



Ashley Junior School

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Letters home link

Do remember all letters home are available on our new Website:

Whole School :

<https://www.ashleyjunior.school.co.uk/page/?ti=Letters+Home&pid=71>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at AJS

The children have had a wonderful week, full of Christmas activities; the Christmas service at Ashley Baptist Church (led by our Year 6s) and a lovely talk from Mrs Perryman; Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Lunch; Christmas Movie night, as well as the end-of-term Christmas Singalong!

They have had lots of festive fun! We hope that all of our AJS families have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.



ARRIVE ON TIME!

Our school gates are open between 8.45—8.55am, and then they close.



Ashley Junior school PTA Raffle

This year, the PTA Raffle raised an amazing
£474.11



We are so lucky to have such a fabulous PTA team—thanks to them for all of their time and efforts.

Well done to the raffle prize winners and thanks to the AJS community for the 'Sparkle and Shine day' donations and for buying so many raffle tickets.










The AJS PTA Christmas Movie night was a great success...










...the PTA raised £705.56



This year we enjoyed The Polar Express. Our PTA organised delicious snack bags full of popcorn, sweets and crisps. At the end of the night, all the children were given a tiny silver bell to remind them of the sweet ringing sound that only individuals who truly believe in Santa Claus and the Christmas spirit can hear!



Day	Club
Monday to Friday	Premier Education - Wrap Around Care Provision Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am Afterschool Club from 3:30pm https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton  
Monday	Southern England Karate Federation Offering 'Sport Karate' from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for children. Contact Sensei Collin on 07966 303585 to book. http://www.sekf.co.uk  
	NJ Dance, New Forest Acrodance Starting Monday 8th January - Monday 5th February from 3:30 - 4:15pm. (block). To book a place for your Child please visit: https://app.classmanager.com/portal/nj-dance-new-forest/enrolment/classes/spring-term-2024-first-half-ajs-acrobatics Also Offering classes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrobatics • Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined) • Musical Theatre • Street Dance For children aged 3 years and above. Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14 www.njdancenewforest.com njoydance@sky.com 07739 847124 
Tuesday	Shining Lights Performing Arts Academy Offering drama, games, team exercises and performance opportunities from 3:30pm to 4:15pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6. Scan the QR code to book info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com 
	Bournemouth Gymnastics Club Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547 733874 Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club. 

<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>South Coast Sports Academy Offering classes in: Rugby Multi-sports For Children in Year 1 to Year 6</p> <p>BOOK NOW South Coast Sports Academy Scan QR code to book</p>  
	<p>NJ Dance, New Forest Offering classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrobatics • Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined) • Musical Theatre • Street Dance <p>For children aged 3 years and above. Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14 www.njdancenewforest.com njoydance@sky.com 07739 847124</p> 
	<p>Shining Lights Lunchtime Choir Wednesday 12:45 pm - 13:15pm Scan the QR code to book your child's place</p>  
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Zest Dance Offering afterschool dance club to children in Year 3 to Year 6 and private lessons.</p> <p>Contact http://www.zest-dance.co.uk to book</p>  <p>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547733874 Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.</p> 
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Titan Sports Academy Offering Tag Rugby for Year 1 – Year 6 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.</p> <p>http://www.titansportsacademy.co.uk/bookings rugby.titans.tsa@gmail.com 07877 781271</p>  <p>NJ Dance, New Forest Offering classes in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrobatics • Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined) • Musical Theatre • Street Dance <p>For children aged 3 years and above. Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14 www.njdancenewforest.com njoydance@sky.com 07739 847124</p> 

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Attendance Matters



Families can take various steps to support pupils' attendance, so that every child is READY for school:

- create opportunities, after school, for children to talk about their time at school
- staying up to date with all communications from school
- avoiding school absences where possible – for example, by arranging GP and dental appointments outside of school hours
- building consistent bedtime routines – sleeping well, for the right length of time, helps improve energy levels, mood and concentration
- establishing good morning routines at home to help children arrive at school on time, having had a good breakfast and ready to start the day

Attendance Figures



Did you know? 90% attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss 19 days of the school year ...which is nearly 4 weeks!

97% and above - Less than 6 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best possible outcomes.

96% - 8 days absence in a school year. "Good attendance". Pupil with this attendance are more likely to achieve their targets.

92% - 15 days absence in a school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing 3 weeks of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. AJS may ask for medical proof to authorise absences.

90% - 19 days absence over the school year. Pupils with this attendance are missing approximately a month (19 days) of school per year and may fall behind academically and socially. With this level of attendance, the Department for Education consider children to be a 'Persistent Absentee'. Parents will receive letters about attendance and be asked for a meeting to discuss attendance.

85% - 29 days of absence in a school year. These pupils are missing approximately 6 weeks of school a year. It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best and build relationships in school.

80% - 75% - Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance will be made known to the Hampshire local authority Attendance Team and also may face legal action if there is no medical or other authorised reason for their child's absence.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

NEW EVENTS IN RED/CHARITY EVENTS IN PURPLE

2024

2nd January 2024

8th February

SPRING TERM 2024 STARTS

PTA Winter discos - save the date!

£3 per ticket.

Y3&4- 4:45 - 5:45pm

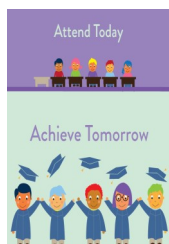
Y5&6 - 6.00 - 7.00pm.

(Details to follow)



This week's AJS
attendance :

91.49%



COMMUNITY NATIVITY TRAIL

New Milton Recreation Ground
16th December | 11am-1pm

**CRAFTS
REFRESHMENTS
ACTIVITIES**



**FREE
FAMILY
FUN
THIS
WAY**

New Milton
CHURCHES

