Ashburton Primary School Newsletter

Putting Children and Learning at the Heart of Everything We Do

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This Week in Our School

Last week was a busy week of learning for children. It was a pleasure to see some excellent learning and award children with Headteacher Prizes for this.

Arlo, Marlo, Tamaki and Evie stunned audience members during SDCC's performance of Oliver! Their confidence and enthusiasm shone through.

Rev'd Phill visited Year 1 and 2 to complement their RE learning this term.

Some children from KS2 visited SDCC to take part in a PE festival - thank you to Ms Mount for taking them and our parent/carer helpers.

There is still time to apply for the Parent/Carer forum if this is something you would like to be part of. Expressions of interest close on Friday 12th December.

Next week, I will continue to deputise for Miss Docking.

Mrs Annette Layland, Deputy Head



Foyer Painting Update

We are pleased to share that painting the foyer will begin on Tuesday after school!



Playground Update

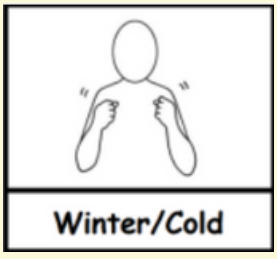
The PTA have raised £19,000 for the playground to date. The Trust are topping this up with £6,000. We are just waiting to complete finer details before looking at moving forwards with this!



4 Spaces left for Sleeping Beauty for Years 3/4/5/6
please let Mrs Layland know if you would like one of the spaces.

- Date: Monday 15th December
- Timings: Leaving school at 9:15am and returning at approximately 1:15pm
- Cost: £23.00

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Achievements



Writing



School Values - Ready to Learn



Oracy

TTRS

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

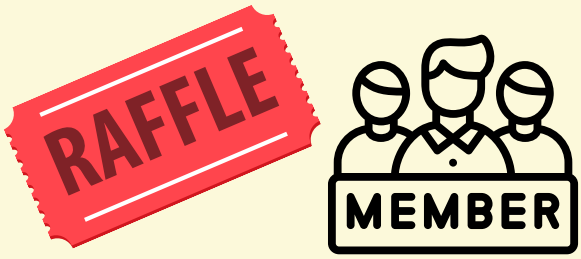


Ashburton Primary School PTA School Lottery

Did you know the PTA have a School Lottery page?

Tickets for the school lottery cost just £1 per week.

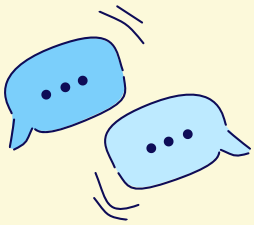
Find out more following the QR code.



Raffle Team Members Wanted

The PTA are looking for raffle team members to support with raffles. Please contact the PTA, if you are interested in this or speak to Mrs Layland on the door.

Class Chats



Y6:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/BpjIjFIQTFR2OOpTc8zFnh

Y5:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/GGYiftAElrd6ctOfOT1Oip

Y4:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/DhFOtKlezMJ5LBPgzXVjp6

Y3:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/DWBxUhDX2sQ8Sy3RNTmujO

Y2:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/EuVl9ZgIceuHsJJg9wz9tN

Y1:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/JdZ0f4ncUbQ95JiA07ZU3l

Key Dates

November

24th - Reception, 1, 2 to watch Oliver

25th - Year 5 to watch Oliver

25th - Flu Vaccinations

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

December

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

4th - Choir to sing at Ashburton Christmas Shopping 4L30pm to 5pm

9th -Reception Christmas Show to Parents (2pm to 3pm)

10th - Christmas Dinner Day

11th - Christmas Jumper Day

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

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

12th - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance and Crafts (2pm to 3pm)

16th - Christmas Fair (2pm to 4pm)

16th - Carol Concert at St Andrews Church (5:30pm to 6pm)

17th - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance and Crafts (2pm to 3pm)

18th - Last Day of Autumn Term 2 - Mufti

19th -Non Pupil Day

January

5th - First Day of Term

9th - Reception 2026 Tour 4pm to 5pm

13th - Year 4 and 5 Walkability Training

February

11th - Whole School Aspiration Day

13th - Last Day of Term

March

2nd - Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meeting (time tbc)

3rd - Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meeting (time tbc)

4th to 6th - Year 6 Residential

5th - Year 5 Plymouth Energy from Waste visit

9th to 13th - Science Week

December Kindness 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026				









ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

YMCA | Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you



FREE SEND



Activities @ YMCA!

SEN IN THE DEN!
Friday 3.30pm-5pm | 0-7 years old
Monitored soft play sessions for SEND children to explore and have fun in our Ocean City soft play area.

SENERGY
Thursday 4pm-4.45pm | 11-16 years old
Supervised gym sessions for young people with SEND, helping them to grow in confidence and improve their physical fitness.

SEN-SPIN
Sunday 11.45am-12.30pm | 12-16 years old
A fun, low-intensity instructor-led indoor cycle class for young people with SEND, focusing on building confidence and technique.

SEN-STEP
Thursday 5pm-6pm | 5-16 years old
Sensory walk experience within Ham woods and led by a walk-leader for SEND children and their guardians

BORN TO MOVE
Wednesday 4pm-4.45pm | 5-12 years old
Helping SEND children discover the joy and energy of moving to music with fun instructor-led exercises.

SENSATIONAL SPORTS!
Wednesday 4pm-4.45pm | 8-14 years old
Fun and inclusive multi-sport sessions for SEND children to enjoy the benefits of participating in sports.

SEN-BOUNCE
Saturday 4.30pm-5.30pm | 5-16 years old
Supervised bouncy castle sessions for SEND children to play across 3 inflatables.

Book & learn more



This programme is supported by Plymouth City Council.



TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

ONLINE COURSE

FREE

Togetherness NHS (formerly Solihull Online Learning) offers a range of free online courses for families across Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. These courses cover parenting, child development, sleep, trauma, and emotional wellbeing for adults, young people and children. Created by NHS clinical psychologists, alongside practitioners and parents, these journeys will help you and your family better understand and manage your emotional health in daily life. You can explore the courses here: https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/cornwall-and-devon/ To access the courses for free, use the code TAMAR

- Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs
- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your own trauma
- Understanding your preterm or sick baby in hospital
- Understanding your preterm or sick baby now you're home
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your teenager's brain



Woodlanders

AGM

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 6.30PM

In the Maple Room

We would love to welcome old and new supporters to our charity. Please come along to find out more about what we do and how you can help!

Enjoy making new friends

Cheese and wine

Everyone is welcome

ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Decoration Donations Wanted

Do you have any christmas decorations you no longer need?

Ashburton Primary School are looking for donations of Christmas trees, lights and decorations.

Please drop any donations to the school or the Post Office.



ASPIRATION DAY

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Ashburton Primary School is having an Aspiration Day. This is a day for our children to learn about a variety of careers, occupations and industries to broaden their knowledge and understanding and encourage them to dream big for their future!

We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers who would have some time to speak to children about their career. Please complete the form if you can help us!

ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ASPIRATION DAY



Ashburton Primary School Aspiration Day

Christmas
At Ashburton Primary School

Tuesday 9th December - Reception Christmas Show - 2pm to 3pm

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6pm

Friday 12th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance and Crafts – 2pm to 3pm

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Fair - 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday 16th December - Ashburton Primary School Christmas Carols at St Andrews Church - 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday 17th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance and Crafts – 2pm to 3pm

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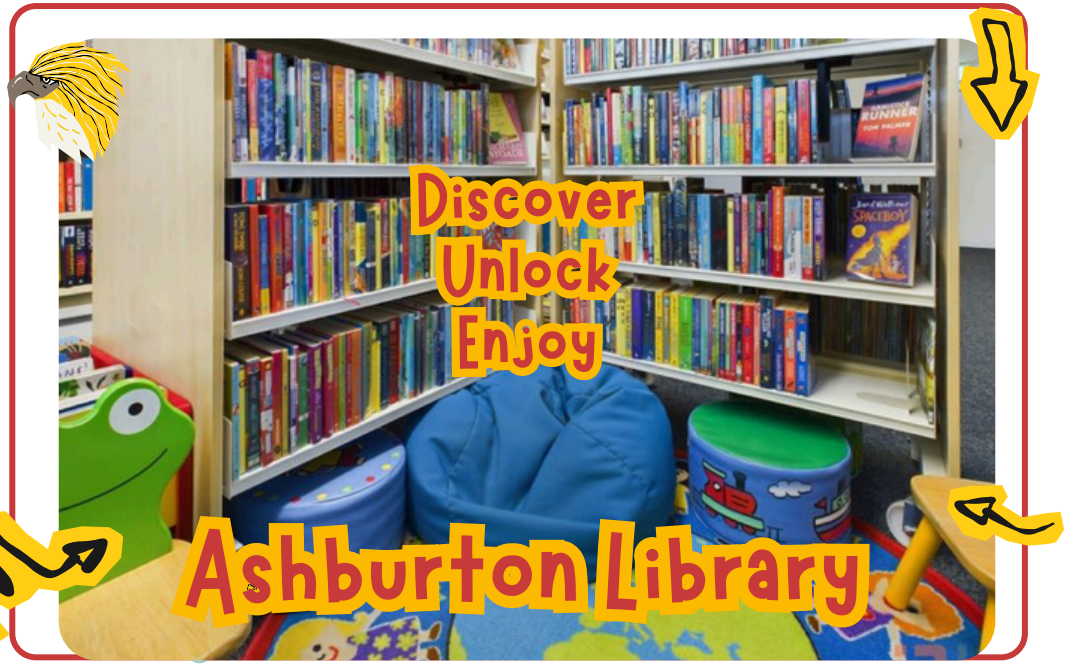
ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Christmas CAROLS



16 DEC 25 **5:30 PM TO 6PM**

St Andrews Church, Ashburton





Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a range of pre-loved uniform for sale for 50p an item.
This can be located just inside the playground double doors.



ASHBURTON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

- Free to all residents
- Open 24/7
- Located behind the Town Hall by the Information Centre

START WITH A SOUND



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SATURDAYS FROM 9.30-10.30AM
@THE YARD, BUCKFASTLEIGH
8-12YRS

START WITH A SOUND IS A SINGING GROUP RUN BY MATILDA JAINE FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12 YEARS WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME WHETHER THEY'RE NEW TO SINGING OR ALREADY KNOW THEY LOVE IT. WE WILL EXPLORE AND DISCOVER WHAT OUR VOICES CAN DO, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SHARE THE JOY OF SINGING TOGETHER AS A GROUP.
£8.50 PER SESSION, PARENTS CAN STAY OR DROP-OFF
CONTACT MATILDA ON MATILDAJAINE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

N8: NO SESSIONS ON 22ND NOVEMBER & 13TH DECEMBER