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# Ashley Junior School NEWSLETTER

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## Inset Days

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

## November Dates

16th November — Odd Sock Day Anti-bullying week

This event marks the official start of Antibullying week. *Pupils are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and uniqueness..*

27th November — Sparkle & Shine Day ( Details to follow)

## Wraparound Care-Donations Welcome!

AJS Extra
Wraparound Care at Ashley Junior School

As we develop our new wraparound care club, we are looking to expand our range of fun, creative and engaging activities for the children. We would be very grateful for donations of board games, puzzles, craft supplies, children's books and foam floor tiles. Items can be new or gently used, provided they are in good condition. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and will help us provide even more opportunities for play, creativity and learning. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## 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

## Children In Need 2026 - Thank you!




A big thank you to all the children who came to school dressed in an array of colourful, spotty outfits as part of our non-uniform day in support of Children in Need.
It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and showing their support for such a fantastic cause!
If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so by clicking the link below: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk Tel: 01425 616510 www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk

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## Year 5 Remembrance Assembly Service

A heartfelt thank you to our Year 5 pupils, who led our AJS Remembrance Assembly with such maturity, respect and thoughtfulness. The children marked Armistice Day by delivering a special Service of Remembrance to families on Tuesday and our AJS pupils on Wednesday. As part of the service, each class created a poppy wreath as a tribute to all those who have lost their lives in conflicts, past and present. This provided a meaningful opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many.

We are very grateful to the parent and carers who joined us, and extend a further thank you to Phoebe and Harry, who proudly represented our school at the New Milton Remembrance Service last Sunday, carrying the AJS flag and laying a wreath on behalf of our school community.







## Our Brand-New Gym Murals – A Fantastic Transformation!

What a fantastic evening we had on Monday as we officially unveiled our brand-new gym murals!

After months of fundraising, planning and anticipation, it was wonderful to finally reveal the finished artwork and see our gym transformed into such a vibrant, inspiring and exciting space for our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible. Whether you donated, supported our fundraising events or helped spread the word, your contribution has been invaluable.

A special thank you goes to the incredibly talented artist at @mbn_arts for their outstanding work. The murals have completely transformed our gym, and we are absolutely delighted with the result!

Finally, thank you to all the parents who joined us for Tuesday's viewing. It was lovely to see such a fantastic turnout and share this special achievement with our school community.




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## BOOKDROP – Inspiring a Love of Reading

We are delighted to share BOOKDROP, a free digital newsletter curated by Authorfy in partnership with children's publishers, literacy charities and the Open University's Reading for Pleasure team. BOOKDROP celebrates the joy of reading by showcasing exciting new and upcoming children's books, author interviews and a range of engaging literacy resources. It is a fantastic way for families to discover new authors, explore different books and inspire a lifelong love of reading at home.

https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1614&type=pdf

## Reading Recommendations




Recommend a Read from Neve - Year 3/4
Beware! Killer Tomatoes by Jeremy Strong

I recommend this book because it is really, really funny. The main character is a ten-year old boy called Jack. He is always breaking a bone so is forever in hospital! He absolutely hates bed-baths! The Killer tomatoes appear in a Horror Movie where a pyramid of 3000 tins of tomatoes have trapped a man underneath them! I think both children and adults would love this book. There are some very funny pictures scattered through the chapters.
I love Jeremy Strong books and this one is my favourite so far.
I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did.

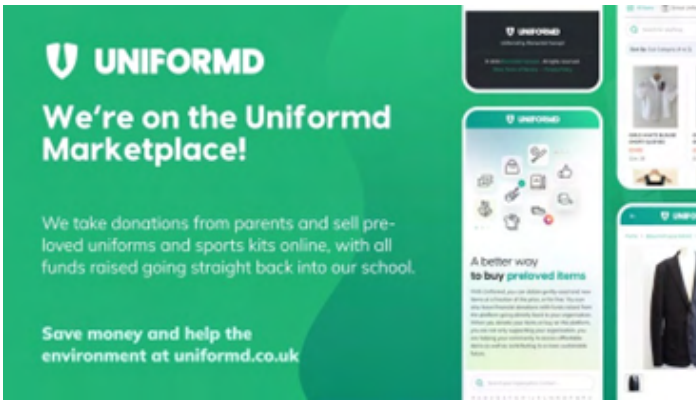
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## Eco Team

Eco Team – Making a Difference in Our Community

This week, members of our School Eco Team visited New Milton Rugby Club to take part in a community litter-picking initiative as part of our ongoing anti-litter campaign. The visit provided an opportunity for the children to promote the importance of keeping our local environment clean and litter-free, while also building positive relationships within the community. It was a lovely way to recognise and reward the children's enthusiasm, commitment and hard work as members of our Eco Team. Well done to everyone involved for being fantastic environmental ambassadors!

## 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

## Supporting Oakhaven Hospice Santa Dash 2026

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Two of our pupils will be taking part in the Santa Dash on 6 December 2026, alongside a wider group of family members, to raise funds for Oakhaven Hospice.

This is a cause that holds a special place in the children's hearts and is particularly meaningful to their family. They are looking forward to taking part in the event and helping to support the wonderful work that Oakhaven Hospice does for individuals and their families.

The children are also busy collecting pennies to help raise funds for this fantastic charity.

If you are able to make a small donation, the family would be incredibly grateful. Every penny will help support this very special cause, and no donation is too small.

You can find out more about the fantastic work Oakhaven Hospice does by visiting their https://www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash/

If you would like to support the children's fundraising efforts, you can donate directly through their https://www.justgiving.com/page/steve-tyrell-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you for helping the children support a cause that is so close to their hearts.

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## 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.

## Full List Of Diary Dates 26/27

NEW EVENTS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SCHOOL HOLIDAY

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| 16th November | Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week |
| 27th November | Sparkle & Shine Day (Details to follow) |
| 7th December | Poetry Performance Lower School Y3&4 (Details to follow) |
| 8th December | Poetry Performance Upper School Y5&6 (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 |