



Ashley Junior School

Bulletin 1 Friday 4th September 2026

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

INSET days 2026/2027

Monday 2nd November

Monday 4th January

Monday 22nd February

Monday 7th June

Dates for 2026/27:

8th September

9th September

10th September

11th September

16th September

16th September

18th September

23rd September

30th September

1st October

7-9th October

26th-30th October

21st December - 1st January

15th-19th February

10-12th March

26th March

29th March

30th March-9th April

3rd May

31st May

1st-4th June

22nd July -31st August

Individual School Photographs (N.B.—Family sessions after school

Year 3 & 4 Parent Welcome Meeting 9:00am—9:20am

Year 6 Parent Welcome Meeting 9:00am—9:20am

Year 5 Parent Welcome Meeting 9:00am—9:20am

Flu Immunisations - Y3-6

9.10—10.10am 'Year 2 Gruffalo Trail Tour' - AJS Tours for Y3 2027

Year 3 Fun Friday 6:00pm—8:00pm

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Parent Consultation Evening (Details to follow)

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Year 6 Bikeability

October Half Term

Christmas Holidays

Half Term

Year 5 Osmington Bay Residential

Good Friday

Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

Easter Holiday

Bank Holiday

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Summer Holidays

A very warm welcome to all our pupils, parents and carers. We hope you had a restful summer break. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful new academic year together.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed the new Year 3 children into school. They had a fantastic time getting to know their surroundings through an exciting orienteering activity where they explored the building, found different locations and began to find their way around AJS.

On Wednesday, it was a joy to see all the children return ready to start the new year. The first week back is all about settling in, reconnecting with friends and getting to know new faces.



Free school meal eligibility check

The Government has changed the eligibility criteria for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026.

If your child has previously received FSM through Hampshire County Council, no action is required.

If you receive Universal Credit and think your child may now be eligible, please check and apply via Hampshire County Council's Free School Meals portal - click here to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>

From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit may be eligible, with entitlement based on household income.

We encourage all eligible families to apply, as this support also enables the school to receive additional funding to further support pupils' learning and wellbeing.



'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://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=AJS+School+Uniform+Pre+Loved+Shop+%26%238203%3B&pid=58>



AJS Social Media Platforms

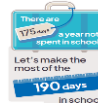
We wanted to remind you to check out our social media pages on Facebook and Insta-gram.

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=M0Y2JmOTAyOA==



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.**

