#)
- 27 The Quench
[Bernard Mathysse](#)
 [bernardlm63](#)

Satellite locations

The Emporium at Redcliffe.
Bashley Road, Bashley

[Matt Cobb](#)

 [rivetingwelds](#)

Mornington Court Care Home
7 Barrs Avenue, New Milton

[Resident's Exhibition](#)

Forest Arts Centre
Old Milton Road, New Milton

[Vikki Ranchiani](#)

artistandpoetvictoria@gmail.com

[Diane Brown](#)

 Willow art new forest

Mural on the rear of the building created by the
[Breakout Youth Group](#)

Da Vito Restaurant

5 Milton Green, Christchurch Road, New Milton

[Dave White](#)

 The Artist Dave White

Other exhibitions in the area

'Forest Arts Centre Participants
Summer Exhibition'
at Forest Arts Centre, Old Milton Road, New Milton

'Elmer and Mr Benn: the magic of David McKee'
at St Barbe Museum, New Street, Lymington

'Plasticine' by Liz Blum at Spudworks,
Station Road, Sway

'Summer Collective' at Strawberry Gallery,
61 High Street, Milford on Sea

- 10 Pets Corner
[Sandra Binney](#)
 [sandra.binney](#)
- 11 Town Hall
[Annie Hamilton](#)
- 12 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Mural
Created by Members of Local Mencap.
www.newforestmencap.org.uk
- 13 Hays Travel
[Sheila Cook](#)
 sheilacook.uk@gmail.com
- 14 Hardys Electrical
[David Hale](#)
 Distorted Light
- 15 Toys & More
[Saffron Beardmore](#)
 [linework.archive](#)
- 16 Stephan Shoes
[Susana Weiner](#)
 [quirkycraftsmosaics](#)
- 17 Westcroft Deli
[Nathan White](#)
 [natetstreetart](#)
[Niki Lythgoe](#) niki.lythgoe@outlook.com
- 18 Mind
[Kat Ward](#)
 [@katward](#)
 [@katwardartist](#) katwardartist.com
[Sue Ralph](#) www.sue-ralph.co.uk

- 28 PCL Kitchens
[Jo Vane](#)
 [jovaneart](#). www.jovaneart.co.uk
[Mery Zanutto](#).
 [meryzanuttoceramics](#)
- 29 Heppenstalls Solicitors
[Becca Perl](#)
 [becca_perl_illustration](#)
- 30 From the Heart
[Colin Hingston](#)
- 31 Fairstone Financial Management
[Miggy Flux](#)
  [Miggy1955](#)
[Denise Mangles](#)
denter@btinternet.com
- 32 Jem Fabrics
[Davina Hitchens](#)
  [mangata_newforest](#)
- 33 New Milton Hub
Men's Shed Members Exhibition featuring
[Gavin Roach](#), [Mary Roach](#), [Alan Bishop](#)
and [Gillian Earnshaw](#).
events@newmiltonmensshed.org
- 34 Youth Trust Mural
Youth Trust Mural on the building facing
the Recreation Ground. Joint project with the
New Milton Youth Trust and MBN Arts 2025.
www.nmyt.org.uk
- 35 Super Brothers Arms
Mural created by [Waldemar Koralewski](#)
- 36 Station South Side
Arnewood School
Ashley Infants & Juniors Schools
Ballard School
Durlston School
New Milton Infants School

Local Art Classes

Forest Arts Centres, New Milton:
www.forest-arts.co.uk

St Barbe Museum, Lymington:
www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk

Coda Music & Arts Trust, Walkford:
www.coda.org.uk

Spudworks, Sway: www.spud.org.uk

Community Centre, New Milton:
www.newmiltoncommunity.org.uk

Brockenhurst College, New Milton, Lymington,
Brockenhurst: www.brock.ac.uk/adult/leisure/art

Why an Arts Trail?

The Arts Trail was the brainchild of the Friends of New Milton Station. "We're running out of room for art at the station so thought we'd ask the Town to lend a hand and become one big art gallery!"

Get involved / Feedback

Interested in getting involved in the Arts Trail?
Email us at friends@newmilton.org.uk

Have any comments, suggestions or feedback?
Email us or scan the QR code.

Buying artwork

Some of the artwork on display is for sale. Please contact the artist directly if you are interested. Please note that the artwork cannot be removed from display until 16th August when the exhibition closes.

MYSTERY ARTWORK!

Can you spot Cinderella's shoes on your way around the Arts Trail? The shoes are hidden in metal railings, and you will need to be near the Water Tower to spot these!

FINAL 'SHOUT-OUT'!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL AJS PUPILS



As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

Your students can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

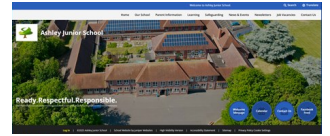


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'Letters home' links

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+%2DOut&pid=105>

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER:

Please click on the link below for our latest edition:

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

Visit our online pre-loved school clothing and accessories shop.

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/ashley-junior-school>

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==

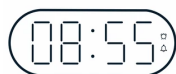


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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.**