



The Ashbeach News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy month of fun learning. Key stage two have ended their topic of World War 2 with a trip to Duxford War Museum today. During the month, I have seen children completing fun science experiments; exploring the sights, sounds and textures of



the common to inspire their writing; having a 3 bears breakfast to accompany their English unit and so much more.



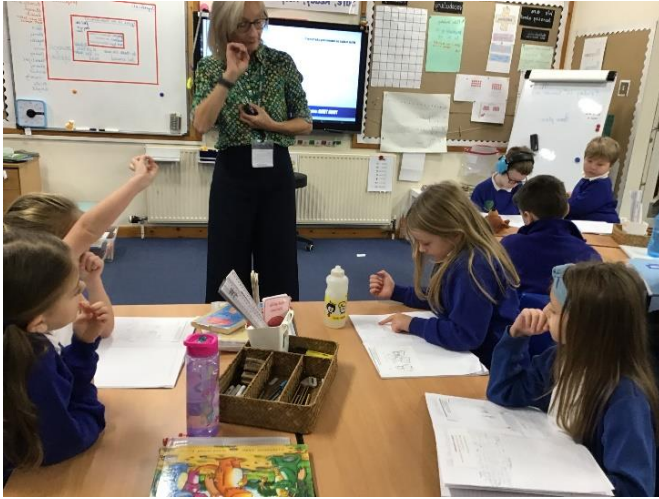
Ashbeach Choir

Mrs Goater and the Ashbeach Choir have been really busy recently. They have been practicing every week after school and last weekend, they sang on the stage at the Ramsey Lights Switch on event. Next week, they will be singing at the Ramsey Rural Museum for their Victorian Christmas celebration. Thank you for being the taxi drivers for your children! A special thank you to Mrs Goater for your hard work with the choir.



Author visit

Last week, we were really lucky to have the author Helen Moss visit our school. She was here all day and held a workshop with each class. The children were all really excited and some have been inspired to write their own books. It was lovely to have the opportunity at the end of the day to purchase a signed copy of one of her books.



Our efforts to promote reading for pleasure are having an impact and it has been lovely to hear children recommending books to each other.

Please encourage the children to read at home as much as possible. Reading together is the best way to support your children. All children gain huge benefits from the opportunity to read aloud to adults and listen to stories read aloud to them.

This advice is from the National Literacy Trust. For more advice and ideas



on how to engage your child with reading visit <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/reading-your-child/>



Daily story time

Find a short slot in your daily routine (just before bedtime works best for many families) to read one or two books together every day. Find a quiet, cosy place to snuggle up, and put phones and screens away so you and your child have each other's full attention. Once it's become part of your routine, both you and your child will begin to look forward to this special time together.

Repeat, repeat, repeat

Reading the same book again and again will help your child get to know the story. Once they know it well, ask them about what's happening or what's going to happen next and praise them when they respond.

Remember, daily reading is the children's homework to allow you the time to focus on this.



Children In Need

Thank you for joining in with non-uniform / wear something spotty on Children in Need Day. We raised £153.77 which will all go to support this worthy charity.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fayre. Overall this event raised £491.67. These funds will go towards much needed resources for the school.



KS2 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum



The children of Sea Otters, Bears and Koalas enjoyed a very chilly but super interesting day at Duxford last week too. Thank you to all the parent helpers who also joined us on the trip and

were able to explain and expand the knowledge of the children whilst they were experiencing the museums exhibits.





Attendance

Since the Covid pandemic, attendance at school has fallen dramatically nationally. The impact of children missing school is extremely negative.

'The data also shows that in 2019, [primary school](#) children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.' (dfe, 2019)

For more information on how to support your child to improve their attendance, please visit:

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf>

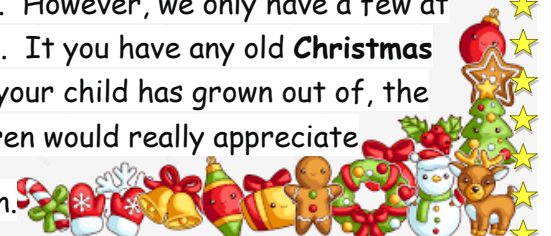
December

Keep an eye on the calendar as December will be busy with activities including the Christmas production. This year, we have decided that Penguins and Dolphins will perform the Christmas production and Key stage 2 will do a summer performance.

The school Christmas postbox will be open from Monday. If your child would like to give out Christmas cards, they need to hand all cards to the teacher or put them into the postbox so they can be distributed in one go at the end of the day.

We have created a display of Christmas reading books in school for the children to select from. However, we only have a few at the moment. If you have any old **Christmas books** that your child has grown out of, the other children would really appreciate

the donation.



Mornings and the Safe Walking Route

Thank you to everyone who is getting their child here for 8.40am in time for the gate to open; this really helps them to get a good start to the day as they have morning work ready for them when they get in.

Please ensure that you and your child use the **safe walking route** into school in the morning - this is the path that goes around the edge of the carpark and past the preschool. Please do not drop your child off and allow them to walk across the carpark, even if you are running late. The carpark is for staff and taxis.

Aladdin Panto

A huge thank you to the Friends Of Ashbeach School for organising the recent pantomime trip and to Ramsey Travel for the substituted costs for the transport. All the children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the characters, singing shouting and booing Abenezzer!!



KS1 Nativity Performance

Tickets are on sale from the school office at £2.50 each for the two shows. One on Wednesday 13th morning 9.30am and the other at 2pm on Thursday 14th December. FOA are also hosting refreshments after or before the shows for you to enjoy. They are also running a 50/50 prize bucket

Mrs Bennett

Unfortunately, Mrs Bennett has been poorly and will not be back into school until 18th December at the earliest. We have two lovely supply teachers, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Wilson booked to cover in her absence. I am sure you join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.



Diary Dates

2023

12 Dec	Library Bus for Dolphins & Koalas
13 Dec	KS1 performance at 9.30am
14 Dec	KS1 performance at 2pm
18 Dec	Christingle 1.30pm at Church
19 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers Day
20 Dec	Last day of term -non uniform
04 Jan	Teacher Training Day
05 Jan	Start of Spring Term
11 Jan	Swimming starts for Yr 5
16 Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2
18 Jan	Favourites for Lunch Day
19 - 23 Feb	Half Term



CHRISTMAS LUNCH HCL 

Christmas Turkey and Chipolata Sausage, Trimmings of Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
OR
Festive Quorn Fillet (v) with a Veggie Sausage (v), Trimmings of Sage and Onion Stuffing and Vegetarian Gravy
With Roast Potatoes and a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables
A Choice of Christmas Desserts

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ASHBEACH SCHOOL VALUES

HONESTY

- We have integrity
- We are truthful
- We are true to ourselves
- We ask for help when we need it



EVOLVE

- We value change
- We grow and learn
- We mature
- We improve



ASPIRE

- We challenge ourselves
- We aim to be the best we can possibly be
- We want to learn
- We push ourselves to improve



RESILIENCE

- We have a growth mindset
- We learn from our 'mistakes'
- We keep trying
- We use our tools to help us 'get out of the pit'



TEAM

- We work together
- We celebrate that we are all different
- We are one family
- We support each other and are kind to one another



LGBTQ+ YOUTH GROUPS

FROM AUTUMN 2022

IN-PERSON GROUPS		ONLINE GROUPS
PETERBOROUGH	Every Monday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	TRANS & NON-BINARY ONLINE GROUP Every other Thursday, 6-7pm
ELY	Every Monday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	DISABILITY / NEURODIVERSITY ONLINE GROUP Every other Thursday, 6-7pm
HUNTINGDON	Every other Wednesday, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25 Alternating with St Neots group	
ST NEOTS	Every other Wednesday, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25 Alternating with Hunts group	FAMILY PROGRAMME MEET 'N' EAT EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY 3rd Week of the Month, 6-8pm
CAMBRIDGE	Every Wednesday, 6-8pm Ages 13-18 & 18-30	MORE GROUPS, TRIPS AND EVENTS TO COME *Exact times may be subject to change
MARCH & WISBECH	On alternating Thursdays, 6-8pm, Ages 13-25	

The Kite Trust.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email: youthwork@thekitetrust.org.uk
Visit: www.thekitetrust.org.uk
Call: 01223 369508

Christmas Holiday Scheme Places for free

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Christmas where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of income-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 4 days.

Please visit the County Council webpage for details and the wider eligibility criteria:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)
Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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OAK ACTIVITIES
CHRISTMAS 2023
MULTISPORT CAMP

WHEN
Thurs 21st, Fri 22nd, Fri 29th Dec 2023 &
Tue 2nd Jan 2024

TIME
9am - 4pm

LOCATION
Upwood Primary Academy
Ramsey Road, Upwood, Huntingdon, PE26 2QA

There's so much on offer
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HAF PROGRAMME
HAF funded spaces available -
Please email info@oakactivities.com for more information.

HAF Bookings will close on 14th December 2023

INFORMATION
Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for physical activity. Please bring extra layers including waterproofs, a water bottle and packed lunch.

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Children's Christmas Crafts

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

Try out a variety of festive crafts using natural and recycled materials. Make fun and attractive eco-friendly decorations to adorn your homes this Christmas. Some activities may be set up outside so please come dressed warmly.

Activities are available 10.30am-2.30pm. Stay on site as long as you wish to continue exploring, den building and minibeast hunting.

- Saturday 9th December, 10.30am - 2.30pm
- Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre, Chapel Road, PE26 2RS.
- Wildlife Trust BCN Member £5, non-member £7.50. Accompanying adults free.



Book online:
wildlifebcn.org/events



Share your pics



The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne, CB23 6DH Tel: 01954 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity No. 1000412



Family Stargazing in the Great Fen

Saturday 27th January 2024
6pm - 8.30pm

Join us for a family-friendly stargazing evening. Learn our most recognisable constellations to start you off on your dark sky discovery. We will also create star-related crafts and make constellation projectors to take home with you.

Location:
Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve
Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights, Cambs, PE26 2RS

Price:
Wildlife Trust BCN Members £5, Non-members £7.50

Book online:
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School holiday and term dates

2023/2024 academic year		
	Starts	Ends
Autumn term begins	Monday 4 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn half term	Monday 23 rd October 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023
Autumn term continues	Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Christmas holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2023	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Spring term begins	Friday 5 th January 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring half term	Monday 19 th February 2024	Friday 23 rd February 2024
Spring term continues	Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024	Friday 12 th April 2024
Summer term begins	Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Summer half term	Monday 27 th May 2024	Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer term continues	Monday 3 rd June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024
Summer holiday	Monday 22 nd July 2024	2024/25 dates to be confirmed

Professional Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Thursday 4th January 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays

Monday 6th May 2024