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Ashley Junior School NEWSLETTER

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Inset Days

Monday 2nd November
Monday 4th January
Monday 22nd February
Monday 7th June

Letters Home

All letters sent home are available on the school website
https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=71

Local Look Out

Please see below for details of activities, events, information, and support available in our local area.
Further information, can be found on the school website
https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Local+Look%2DOut&pid=105

October/ November Dates

26th-30th	October Half Term
2nd November	Inset Day
6th November	Year 6 Visit Science Zone UK
10th November	Year 5 Remembrance Service Assembly
13th November	Children In Need (Details to follow)
16th November	Odd Sock Day Anti-bullying week
27th November	Sparkle & Shine Day (Details to follow)

Year 7 Application Deadline

A polite reminder to all parents and carers of pupils applying for a Year 7 place that the application deadline is Saturday 31st October 2026. If you have not already done so, please ensure your application is submitted by this date. Thank you for your attention to this important deadline.

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Enjoy Your Half Term



The Nightjar Project: A Spectacular Journey of the Heart

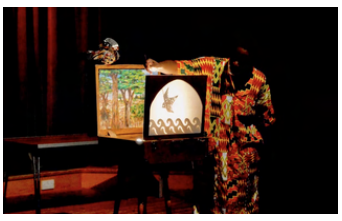
On Monday morning, AJS experienced a truly spectacular and mesmerising assembly as we welcomed The Nightjar Project. Both children and adults were completely spellbound by an extraordinary mix of art, sound, and storytelling.

The Nightjar Project is a unique collaboration that uses the migration of the iconic nightjar bird as a metaphor. By following the bird's incredible journey between the West African nation of Ghana and the heathlands of our own New Forest, the project explores deep ideas of movement, identity, land stewardship, and climate awareness.

Our assembly focused beautifully on a central theme: "Your heart can live in multiple homes." Through the story of the nightjar-a bird that belongs to two entirely different parts of the world-the children learned how we, too, can hold love, identity, and connection for more than one place at the same time.

It was a magical start to the week that left us all reflecting on how we connect with nature and each other across the globe.





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Earhart Class Trip New Forest Heritage Centre

On Wednesday, Earhart Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to the New Forest Heritage Centre! The children explored the fascinating history of the New Forest through a beautiful tapestry, choosing their favourite details to draw onto individual squares of fabric. We then brought all our designs together to create our very own class quilt!

There was plenty more to discover as we explored the Heritage Centre and learned about the New Forest's diverse landscapes and habitats. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning to life, get creative and celebrate this special local area.

We all had a lovely time and came away with some wonderful memories!



Reminder: Items from Home

We kindly remind parent/carers and pupils that personal items specifically toys should not be brought into school. Items brought in from home may be lost, damaged or misplaced, and pupils must not exchange or swap personal belongings with others. Replacing lost or damaged items can be costly and may cause considerable upset and distress, particularly if items cannot be returned to their rightful owners. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us avoid unnecessary difficulties.

Walktober

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Walktober initiative this month! It has been wonderful to see so many members of our school community getting involved and embracing the benefits of walking. Your enthusiasm and participation have helped promote healthy habits, physical wellbeing and a more active lifestyle. Thank you for your support in making Walktober a success!

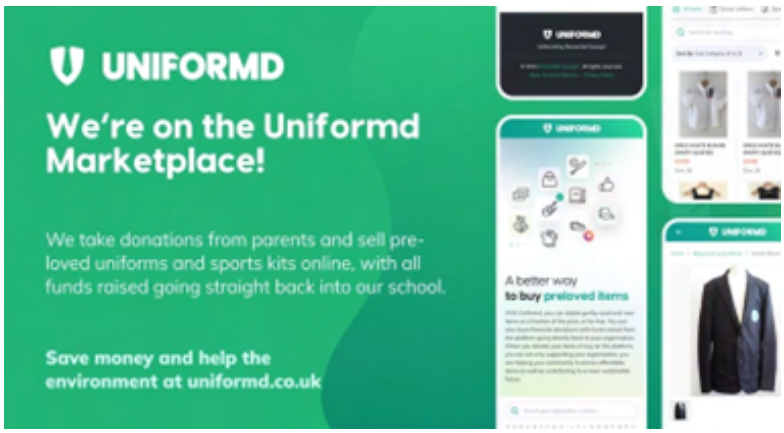


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New School dinner Menu

Please click the link below to view our new school dinner menu, which will run from the week commencing 2nd November 2026 until Friday 12th February 2027.
https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1590&type=pdf

Uniformd Shop



Online Safety Newsletter

Please click the link below for our latest edition of Online Safety Newsletter
https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Newsletters&pid=67



Social Media

Stay Connected with Our School Community
We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with the latest school news, celebrate our pupils' achievements and keep informed about upcoming events and activities. By engaging with us online, you can stay connected and be part of our vibrant school community.

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Full List Of Diary Dates 26/27

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SCHOOL HOLIDAY

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2nd November	Inset Day
6th November	Year 6 Visit Science Zone UK
10th November	Year 5 Remembrance Service
13th November	Children in Need
16th November	Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week
27th November	Sparkle & Shine Day (Details to follow)
8th December	Poetry Performance Upper School Y5&6 (Details to follow)
10th December	Poetry Performance Lower School Y3&4 (Details to follow)
14th December	Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church
16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Christmas Craft Fair
21st December-1st January	Christmas Holidays
4th January	Inset Day
15th-19th February	Half Term
22nd February	Inset Day
10-12th March	Year 5 Osmington Bay Residential
26th March	Good Friday
29th March	Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)
30th March-9thApril	Easter Holiday
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May	Bank Holiday
1st-4th June	Half Term
7th June	Inset Day
22nd July –31st August	Summer Holidays