



Ashley Junior School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 3 & 4

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Welcome Meeting

The Years 3&4 parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday 9th September 2026 lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there. If you are unable to make the meeting the key points will be shared on our website.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October 2026**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online Arbor account on Friday 11th September from 5:00pm.

English

Throughout the year, your child will experience a range of writing opportunities including non-fiction writing, writing stories and a chance to explore and perform poems.

As part of the delivery of a rich reading curriculum, we will have library sessions on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings their library book in to school on this day so that they can change their book during the session.

Mathematics

The main topics included this year are; place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, shape and measurement.

The home learning requirements for Year 3 & 4:

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children at the start of the term and the children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for each class. 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Times Tables

It is an expectation in the National Curriculum for Mathematics that by the end of Year Four all children know and can recall all times table facts up to and including 12 x 12. In June, the Y4 children are required to complete a National Assessment Times Table Check, so they will be required to complete at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week. This practice can take place online using platforms such as 'TT Rockstars' 'Hit the Button' or it can involve singing along with songs on YouTube or practicing with the involvement of family and friends asking questions and supporting recital. A 'TT Rockstar' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Spelling Frame

Each week the children will be expected to learn a set of 10 spelling words. We recommend they practise them little and often until the words for that week are mastered. A 'Star Speller' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Enrichment

Currently planned across the academic year 2026/27. Please note, the events listed are specific to Years 3 & 4. There are a variety of other events planned throughout the year. These will appear in the weekly Newsletter.

Autumn term:

- Fun Friday-AJS Introduction (Year 3 only) 18th September 6pm-8pm
- Visit to Ashley Baptist Church-RE-theme 'Holy'
- Assembly-Harvest-Performance to Parents

Spring Term:

- Anglo Saxon & Viking Day-Linked to History

Summer Term:

- Trip to Minstead -linked to Science & Geography

Farah Class & Rosen Class Friday 25th June 2027

Benjamin Class Friday 2nd July 2027

P.E

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath. School branded sports hoodies can be worn on PE days **only**.

In school equipment

We encourage your child to only bring in a small book bag. Please note, the cubby holes can only fit small bags and lunch boxes. All stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners+and+Milk&pid=56> Alternatively, you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office, adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk, who will make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Year 3 & 4 Team