



Ashley Junior School

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Bulletin 39 Friday 17th July 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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
16th September	9.10—10.10am 'Year 2 Gruffalo Trail Tour' - AJS Tours for Y3 2027
18th September	Year 3 Fun Friday 6:00pm—8:30pm
23rd September	9.10—10.10am 'Year 2 Gruffalo Trail Tour' - AJS Tours for Y3 2027
26th-30th	October Half Term
21st December -1st January	Christmas Holidays
15th-19th February	Half Term
26th March	Good Friday
29th March	Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
30th March-9th April	Easter Holiday
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May	Bank Holiday
1st-4th June	Half Term
22nd July –31st August	Summer Holidays



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Y4 Dragon Training Academy!

Our Year 4 children became expert instructors at the beginning of the week, for a magical visit from Year 1.

Taking inspiration from the story *Zog*, Year 4 hosted a "Flight and Roar" academy. They created mini shelters to safely protect people from the dragon's fire and together they explored clever wing designs.

Year 4 handed out special stars, so every Year 1 visitor took a piece of the story home!



Lead Learner Assembly

On Wednesday we held our annual 'Lead Learners' assembly.

Each teacher had the privilege of inviting their chosen Lead Learner to the front and shared with families, staff and children exactly why each child had earned this honour. From excelling with our 3 Rs of ready, respectful and responsible, to showing resilience determination, kindness or a love of learning every child recognised has made an incredible contribution to our school community.

Congratulations to all of our Lead Learners and thank you to their families for coming along to celebrate their achievements with us.



Year 6 Enrichment Day

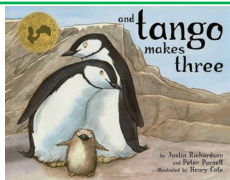
Our Year 6 pupils had an amazing day at **ShoreSports, Mudeford Quay**, taking part in kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding as part of their end-of-year celebrations. We were incredibly fortunate with the weather, enjoying glorious sunshine throughout the day, which made the experience even more special.

The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and determination as they learned new skills on the water. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children stepping out of their comfort zones to try something new.

A huge thank you to **Nick and the team at ShoreSports** for providing such a fantastic experience at short notice. The children had a wonderful time and created memories that will stay with them long after they leave Ashley Junior School.

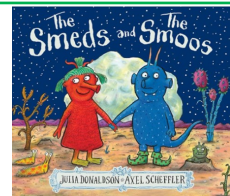


The year group has had an exciting week filled with memorable activities as they celebrated their final full week together. The children participated in quizzes and board games, a wonderful morning at the park. They embraced friendly competition during team water challenges, where everyone had lots of fun together and enjoyed scooter rides, along with their skates and bikes. The children enjoyed parachute games involving teams...they rounded off the week with a film.

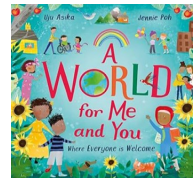
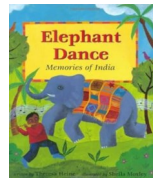
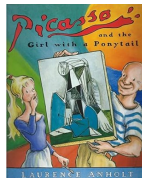


Story Time Assembly

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



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



Mural Competition



Y4 Carla Elsie Emily Evelyn Aidan Y6 Anson Annie

Gym Mural Project Update!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news about our gym mural project! During Wednesday's assembly, we officially announced the winners of our mural design competition. Our professional mural artist has been hard at work combining elements from each winning design. They have successfully transformed these ideas into an incredible digital image that will soon cover our gym walls! See below.

We have not quite raised all of the money yet, but we are closing the gap every day. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We cannot wait to see our children's creativity come to life on the gym walls very soon!

Mural Competition Digital Design



Menu change coming up next week on the last day of term.

On Wednesday 22nd, there will be a menu change. Meal orders will be placed in the usual way in the classroom.



From September, the cost of school meals will increase from £2.85 to a new price of £2.95.

STAR READER

Benjamin
Evaniya

Rosen
Georgie

Curie
Evie

Farah
Thomas

Simmonds
-

Zephaniah
Luke

Kahlo
-

Attenborough
-

Earhart
Sebbie

**TIMES TABLES ROCK
STARS**

Benjamin
Ayda

Rosen
Ezra

Curie
Harrison

Farah
Charlie

Simmonds
Isabella

Zephaniah
Leticia

Kahlo
-

Attenborough
-

ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Benjamin
Nathalia

Rosen
Lexie

Curie
Jack

Farah
Rosa

Simmonds
Mila

Zephaniah
Jake

Kahlo
Adina

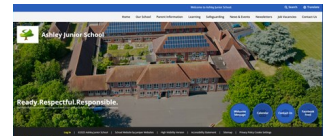
Attenborough
Kieran

Earhart



'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>



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>



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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

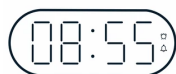


All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

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.**