



The Ashbeach News

Learning for life – to be the best we can possibly be.

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of November, our thoughts are beginning to turn to Christmas. Before they do, let's look back at what we can celebrate from this month.

The new handwriting badges have been made and for the last two weeks have awarded in Friday's celebration assembly to a child from each class who has made the biggest effort to improve their handwriting. So far these children have been awarded their class badge:

Penguin class	Albie, Peter-William and Joseph
Owl class	Oliver-George, Esme and Harley
Dolphin class	Ennio, Hallie and Riley
Koala class	Peyton, Puggier and Torrin
Bear class	Finley C, Robyn and Nadine
Sea Otter class	Freya, Zane and Milly



We have had many children coming to show their outside achievements in assembly. We've enjoyed hearing about gymnastics, swimming, charity work, football, brownies and scouts, horse-riding and more. If your child achieves something outside of school, please encourage them to tell us about it in assembly.

The children have been working very hard this term and are consolidating their learning as topics come to an end. They have enjoyed learning about kindness and friendship in anti-bullying week and developing their understanding of government, democracy and parliament in National Parliament week. In addition to this, they demonstrated their generosity by taking part in Children in Need. We'd like to thank the school council for planning and organising the cake break. In total, we raised £184.50 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support with these activities.

We want your opinions

As a school we are always looking for ways to improve. We always value your input. I would like to invite you to complete a short survey which will help me tailor the school newsletter to what you would like to see. There is also a section to write your comments and ideas for more general aspects of school. You can access this very short anonymous [survey here](#).

Lessons start at 8.45am.

In order to improve standards, we have evaluated our school timetable to ensure that children can make the most progress. In order for children to have the recommended time for each lesson, their learning **must start at 8.45am** which is the official beginning of our school day.

Here is an example timetable. Please note that the afternoons vary for each class and this does not necessarily represent what your child does each afternoon. The morning has a small variation for key stage 1.

	8.40	8.45-9.15	9.15 - 9.35	9.35 - 10.35	10.35 - 10.50	10.50-11.10	11.10-12.10	12.10	1.10-1.30	2.50	
MON	Ind read	Guided reading or Phonics	Spelling	Handwriting + English	BREAK	Maths mastery	Maths	LUNCH	Story	EXAMPLE AFTERNOON 1.30 - 2.50 ART / PSHE	What in the news
TUE	Ind read	Guided reading or Phonics	Spelling	Handwriting + English	BREAK	Maths mastery	Maths	LUNCH	Story	HISTORY	Assembly
Wed	Ind read	Guided reading or Phonics	Spelling	Handwriting + English	BREAK	Maths mastery	Maths	LUNCH	Story	SCIENCE	Assembly
Thurs	Ind read	Guided reading or Phonics	Spelling tests	Handwriting + English	BREAK	Maths mastery	Maths	LUNCH	Story	PE (This is just an example and not necessarily your child's PE day)	Special person
Fri	Ind read	Guided reading or Phonics	Spelling tests	Handwriting + English	BREAK	Maths mastery	Maths	LUNCH	Story	COMPUTING / MUSIC / SPANISH	Assembly

Key stage one also have rhyme time as they come in each morning.

In order to help the children be ready to start the day at 8.45am, I will be opening the gate at **8.35am** (5 minutes earlier). The gate will be closed at 8.45am and children arriving after this time will need to come through the office and will be marked as late on the register. We understand mornings can be difficult but we firmly believe that this earlier start will be beneficial for the children. Being just ten

Children need to be in their classroom for 8.45am to get the best learning opportunities.

minutes late can mean your child misses the teachers input to the lesson. If they are late by ten minutes every day, they will miss **50 minutes** of valuable teaching time each week. In addition, this is often the time of day that

children who need additional support will have 1:1 time or small group work with a TA. **Thank you for your support with this.** *If you are struggling with attendance and punctuality, please read these tips.*

Problems with Attendance & Punctuality

Are you having problems with:

- Getting your child to bed at night or out of bed in the morning?
- Finding uniform, school books or bags?
- Your child eating breakfast slowly?
- Your child not having done their homework?
- Your child watching too much TV or spending too much time on electronic gadgets?
- Your child getting anxious about school work or tests?
- Your child asking for a day off because of birthdays or other family events?

Then have you tried:

- Establishing set times and routines for bedtime?
- Asking your child to prepare their school bag and uniform the night before?
- Establishing a set time for breakfast where the family eat together?
- Having a daily homework slot?
- Limiting TV viewing or screen time on other devices to a set period each evening and morning?
- Talking about school in a positive way and speaking to your child's Class Teacher about any concerns / anxieties?
- Being firm – insist on your child coming to school on their birthday?

Upcoming events

Please check out the dates section of the newsletter for specific details about the following:

- Early years and Key stage 1 Christmas performances
- Year 5 and 6 Science museum in school
- Anti-vaping workshop visitors (year 5/6)
- Christingle at the church
- Santa dash around St Mary's
- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Disco
- Christmas Parties
- First Day of Spring Term (Tuesday 7th Jan)

Santa Dash


Heads up that on Tuesday 17th December we will be taking part in the Santa Dash. This is a run wearing all things Christmassy! We aim to do this at 9.00am (weather permitting) and run from school to the Ramsey St Mary's playing field, around the playing field and back weather permitting. It would be great to have as many parents/carers supporting the children. This is an event that is happening across the county on the 6th December but we have decided to postpone ours until the last week of time with the rest of the Christmas chaos!



Tickets for the KS1 performances will go on sale on Tuesday 3rd December. Limited to 4 per family initially. Extra tickets can be requested, but will only be allocated after the 6th December.



Our Christingle service is being held at St Marys Church at 1.30pm. We are asking parents to help us walk the children to and from the church, please meet at school for 1pm. We would also like to ask if every child could bring in a large orange in the morning to make a Christingle in school.




SUPPORTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

ON THIS COURSE YOU WILL WORK ALONGSIDE YOUR TUTOR AND OTHER PARENTS TO INCREASE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN. YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO: -RECOGNISE THE SIGNS OF ANXIETY. - IDENTIFY SOME OF THE POSSIBLE REASONS CHILDREN HAVE ANXIETY. - DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE THESE FEELINGS IN A SUPPORTIVE GROUP.

EVERY THURSDAY FOR 3 WEEKS
START DATE: 9/01/2025
END DATE: 23/1/2025
🕒 TIME:
6PM - 7.30PM
ONLINE

CALL TO BOOK 01353 613013
SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO





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MAIN MENU
Christmas Turkey & Chipolata Sausage
with Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy
or
Quorn Fillet (v)
& Veggie Sausage (Ve)
with Sage & Onion Stuffing
& Gravy

SERVED WITH
Roast Potatoes
with a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT
Choice of Christmas Dessert

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*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability | Christmas Menu Option 1

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



Diary Dates



2024

06 Dec	Yr 5 & 6 Science Museum workshops
09 Dec	Yr5/6 Smoking & Vaping workshops
12 Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, afternoon 1.45pm
13 Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, morning 9.30am
16 Dec	Christingle Service, 1.30pm at Ramsey St Marys Church, all welcome to walk and join us
17 Dec	Santa Dash for all classes
17 Dec	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
18 Dec	Christmas Jumpers & Christmas dinner day
19 Dec	FOA Christmas Disco 5.30-7pm
20 Dec	End of Term – non-uniform, class parties

2025

06 Jan	Teacher Training Day
07 Jan	Start of Spring Term
15 Jan	Weight & Height Checks for YrR & 6
16 Jan	Favourites for Lunch (Census Day)
21 Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2
21 Jan	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
23 Jan	Coffee & Chat Family Support Session 2.15pm – 3.15pm
17 – 21 Feb	Half term holiday
18 Feb	Library Bus visit
24 Feb	Teacher Training Day
25 Feb	Back to school
06 Mar	World Book Day
07 – 16 Mar	British Science Week
18 Mar	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
07 – 21 Apr	Easter Holidays
15 Apr	Library Bus visit
22 Apr	Start of Summer Term
24 Apr	Tempest – class photos
05 May	Bank holiday – school closed
12 – 15 May	Year 6 SAT's week
20 May	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
26 – 31 May	Half term holiday
02 Jun	Teacher Training Day
03 Jun	Back to school
17 Jun	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
30 – 01 Jul	YR5/6 Grafham Waters Residential
02 Jul	Yr R Vision Screening session
15 Jul	Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
23 Jul	Last Day of Term
24 Jul	Summer Holidays start