



Ashley Junior School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Five. 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 year 5 parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Friday 11th 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 have library sessions on Tuesday. 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, measurement and statistics.

The home learning requirements for Year Five:

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 Five all children know and can recall all times table facts up to and including 12 x 12, including missing numbers and related division facts up to 12 x fluency.

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 Year 5. There are a variety of other events planned throughout the year. These will appear in the weekly newsletter.

Autumn Term:

- Remembrance service – Performance to parents.
- Visit Ashley Baptist Church – Theme – celebrate the Christian story of Christmas.

Spring Term:

- Osmington Bay Residential
- Visit to Ashley Baptist Church – Theme – Resurrection
- Arnewood Theatre visit
- Arnewood Science workshop

Summer Term:

- Greek Theatre Day
- Greek Food culture Day
- Arnewood Cup

P.E

P.E. will take place on Monday afternoons. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. P.E. 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 back pack. 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 5 Team