



### Letters home link

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

<https://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?ti-title=Letters+Home&pid=71>

### Icky Doo Dah



### Author visit—Years 3 and 4

The children were very excited this week to welcome Simon Murray, author of the 'Icky Doo Dah' series of books. Simon worked with Skylark, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Wren classes to create their own artwork, using the character Icky Doo Dah as their inspiration.

We were thrilled to have such a lovely children's author working with us and we hope that he will come back to AJS again one day.

Please take a look at his website for more information:

[www.ickydoodah.com](http://www.ickydoodah.com)

### Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Event

On Tuesday this week, we took a fantastic team of Year 3 and 4 runners to represent the school at this special annual event at Gang Warily.

There were 450 pupils from 21 different schools competing; each team was split into teams of 3 boys and 3 girls from each year group.



All of the AJS team completed the course and represented the school incredibly well. They were **ready**, **responsible**, and **respectful**, and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout.

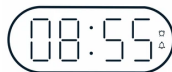


We were very proud of them all.

Thanks goes to Mr Cox and Mrs Pollard for organising the event for the AJS team.

### Reminder

Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.








Please note that penalty notices can be issued to parents in these circumstances:

- Holiday taken during term time (N.B.—there are 12 weeks of actual school holidays available to go away)
- Children who are persistently late for school
- Children who are persistently late after registration closes.

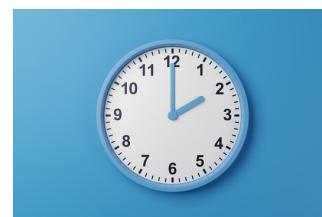
Please help your child in their AJS learning journey by making sure that they are in school everyday, on time...THANK YOU.

# AJS 'Community Connections and Enterprise' week

			
<p><b>AJS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS &amp; ENTERPRISE WEEK: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></p> <p>At AJS we firmly believe that a cohesive community is one where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ there is a common vision and a sense of belonging for all communities;</li> <li>▪ the diversity of people's different backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and positively valued;</li> <li>▪ those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities; and</li> <li>▪ strong and positive relationships are being developed between people from different backgrounds and circumstances in the workplace, in schools and within neighbourhoods.</li> </ul> <p>During our first ever Community Connections and Enterprise Week, each year group will be focusing on specific learning opportunities (see below) which widen their appreciation, understanding and respect for the developing and changing community in which we live.</p> <p><b>We would also like to invite our AJS families to attend our annual ENTERPRISE FETE on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – more details to follow shortly!</b></p>			
<p><b>Year 3 – Our Awesome Area</b></p> <p><b>We aim to:</b> Inspire others to appreciate, enjoy and take care of our local area including our forests and beaches. To develop positive relationships within our local community.</p> <p><b>Activities will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit from the RNLI</li> <li>• Visit from a New Forest ranger</li> <li>• Visit a local care home</li> <li>• Create nature inspired wooden decorations and pebble paperweights</li> <li>• Mindful colouring bookmarks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Year 4 – Plastic Fantastic</b></p> <p><b>We aim to:</b> Raise awareness of how to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic to help save the planet.</p> <p><b>Activities will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor visit</li> <li>• Milford Beach clean up</li> <li>• Jump rope skipping</li> <li>• Plastic crafts</li> <li>• Family morning-come and create something fantastic out of plastic with your child</li> </ul>	<p><b>Year 5 – Bake it till you make it!</b></p> <p><b>We aim to:</b> Inspire pupils to consider future careers and give them a taste of what being an entrepreneur involves.</p> <p><b>Activities will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question and answer sessions with people with different careers from the local community.</li> <li>• Design and decorate cakes and biscuits.</li> <li>• Create cake-themed book marks in a Pop Art style.</li> <li>• Learn about budgeting and calculating profits.</li> <li>• Make key rings with sweet treat themes!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Year 6 – Healthy Body, Health Mind</b></p> <p><b>We aim to:</b> Develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles and how these can be encouraged in our community.</p> <p><b>Activities will include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two outreach sessions with AFC Bournemouth focusing on 'Healthy lifestyles' and Mental Health and Wellbeing'</li> <li>• 'Ready Steady Cook' session with HSC3</li> <li>• A session with the 'Food Rescue Kitchen'</li> <li>• 'Crafternoon' with parents making dreamcatchers and worry dolls for the fete</li> <li>• Clubbercise exercise class</li> </ul>
			

**REMINDER - As per the newsletter notice a few weeks, ago, we are really looking forward to our NEW AJS 'Community Connections and Enterprise' week.**

**We would also like to invite all families to attend our ENTERPRISE FAIR on Friday 24th May, 2.00—3.00pm. Please bring along some 'pennies' to buy products/activities from each year group's stalls. THANK YOU!**



**MESSAGE FOR YEAR 4 PARENTS:**

***We are excited about our upcoming Enterprise Week and are busy planning some engaging projects that consider how we can reuse materials and be more eco-friendly to our environment. We would really appreciate your help with collecting plastic materials to use during the week of 20th May.***

***We would like donations of:***

*single use plastic bottles (any size)*

*4 pint milk bottles*

*any plastic (such as plastic bags, food wrappings etc)*

***Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.***

**The Year 4 Team**



**Staffing news**

Firstly, we are very pleased to share with you that Mrs Bunnett's baby boy arrived safe and well last week— we send our best wishes to the whole family.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Hurley and Miss Fidler at the end of term, returning from having had their babies in the Autumn.

And finally, we will be saying goodbye to the lovely Mrs Pounds towards the end of this term, when she will be leaving us to have her baby; Mrs Pepin will be stepping into the role of being our Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Pounds is away.



Thank you to all the WREN class families who were able to join us this week to celebrate the work that the children have done so far this year.

It was lovely to see how keen the children were to share their work - thank you for coming to celebrate with them.



# Preloved School Uniform Shop



Get all your school essentials and more from our Preloved School Uniform Shop. Support the school, save money and be greener!



We also have a selection of polo shirts, coats, shoes, Christmas jumpers and dress-up items for school theme days.

Scan the QR code or visit our shop at <https://www.uniformd.co.uk/ashley-junior>





Staying  
Safe  
Online

**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



### Two very important messages for AJS families:

**1. Please could parents click on the link below for more information from CHILDLINE about how to 'Report.Remove' inappropriate images:**

**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

[www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/?ageRangeParameter=Under13&currentStep>Login\\_Signup#under13](http://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/?ageRangeParameter=Under13&currentStep>Login_Signup#under13)

**2. Please could all parents be mindful of the dangers of online gaming, with regards to children playing on such platforms:**



#### **Understanding the Risks**

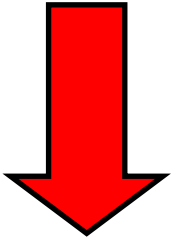
- 1. Online bullying and Harassment:** Just like any online space, gaming platforms can be a breeding ground for bullying and harassment. Players may experience offensive language, threats, or other harmful behaviours from others.
- 2. Inappropriate Content:** Some online games may contain explicit or inappropriate content, which can be harmful, especially for younger players.
- 3. Privacy Concerns:** Sharing personal information online can lead to privacy breaches.
- 4. Addictive Behaviour:** Excessive gaming can lead to addiction, affecting one's physical and mental well-being.



Department  
for Education



The Department for Education has produced a document which summarises the attendance responsibilities for parents, schools and governing bodies, and local authorities, as outlined in their '**Working together to improve school attendance**' guidance.



Please help your AJS child :

**Parents are expected to:**

Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.

Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).

Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.

Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

Make sure that they are in school everyday, on time.

Phone the office by 8.30am if your child is going to be off school.

*If we do not hear from you, we will first call all named contacts on our records.*

*If needed, we will then carry out a home visit, and then, if we have still not had contact with you. we will contact the Police.*

*The Police may then carry out an emergency welfare check visit.*

Plan family holidays within the 12 weeks of school holidays

*Please do not book holidays during term time. Every day of school that a child misses affects their learning progress.*



MISSING  
(SCHOOL) =  
MISSING  
OUT

## STAR READER

Wren  
Arya  
  
Kestrel  
Willow  
  
Kingfisher  
Evalyn  
  
Skylark  
Brooke  
  
Barn Owl  
Lucy  
  
Eagle  
Archie  
  
Hawk  
Lily  
  
Osprey  
Bonnie  
  
Merlin  
Agnes  
  
Robin  
Isabelle



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Wren  
Harry  
  
Kestrel  
Esther  
  
Kingfisher  
Kaitlin  
  
Skylark  
Woody  
  
Barn Owl  
Mia  
  
Eagle  
Munana  
  
Hawk  
Seth  
  
Osprey  
Austin  
  
Merlin  
Jeffin  
  
Robin  
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## HIGH FLYER



Wren  
Robin  
  
Kestrel  
Ralph  
  
Kingfisher  
Milo  
  
Skylark  
Harry  
  
Barn Owl  
Mia  
  
Eagle  
Faiz  
  
Hawk  
Dhiya  
  
Osprey  
Austin  
  
Merlin  
Curtis  
  
Robin  
Ayaan

## TOP DOODLERS

Wren  
Maths Lola  
Spelling Ellie  
Kestrel  
Maths Isabella  
Spelling Nicholas  
Kingfisher  
Maths Iris  
Spelling Iris  
Skylark  
Maths Majus  
Spelling Oliver  
Barn Owl  
Maths Will  
Spelling Will  
Eagle  
Maths Sam  
Spelling Finley  
Hawk  
Maths Cody  
Spelling Cody  
Osprey  
Maths Harrison  
Spelling Isabel  
Merlin  
Maths Thea  
Spelling Isabelle  
Robin  
Maths Autumn  
Spelling Molly



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...SUMMER TERM 2024

NEW EVENTS /PTA EVENTS /FUNDRAISING EVENTS



















### 2024

6th May	Bank Holiday
13th –16th May	SATs week
20th-24th May	Connected Communities & Enterprise Week
24th May	Afternoon: <b>ENTERPRISE FETE - Families welcome 2 –3pm</b>
27th—31st May	Half Term
3rd June	Inset Day
5th June	New Forest Sports Event: AJS School team Cross Country (selected Y3&4 children only - details to follow)
7th June	Fun Run 9:30am - 10:30am (Further details to follow)
10th June	Year 6 Marwell Zoo Trip
19th June	Year 2 Welcome for Parents (6:00-7:00pm) Details to follow
25th June	Class photographs (Afternoon)
2nd July	Sports Day (Details to follow)
4th - 5th July	Year 6 to Arnewood for transition days
4th July	<b>PTA Summer Discos</b> <b>Lower school 5:30-6:30pm</b> <b>Upper school 6:45pm - 7:45pm (Details to follow)</b>
5th July	Transition afternoon
10th July	Year 6 Production 1:45pm (Afternoon performance)
11th July	Year 6 Production 6:00pm (Evening performance)
23rd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (AM—Time TBC) Y6 parents invited- <i>details to follow</i> .
23rd July	School finishes at 1:30pm

### 2024/2025

2nd & 3rd September	x2 <i>Inset Days</i>
4th September	<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024 STARTS</b>
9th September	<b>5.30pm PTA AGM...all welcome!</b>
4th November	<i>Inset Day</i>
24th February	<i>Inset Day</i>
2nd June	<i>Inset Day</i>

Day	Club
Monday to Friday	<p><b>Premier Education - Wrap Around Care Provision</b>            Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am            Afterschool Club from 3:30pm</p>   <p><a href="https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton">https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/21118/?location=new%20milton</a></p>
Monday	<p><b>Southern England Karate Federation</b>            Offering 'Sport Karate' from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.</p> <p>Contact Sensei Collin on 07966 303585 to book.  <a href="http://www.sekf.co.uk">http://www.sekf.co.uk</a></p> 
	<p><b>NJ Dance, New Forest</b>            Offering classes in:            Acrobatics            Ballet, Modern, Tap (Combined)            Musical Theatre            Street Dance            Progressing Ballet Technique (PBT)            For children aged 3 years and above.            Free Trials available in all classes - please kindly book via: <a href="https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14">https://app.classmanager.com/trials/nj-dance-new-forest?season_id=14</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.njdancenewforest.com">www.njdancenewforest.com</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:njoydance@sky.com">njoydance@sky.com</a></p> <p>07739 847124</p> 
Tuesday	<p><b>Shining Lights Performing Arts Academy</b>            Offering drama, games, team exercises and performance opportunities from 3:30pm to 4:15pm for children in Year 3 to Year 6.</p> <p>Scan the QR code to book  <a href="mailto:info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com">info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com</a></p>  
	<p><b>Computer Xplorers</b>            Offering an after school tech club from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for children in Year 3 – Year 6.</p> <p>Click the link below to register and book.  <a href="https://dorseteast.computerexplorers.co.uk/project/54249">https://dorseteast.computerexplorers.co.uk/project/54249</a></p> 
	<p><b>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club</b>            Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547 733874            Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.</p> 

<p>Wednesday</p>	<p><b>South Coast Sports Academy</b>  Offering classes in:  Football  Rugby  Multi-sports  For Children in Year 1 to Year 6  <a href="#">BOOK NOW   South Coast Sports Academy</a></p>		
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	<p><b>Shining Lights Lunchtime Choir</b>  12:45pm – 1:15pm   Scan the QR to book a place  <a href="mailto:info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com">info@shininglightsperformingartsacademy.com</a></p>		
<p>Thursday</p>	<p><b>Zest Dance</b>  Offering afterschool dance club to children in Year 3 to Year 6 and private lessons.   Contact <a href="http://www.zest-dance.co.uk">http://www.zest-dance.co.uk</a> to book</p> <p><b>Bournemouth Gymnastics Club</b>  Contact Cathy Woodland on 07547733874  Please Note; there is a considerable waiting list for this club.</p>		  
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	<p><b>Titan Sports Academy</b>  Offering Tag Rugby for Year 1 – Year 6 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.  <a href="http://www.titansportsacademy.co.uk/bookings">http://www.titansportsacademy.co.uk/bookings</a>   <a href="mailto:rugby.titans.tsa@gmail.com">rugby.titans.tsa@gmail.com</a>   07877 781271</p>		