



# Ashley Junior School

Ready • Respectful • Responsible



Bulletin 9 - Friday 10th November 2023



## Letters home link

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

Year 5  
Osmington Bay  
Kit List

[https://  
www.ashleyjunior  
school.co.uk/  
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&pid=71](https://www.ashleyjunior.school.co.uk/page/?fi-tle=Letters+Home&pid=71)

## Remembrance Assembly



**Thank you to the Year 6 children for leading our very special Remembrance Assembly on Friday. We **respectfully** remembered all those who have given their lives to keep us all safe and we thanked those who still do this for us today.**

**Thank you to AJS families who supported the Poppy Appeal this year and to those Year 6 families who were able to join us at this special event in school.**



## 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!



## What a **great response** from parents

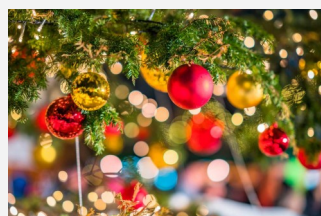
**engaging in Arbor and Marvellous Me**



For anyone who has not yet signed up to these parent apps, please check your emails for detail from our office team. Thank you!



YOUR CATERING EXPERT



## WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER AJS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please click the link

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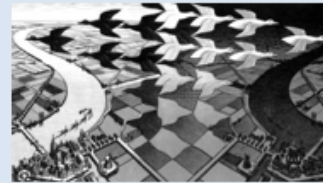
If you wish to order your child a Christmas hot school meal, deadline for bookings is Tuesday 28th November.

### 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!



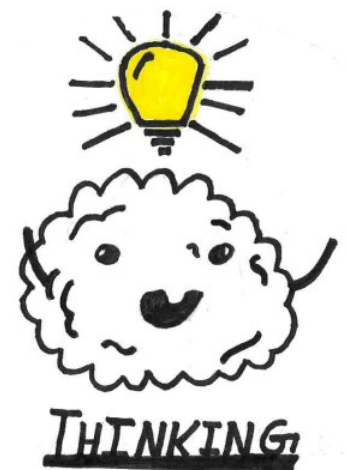
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**Very well done to our competition winner  
Faiz, from Year 5!**

He designed and won our Pupil Voice competition to create a new MarvellousMe badge for **THINKING!**

*Congratulations and thank you, Faiz!*



### **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>**







## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS donations needed!

Do you have any unwanted  
Christmassy jumpers? Donate today  
for reselling in our Uniform shop.

Recycle and help us raise funds!



### Year 3 Explorer Dome

#### Risk of being can- celled

Year 3 Explorer Dome Light Show and Science day is taking place in school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.  
If you have not already done so, contributions can be made via your child's online account [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) or at the school office.

**Deadline date for money to be paid was  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

***The event will not be able to take place if  
we do not have enough contributions.***

**WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT YOU  
CAN GIVE US—THANK YOU.**



### Dogs on School site

A polite reminder that  
dogs are not permitted  
on the school site. **This is  
a Hampshire County**

**Council** wide policy and includes  
dogs and puppies that are carried,  
with the exception of assistance dogs.

We would also like to remind visitors  
this is a no smoking/ vaping site.

Thank you for your support.





## PTA NEWS- LAST WEEK AT AJS!

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**Smarties Challenge**—Well done to Wren Class and to Alfie, from Robin class, for raising the most amount of money in this year's SMARTIES CHALLENGE! Thank you!



## Doughnut Sales—Friday 3rd November

We made a fantastic profit of £52.25 last week! Thank you to all of those who bought a delicious doughnut after school that day!



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Last Friday, three children from year 6 had a great opportunity to be part of a writing workshop with the children's author, Paul Nolan. Paul inspired the children by reading some of his stories and sharing a variety of writers techniques.

Here are some of the powerful sentences the children created, connected to fighting on the battlefield during World War I.

'Again, the enemy unleashed their bullets. Again, they thrashed towards me.'

'Dashing and screaming; screaming and dashing, I hurtled towards my impending doom.'

'Joe and I hid in a vast crater, all we could hear was a deafening drilling into the wet thick mud.'

'Screaming and charging, charging and screaming. Weaving towards the enemy line.'

'It all went silent, I could hear myself breathing, my heart stopped pounding.'

'They both disappeared, swallowed into the dark gloomy smoke.'





# Warm & Welcome Event

New Milton Library

Thursday 16 November

9.30am - 12.30pm

Struggling with energy bills and the cost of living?

Please drop-in to speak to some local organisations and partners who offer help and advice.

No appointment needed and refreshments will be available.



Our libraries are:



Free



Warm



Welcoming



Safe



Hampshire  
County Council

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for Work & Pensions Household Support Fund

[hants.gov.uk/library](https://hants.gov.uk/library)

## STAR READER

Wren  
Jessica

Kestrel  
Luke

Kingfisher  
Ayla

Skylark  
Aoife

Barn Owl  
Jack

Eagle  
Zack

Hawk  
Nicole

Osprey  
Kajetan

Merlin  
Florence

Robin  
Tom



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren  
Logan

Kestrel  
Emma

Kingfisher  
Iris

Skylark  
Grace

Barn Owl  
Thomas

Eagle  
Riley

Hawk  
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Osprey  
Daniel

Merlin  
Joey

Robin  
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## HIGH FLYER



Wren  
Arya

Kestrel  
Hannah

Kingfisher  
Ethan

Skylark  
Freya

Barn Owl  
Ruby

Eagle  
Louisa

Hawk  
Scarlett

Osprey  
Ki

Merlin  
Florence

Robin  
Bonnie

## TOP DOODLERS

Wren  
Maths Robin  
Spelling Robin  
Kestrel  
Maths Hardav  
Spelling Max  
Kingfisher  
Maths Kaitlin  
Spelling Alice  
Skylark  
Maths Majus  
Spelling Theadora  
Barn Owl  
Maths Will  
Spelling Wilson  
Eagle  
Maths Faiz  
Spelling Ava  
Hawk  
Maths Casey  
Spelling Alex  
Osprey  
Maths Daniel  
Spelling Aliou  
Merlin  
Maths Jeffin  
Spelling Joey  
Robin  
Maths Holly  
Spelling Ayaan





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

13th—17th November

Anti-bullying week - KINDNESS THEME

**MONDAY 13th = ODD SOCKS DAY!**

17th November

**Children In Need—SPOTacular. Wear**

**something spotty, with school uniform, for a donation.**

20th—24th November

Maths and **ARTS** week\*

22nd November

Flu immunisation (pupils)

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**

**Donate raffle prize for the PTA Xmas Raffle**

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)

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

**2024**

**2nd January 2024**

**SPRING TERM 2024 STARTS**

**8th February**

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

**£3 per ticket. Y3&4, 5.30 - 6.30pm//**

**Y5&6, 6.45 - 7.45pm.**