Ashburton Primary School

Newsletter

Putting Children and Learning at the Heart of Everything We Do

November 2025 21/11/25

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This Week in Our School

On Monday, we learnt about Road Safety Week and the message 'Stop, Look and Listen'. We even had a visit from traffic police officer PC Richardson.

The focus for Celebration Assembly this week was Ready to Learn - it has been lovely to see children demonstrating this.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair and to Miss H and Ms Wotton for making this possible.

We were visited by Councillor Stuart, Portreeve and Master Bailiff today; we are looking forward to inviting them to events throughout the year.

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

All the staff would like to wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Annette Layland, Deputy Head

Foyer Painting Update

We are pleased to share that painting the foyer will take place very soon !





thank you

Thank you to parents/carers who gave up their time gardening and tidying up the flower bed on the playground entrance slope this week. We cannot wait to see the flowers in Spring!





Spaces for Sleeping Beauty for Years 3/4/5/6 are still available... oh yes there is!

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

If you would like to register your interest for your child to attend, please complete the form by Monday 10th November. Names will be drawn at random. If your child is selected, £23.00 will be added to your ParentPay account.

Premier Education



Exciting news!

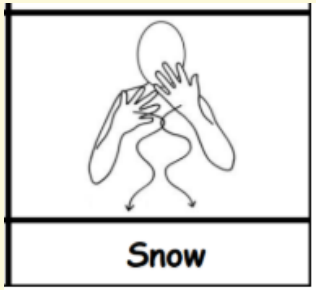
After Christmas, Premier Education will be running an extra-curricular activity for us on a Friday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm; Multi-Sports.
This will start on Friday 9th January with fencing as the first sport!
If your child would be interested in attending, please complete the form.
Please note, there is a limit of 20 children. If numbers exceed 20, names will be picked out of a hat.

Parent/Carer Forum

A space for open discussion, collaboration and shared ideas.
Together, we aim to celebrate what we do well and identify areas where we can implement positive change for the benefit of all our children.
If you would like to be part of the forum, I welcome expressions of interest (no longer than one A4 page) outlining why you would like to join and what you feel you can contribute. Please submit these to the school office by Friday 12th December.
Your voice matters and we would love for you to be part of this journey. Further details about the first meeting, including date and time, will be shared soon.

For an informal chat about the forum, please speak to Mrs Layland or Mr Kemp.

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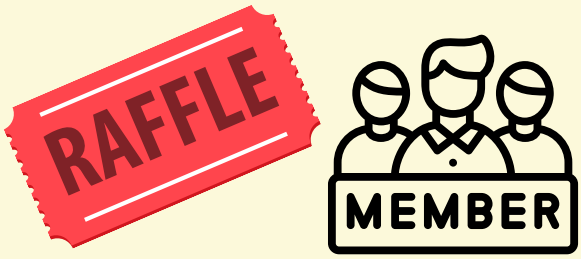


Ashburton Primary School PTA School Lottery

Did you know the PTA have a School Lottery page?

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

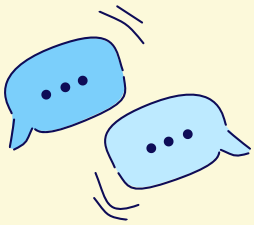
Find out more following the QR code.



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:
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Y3:
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Y2:
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Y1:
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Achievements



Writing



School Values - Ready to Learn



Oracy

TTRS

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

Year 5

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

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

Thursday 18th December - Mufti

Friday 19th December - Non-Pupil Day

ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Christmas CAROLS



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

St Andrews Church, Ashburton

South Devon

Tractor Run

30th November 2025

Ashburton, TQ13 7LJ 5:30pm

Ashburton comes alive for charity!

Join us for a magical evening as tractors light up the streets of Ashburton and Dartmoor!

All entry proceeeds support Devon Air Ambulance & Dartmoor Search and Rescue

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Stay After for BBQ & Drinks at Parkers Barn

£10 per Tractor or Truck £5 per passenger

WHERE TO WATCH

ASHBURTON TOWN CENTRE

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COLD EAST CROSS CAR PARK

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HEMSWORTHY GATE CAR PARK

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SADDLE TOR SOUTH CAR PARK

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SADDLE TOR NORTH CAR PARK

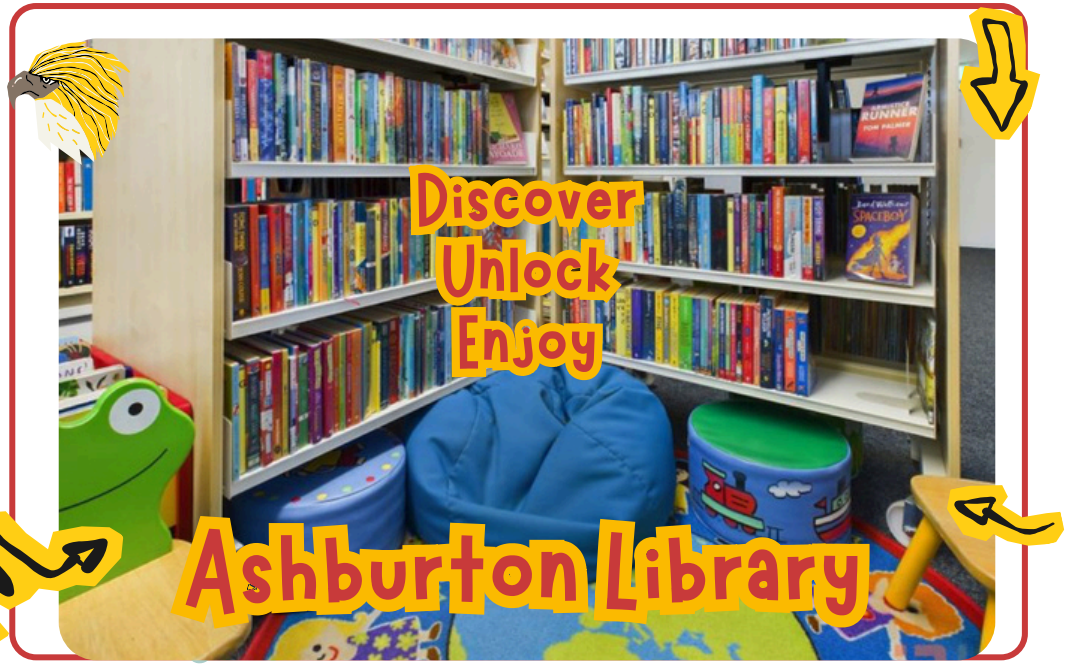
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HAYTOR CAR PARK

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HAYTOR VISITOR CENTRE CAR PARK

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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

New Ways November 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way
3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"
10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective
17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love
24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times







ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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