Ashburton Primary School Newsletter

Putting Children and Learning at the Heart of Everything We Do

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This Week in Our School

What a sunny start to October it has been.

Reception and Year 1 children have been enjoying Outdoor Learning sessions.

On Thursday, Year 1 visited Ashburton Museum to complement their Geography learning.

Year 3 filled their jar of stars for being superstars and had a pyjama day with an afternoon of activities.

Next week, our values focus in Praise Assembly is perseverance; how we keep going even when something is challenging.

Ms Bass shared a post on Dojo earlier this week about Harvest. Any donations can be brought into school by Wednesday 15th October.

I will continue to deputise for Miss Docking next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Annette Layland, Deputy Head

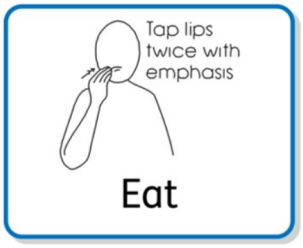


Next week, children will be learning about racism in an age-appropriate way and the anti-racism work that the charity *Show Racism the Red Card* does.

Alongside this, we will be learning about Black History Month.

On Friday 17th it is Wear Red Day and children are invited to wear red mufti.

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Achievements



Writing



School Values



Oracy

Class who have played the most this week.....
Year 4

Key Dates

September

15th- Year 4 Meet the Teacher (3.10pm-3.30pm)

16th- Year 6 Meet the Teachers (9.10am-9.30am)

16th- Year 1 Meet the Teacher (3:10pm-3.30pm)

17th- Year 3 Meet the Teachers (10am-10.30am)

18th- Linden Dance to visit school

22nd- Year 5 Meet the Teacher (3.10pm- 3.30pm)

23rd - Apple Day (juice and cakes being sold after school)

23rd- Year 2 Meet the Teacher (3.10pm-3.30pm)

24th - Reception Vision Screening Check

October

17th- Show Racism the Red Card (children invited to wear red)

23rd - Halloween School Disco

(KS1 4.30pm -5.30pm, KS2 5.45pm- 6.45pm)

24th - Non Pupil Day

Half Term 27th – 31st October

November

3rd- Autumn Term 2 begins.

9th - Remembrance Parade

10th - Odd Socks Day

10th- Parents Evening (2pm-6pm)

11th - Parents Evening (3.40pm-5-10pm (not Year 4))

12th - Year 4 Parents Evening (3.40pm-5.10pm)

13th - Reception 2026 Tour (4pm-5pm)

14th- Children in Need

17th-18th - Book Fair

18th Reception Tour 2026 (2pm-3pm)

25th - Flu Vaccinations

27th- Reception 2026 Tour (4pm-5pm)

December

2nd -Reception 2026 Tour (2pm-3pm)

9th -Reception Christmas Show to Parents (times to be confirmed)

11th - Christmas Jumper Day

11th - KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents (2pm-3pm)

11th - KS1 Christmas Performance to parents (5pm-6pm)

16th - Christmas Fair (3pm to 5pm)

16th - Carol Concert (5pm to 6pm)

18th - Last Day of Autumn Term 2

19th -Non Pupil Day

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

5

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

ALL ABOUT ROBLOX

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Have you ever dreamed of creating your own videogame? Roblox is an online gaming platform that allows you to do just that - create games for others or play games that others have created! It is popular with children and young people all over the world who are interested in the world of online gaming.

YOU CAN FIND ROBLOX ON

PC, Mac, iOS, Android, Xbox - even in some VR headsets!

Roblox Numbers

Over 50 Million
DAILY ACTIVE USERS.

67% of users
ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

72% of session
HAPPEN ON MOBILE DEVICES

Users play 2.6 hours
ON AVERAGE PER DAY

PLAY
To play any game in Roblox, it's simple. Visit any experience, press the green 'play' button, download relevant software, and head on in!

CREATE
To create your own Roblox game, you'll have to install the Roblox Studio. This will equip you with easy tools to help you build your idea!

What is a Server?

A server is part of the gaming system that allows you to interact with other players online. Most games have a public server, but there is an option to create your own private server and invite your friends to play together - without any strangers! Every server has a maximum capacity, which can vary.

GOOD TO KNOW!
Roblox has parental controls and safety settings enabled by default for children under 13 - which is why registering with a real DOB is important!

Pros

- Encourages creativity and imagination.
- Demonstrates the benefits of teamwork.
- Grows further technical and design skills.
- Teaches critical thinking/problem solving.

Cons

- Adds to screentime fixation and distractions.
- Creates opportunities for cyberbullying attacks.
- Uses online chat that allows stranger interaction.
- Suggests paid for options to 'improve' experience.

Top Tips

[Ask open questions]
"What do you like about Roblox?"

[Talk about privacy]
"Let's make this both safe AND fun!"

[Know how to report/block]
"We can figure it out together."

[Encourage creativity]
"Tell me about the games you like best."

[Discuss online safety]
"Here's why we don't talk to strangers..."

[Set spending boundaries]
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Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future
20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face
27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month		











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