



Ashley Junior School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 6!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Six. 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 local history topic 'How we used to live.'

Parent Welcome Meeting

The Year 6 parent welcome meeting will take place at **9am** in the hall on **Thursday 10th September**, 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 will take place on the evenings of **Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October 2026**. Time slots will be available from 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online Arbor account on Friday 11th September from 5:00pm.

English

Writing will take place in all subject areas. Opportunities will include developing a journalistic style, writing persuasively as well as looking at narratives.

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

Maths

As well as an emphasis on arithmetic and problem solving, main topics include work on place value and calculations using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Booster

In the second half of Autumn 2, we will be inviting the children to a Booster session where we will revise topics for SATs and look at SAT-style questions. These sessions are beneficial for all children and will support and prepare them ready for their SATs in May. Booster sessions will be held on **Tuesday** afternoons 3:30 – 4:15. Biscuits will be available for children attending!

The home learning requirements for Year 6

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and respond to what they have read at least three times a week in their Reading River Record. The children's records will be monitored and feedback will be given once a week. The children should bring their Reading Records in everyday, however, the marking and feedback will take place on **Thursdays**. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term. Reading Records will be sent home on Thursday 10th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for Attenborough and Kahlo Class. This will be celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

SATs Preparation

There will be an expectation that children complete a small weekly task that will help them prepare for their SATs. Each week, the children will either receive reading or maths SAT-style questions that will take approximately 10-minutes to complete. Guidance and support will be offered at school and the children will have the opportunity in class to go through the answers and discuss strategies to tackle the problems. We hope this weekly task will improve the children's confidence and also help retain the knowledge they will be learning at school.

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 6. There are a variety of other events planned throughout the year. These dates will appear on the weekly Newsletter.

Autumn Term:

- Christmas Service at Ashley Baptist Church
- Bike-ability

Summer Term:

- Trip to Winchester Science Museum
- Year 6 Production
- Leavers Activity Day – *Mudford Water Sports*

P.E.

P.E. will be on **Thursday** afternoons. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on this 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 week.

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 6 Team