



### Letters home link

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

**Whole School**  
Premier Education holiday camps

**Year 6**  
SATs Letter  
<https://www.ashleyjunior.school.co.uk/page/?ti=Letters+Home&pid=71>



### Karate demonstration at AJS!

In a special assembly this week, we were privileged to welcome Carla Rudkin-Guillen to our school.

Carla is an elite karate champion and a student on the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS), at Brockenhurst College.

Carla mastered her craft with the Southern England Karate Federation; the AJS children were **very** inspired by her total dedication to the sport.

*If you are interested and require information on lessons please contact:  
Sensei Collin  
07966 303 585*



### ARRIVE ON TIME!

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

Look out for **TOKEN TIME** next week, and be **READY** to pick up your token!



### **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**



THANK YOU for your donations to this year's BBC Children in Need charity appeal.

If you still wish to make a donation, please click on this link:  
<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

Today Ashley Junior School raised **£132.62**

## Remembrance Sunday Parade, 12th November 2023

READY  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE

Lucas and Isla were very **RESPECTFUL** ambassadors when they represented our school at this year's Remembrance Sunday parade, and wreath-laying ceremony, in New Milton.

*It was great to see so many families from Ashley at the parade, ceremony and service, with lots of our pupils paying their respects as part of their Brownies and Scout groups too.*

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.



## Year 2 Parents—OPEN MORNING

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who visited our school this Thursday for our annual OPEN MORNING. We were very proud of our Year 5 'Tour Guides' who led the school tours, showing how **RESPONSIBLE** they could be. We hope to see those parents again when we welcome them into our school community, with their children, next year!



Ashley Junior School



Ready. Respectful. Responsible.



Thank you to all of our amazing AJS families for contributing to recent PTA events.

We are **thrilled** that our very hardworking PTA team have been able to make a **significant** contribution to purchasing our new stage lights in our school hall.

The lights are a fantastic upgrade and we are VERY grateful.

*This has been on our school 'wish list' for quite some time*

*...and now our dreams have come true! THANK YOU!*



**Thanks to the VERY generous support from a group of Year 3 parents, we are very pleased to announce that the Year 3 Explorer Dome visit to AJS will be going ahead on Wednesday, 29th November.**



**THANK YOU...**



### **Governor News**

We are pleased to welcome Lianne Allen as a new Parent Governor on the AJS Governing Body - we are looking forward to working together!



### ARTS&MATHS WEEK GALLERY

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 3.30-4.30pm

We would like to invite parents/carers to come to this year's AJS Arts&Maths Week Gallery. The children will have created pieces of artwork that have been inspired by patterns, geometry, tessellation and sequencing, as seen in renowned works of art.

Please join us in the classrooms around the school from 3.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – we are **really** looking forward to sharing the children's artwork with you!



READY  
RESPECTFUL  
RESPONSIBLE

### WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

### AJS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please click the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/ukTUm5MGkE>



If you wish to order your child a Christmas hot school meal, the deadline for bookings is Tuesday 28th November.



### AJS Competition time

Who's ready to get creative at home and design another badge for all to see on MarvellousMe?

A **Highflyer** from each class is selected each week in our Celebration Assembly. Throughout the school week, teachers look out for children that are being Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

Can you design a MarvellousMe badge to represent our **Highflyer** of the week?

Click here for the design template—

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Marvellous+Me&pid=76&action=saved>





## Ashley Junior School

**School Caretaker**  
**25 hours per week**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**Permanent Term-Time Contract**  
**(including 2 weeks summer holiday cover)**

**Required from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

We require an enthusiastic Caretaker to join our friendly, supportive and innovative staff team, working with the Site Manager to provide caretaking, cleaning, portering, routine maintenance & landscaping. Situated on the edge of the New Forest, we are a good school with ambitious plans for the future. We have a history of developing and supporting staff and providing a warm, caring and fun learning environment. This role will involve contact with children and will amount to 'regulated activity'.

***If you:***

- are hard working
- enjoy working with others
- are resilient and enjoy a challenge
- enthusiastic about working outdoors

***...then we want you!***

Visits to our school are warmly welcomed and highly recommended. Please contact Mrs C. Moore, Administration Manager, [adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk) if you would like to arrange a visit or if you require further information.

Application forms and details available from the website:

[www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk](http://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk)

*The completed application form, and the HCC Equality Monitoring Form, should be emailed to the school office:*

[adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk)

*Ashley Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS checks will be required prior to any offer of employment.*

**Closing date:** 9.00am, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Interviews:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## Check for Free School Meal Eligibility

To check your eligibility, please go to the following link from Hampshire County Council:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/primary/free-school-meals>

It will ask you to enter your name and date of birth, contact details, National Insurance number or National Asylum Seekers Number, your child's name and date of birth, and the school they are attending. Once you have submitted this form, Hampshire will contact us directly if you are eligible. You will then be able to claim the benefits listed above.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

**If you do not meet the above criteria but need some financial support/  
advice please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cheesman our School  
Homelink Worker via the school office or on email:**

**[adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk)**

## STAR READER

Wren  
Harley  
  
Kestrel  
Faith  
  
Kingfisher  
Annie  
  
Skylark  
Grace  
  
Barn Owl  
Thomas  
  
Eagle  
-  
  
Hawk  
Rosie  
  
Osprey  
Emilia  
  
Merlin  
Jeffin  
  
Robin  
Noah



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren  
Jake  
  
Kestrel  
Ralph  
  
Kingfisher  
Kaitlin  
  
Skylark  
Theadora  
  
Barn Owl  
Brooke  
  
Eagle  
Faiz  
  
Hawk  
Samuel  
  
Osprey  
Daniel  
  
Merlin  
Joey  
  
Robin  
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## HIGH FLYER



Wren  
Kaelan  
  
Kestrel  
Evie  
  
Kingfisher  
Leo  
  
Skylark  
Liam  
  
Barn Owl  
Sienna  
  
Eagle  
Elijah  
  
Hawk  
Alex  
  
Osprey  
Harrison  
  
Merlin  
Steven  
  
Robin  
Autumn

## TOP DOODLERS

Wren  
Maths Sophie  
Spelling Arya  
Kestrel  
Maths Xander  
Spelling Isabella  
Kingfisher  
Maths Leo  
Spelling Ethan  
Skylark  
Maths Atlanta  
Spelling Roxy  
Barn Owl  
Maths Eilidh  
Spelling Erik  
Eagle  
Maths Tia  
Spelling Pearl  
Hawk  
Maths Eithan  
Spelling Aurelia  
Osprey  
Maths Bonnie  
Spelling Kajetan  
Merlin  
Maths Jeffin  
Spelling Steven  
Robin  
Maths Daniel  
Spelling Roman





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

20th—24th November

Maths and **ARTS** week\*

22nd November

Flu immunisation (pupils)

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29th November

AM: Year 3 Science event—Explorer Dome

\*3.30—4.30pm **ART GALLERY**- all families welcome to come into school to view the Maths/Arts week work in each classroom

1st December

**PTA Sparkle and Shine Day - Children come to school in their own 'Sparkle and Shine' outfits, in exchange for donating a raffle prize for the PTA Xmas Raffle.**

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5th December

Poetry performance

Lower School 2-2.45pm

Year 3&4 parents invited (details to follow)

7th December

Poetry performance

Upper school 2—2.45pm

Year 5&6 parents invited( details to follow)

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12th December

Whole School visit to Ashley Baptist Church (children only)

13th December

Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day

13th December

PTA—Movie Night

15th December

Sing-a-long and Carols (children only)

15th December

School finishes 1:30pm

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**2024**

**2nd January 2024**

**SPRING TERM 2024 STARTS**

**8th February**

**PTA Winter discos - save the date!**

**£3 per ticket.**

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

**Y5&6 - 6.00 - 7.00pm.**

**(Details to follow)**