



# The Ashbeach News

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Dear parents and carers,

As usual April has gone in a flash! As May has begun with hot weather, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask that children have sun cream (ideally SPF 30+) applied before school which



should be sufficient for the day. If you feel they need to reapply this during the school day, they will need their own suncream in a named bottle and will have to apply this themselves. Please also send in a sun hat which is named and their water bottle as usual. They will be able to refill this as often as needed throughout the day. Shorts and summer

### Sun protection



dresses are welcome but open toe sandals and short shorts are not permitted. Kind thanks for your cooperation's with this.

### Reading every day

Last week's learning behaviour has been a reminder to read at home every day to an adult (or to themselves in key stage 2). Ensuring this happens is one of the most beneficial things that you can do for your child. Once again, I attach the '20 is plenty' poster which highlights just some of the benefits. It is more important than ever to combat the negative impact that ipads and iphones are having on the development of young children's minds. Even when the content is age appropriate, the fast pace nature of videos and games means young children are

becoming unable to concentrate for a reasonable length of time. By spending time encouraging or actively reading with your child, you will be supporting their ability to concentrate, imagine, understand new vocabulary, empathise with others and of course improved reading fluency.



If you are having difficulty encouraging your child to read, please get in touch and we will see if we can offer some support with this.

I am pleased to say we have seen an increase in children reading as the week has gone on - let's keep it going :)

## 20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will improve their test results
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will improve critical thinking skills

**Photos**

As promised, here are some photos of the Easter craft day from April. Thank you again for coming - it was great to see so many parents and carers.





## Assessments

Like the secondary schools, we are also entering 'assessment period'. Attendance is essential at this time.

The following **government directed** assessments are coming up:

**EYFS - Good Level of Development check**

**Year 1 Phonics screening : Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Year 2 Phonics retakes (where needed) : Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Year 4 Multiplication test : Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 Sats - reading, maths, Grammar : Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

**(Writing is assessed through classwork until June 23rd)**

Year 2 assessments are now completed later in the term and are no longer statutory. All other year groups will be assessed as usual through classwork and end of term tests.

## The London Marathon

We are all very proud of Ms Hawke for showing great resilience when completing the London Marathon. She has been showing the children her medal throughout last week. We are also proud of the children for completing their class marathon before Easter. We were amazed by how many sponsors they managed to get. Please could any remaining sponsor money be sent through to the office so far you have raised a staggering £780.00!!! Ms Hawke would personally like to thank all the families for their support and generous donations.

## Parenting support with Ms Hawke

Date for next in school chat & coffee session is **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.15pm.**



If you are worried about your child's mental health or emotional wellbeing, parents and carers of young people under 13 can make a direct referral to Younited, the details as well as a host of digital resources can be found here: [Younited](#) | [CPFT NHS Trust](#)

## Playtime toys

We are still on the lookout for some playtime toys. FOA have kindly donated £500 which we intend to spend on things we are unable to get donated.

We would like items such as toy dinosaurs. Believe it or not, this set of toy dinosaurs cost £125 from an education website!



## Tesco Stronger Starts – Blue tokens

We are delighted to see that we have lots and lots of blue tokens in our section so far! Please keep popping them in as they are still counting them until the end of June.



## Summer Term PE Days

**Penguin class** – Friday

**Owl class** – Wednesday

**Dolphin class** – Wednesday

**Koala class** – Friday

**Bear class** – Thursday

**Sea Otter class** – Tuesday



Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit – white or blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts and black trainers.

## Ashbeach Common Day – next one on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June

Parents, families, neighbours invited to join us for the next wonderful day keeping the common ship shape for the children’s lessons and adventures. We need help clearing and restoring the pond, planting, cutting back hedges and brambles, making wood



stores and many more mini tasks. If you are able to spare an hour or two, have tools that can be used to help, please let Mrs Jenner know?

## New Summer and Autumn 2025 menu

HCL		Pasta Power Summer-Autumn 2025				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK 1</b>	22 APRIL, 29 MAY, 5 JUNE, 10 JUNE, 21 JULY, 28 SEPT, 22 SEPT, 19 OCT	23 APRIL, 30 MAY, 6 JUNE, 11 JUNE, 22 JULY, 29 SEPT, 23 SEPT, 20 OCT	24 APRIL, 31 MAY, 7 JUNE, 12 JUNE, 23 JULY, 30 SEPT, 24 SEPT, 21 OCT	25 APRIL, 1 JUNE, 8 JUNE, 13 JUNE, 24 JULY, 1 OCT, 25 SEPT, 22 OCT	26 APRIL, 2 JUNE, 9 JUNE, 14 JUNE, 25 JULY, 2 OCT, 26 SEPT, 23 OCT	27 APRIL, 3 JUNE, 10 JUNE, 15 JUNE, 26 JULY, 3 OCT, 27 SEPT, 24 OCT
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Chicken Curry	Cheese & Tomato Pasta 1	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy
<b>SIDE DISH</b>	Brown & White Rice	Polio Wedges	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes
<b>PASTA MAIN MEAL</b>	Cheesy Pasta 1	Beano Sausage Pasta 2	Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1	Tortini 80-grams with Tomato Pasta 2	Tortini 80-grams with Tomato Pasta 2	Tortini 80-grams with Tomato Pasta 2
<b>COLD OPTION</b>	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Roll	Ham Roll	Ham Roll	Ham Roll
<b>EXTRA OPTION</b>	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine	Jackfruit with chunks of cheese, tomato, onion, mushrooms, & aubergine
<b>DESSERT</b>	Tropical Custard with Ice Cream 50% Fruit 1	Fresh Fruit Wedges 1	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2
<b>WEEK 2</b>	28 APRIL, 19 MAY, 16 JUNE, 7 JULY, 8 SEPT, 29 SEPT, 20 OCT	29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 9 SEPT, 30 SEPT, 21 OCT	30 APRIL, 21 MAY, 18 JUNE, 9 JULY, 10 SEPT, 1 OCT, 1 SEPT, 22 OCT	1 MAY, 22 MAY, 19 JUNE, 10 JULY, 11 SEPT, 2 SEPT, 23 OCT	2 MAY, 23 MAY, 20 JUNE, 11 JULY, 12 SEPT, 3 SEPT, 24 OCT	3 MAY, 24 MAY, 21 JUNE, 12 JULY, 13 SEPT, 4 SEPT, 25 OCT
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pasta 2	Mild Sausage Pasta & Chicken Curry 2	Roast Beef & Gravy	Roast Beef & Gravy	Roast Beef & Gravy	Roast Beef & Gravy
<b>SIDE DISH</b>	Polio Wedges	Polio Wedges	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes
<b>PASTA MAIN MEAL</b>	Cheesy Quorn & Sausage Pasta Bake 1	Beef Lasagne	Macaroni Cheese 1	Macaroni Cheese 1	Macaroni Cheese 1	Macaroni Cheese 1
<b>COLD OPTION</b>	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Cheese Spread Roll
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<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple, Cantaloupe, Orange & Strawberry 50% Fruit 1	Fresh Fruit Wedges 1	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2
<b>WEEK 3</b>	5 MAY, 26 MAY, 23 JUNE, 14 JULY, 15 SEPT, 6 OCT	6 MAY, 27 MAY, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 16 SEPT, 7 OCT	7 MAY, 28 MAY, 25 JUNE, 16 JULY, 17 SEPT, 8 OCT	8 MAY, 29 MAY, 26 JUNE, 17 JULY, 18 SEPT, 9 OCT	9 MAY, 30 MAY, 27 JUNE, 18 JULY, 19 SEPT, 10 OCT	10 MAY, 31 MAY, 28 JUNE, 19 JULY, 20 SEPT, 11 OCT
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Roasted Beef & Vegetable Grill 2	Quorn Burger in Bun 1	Chicken Pie with Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pasta 2	Cheese & Tomato Pasta 2	Cheese & Tomato Pasta 2
<b>SIDE DISH</b>	Brown & White Rice	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes
<b>PASTA MAIN MEAL</b>	Chicken & Sausage Macaroni with Tomato Pasta	Plantain Pasta 1	Roast Potatoes	Plantain Pasta 1	Plantain Pasta 1	Plantain Pasta 1
<b>COLD OPTION</b>	Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Cheese Spread Roll
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<b>DESSERT</b>	Strawberry Mousse 1	Fresh Fruit Wedges 1	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2	Fresh Fruit 50% Fruit 2

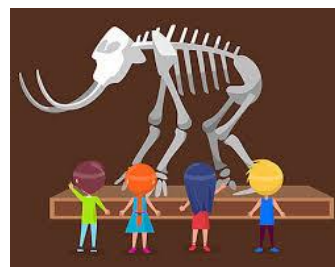
Please see the new pasta power menu either from the website or pick up a paper copy from the school foyer.

## Class trips

KS1 – will be visiting The Sea Life Centre in Hunstanton. The trip will be taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June during the school day. The coach will leave school at 9.00am and will be returning by 3pm.



KS2 – will be visiting The Natural History Museum in London. This trip will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The coach will leave at 9am and will return for 5.30pm.



Letters for each trip with further information including costs will be coming home before the end of term. Parent helper requests will also be within the letters – so please let me know if you are available to help?

## School Reports come home on 9<sup>th</sup> July

Please look out for your child’s envelope after this date. Should you require extra copies, please let the office know.





## 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



### SUMMER TERM B - Afterschool Clubs

Please rebook onto all clubs, except Forest School.

The following will clubs will run:

- Monday – SCAMP
- Tuesday – LEGO
- Wednesday – Multi-sports & 3in1, Forest school (no spaces changes)
- Thursday – Cricket/Basketball/Netball
- Friday – Art, KS1 & KS2 Football



It is important to Mrs Jenner know by the **22<sup>nd</sup> May** so that we can sort registers ready to start as soon as we come back from the Half term break. We have a huge variety from Multi-sports and cricket/basketball/netball with One Leisure, Football for KS1 & KS2 with Norwich City Football Coaches. SCAMP with Sarah Carr – drama, music and performance, 3in1 with Mrs Challinor (summer term b only) and Forest School with members from the Countryside Classroom!

### 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**

**2025**

- 20 May Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
- 22 May Coffee & Chat with Ms Hawke  
2.15pm in the barn
- 26 – 31 May Half term holiday
- 02 Jun Teacher Training Day
- 03 Jun Back to school
- 03 Jun Yr R Vision Screening session
- 12 Jun KS2 trip to the Natural History  
Museum in London
- 17 Jun Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
- 23 Jun FOA Lolly sale after school
- 24 – 25 Jun SEN Abbey College Transition days
- 25 Jun Sealife centre
- 26 – 27 Jun Yr 6 Abbey College Transition days
- 28 Jun Ashbeach Common - Come & Help  
Day, all families welcome**
- 30 Jun FOA Lolly sale after school
- 30 – 01 Jul YR5/6 Grafham Waters Residential
- 07 Jul FOA Lolly sale after school
- 08 Jul Sports Day & family picnic
- 09 Jul School Reports come home
- 14 Jul FOA Lolly sale after school
- 15 Jul Dolphin & Koala Library Bus visit
- 21 Jul FOA Lolly sale after school
- 22 Jul FOA Outside Summer Disco
- 23 Jul Last Day of Term
- 24 Jul Summer Holidays start
- 01 Sep Teacher Training Day
- 02 Sep Teacher Training Day
- 03 Sep Autumn Term starts
- 27 – 31 Oct Half term holiday
- 03 Nov Teacher Training Day
- 04 Nov Back to school
- 19 Dec Last Day of Term

