Ashburton Primary School Newsletter

Putting Children and Learning at the Heart of Everything We Do

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This Week in Our School

This week has been a busy week of learning and activities; antibullying live lessons, Michael Rosen's virtual poetry session, buddy time, outdoor learning and Children in Need.

This week our focus for celebration assembly was 'respectful' and we spent time thinking about what that means and looks like. Next week, the focus is 'ready to learn'.

Linking with Mr Kemp's letter to you all earlier today, look out for information coming out on Monday about a Parent/Carer Forum!

I will continue to deputise for Miss Docking next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

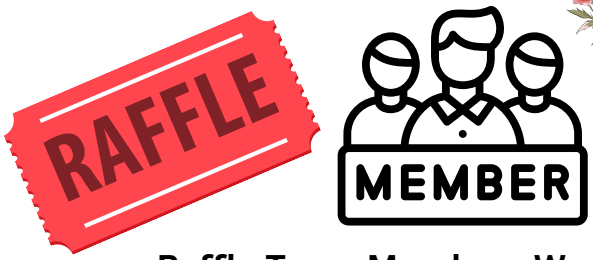
Mrs Annette Layland, Deputy Head



Some children laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the school on Remembrance Sunday. In school, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day. It was a moving occasion where pupils and staff paused to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom.

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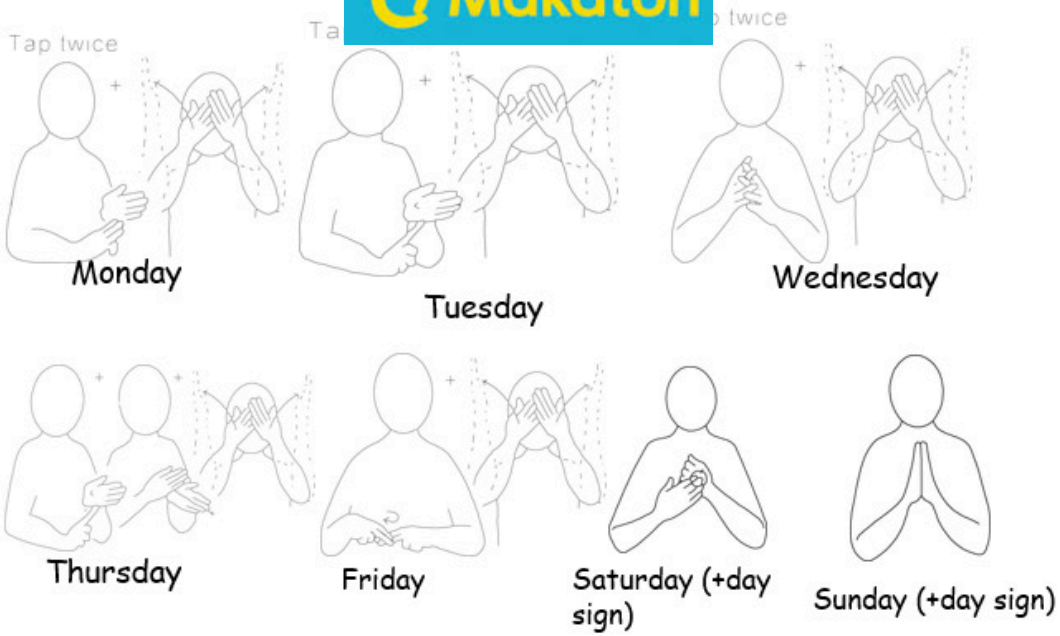
Thank you to the PTA for meeting with me twice this week to talk about upcoming plans and the Christmas Fair. All parents/carers and staff are part of the PTA and we very much welcome involvement.



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.

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Councillor Stuart visited us last week to hear about our upcoming plans for the new playground equipment. He is very excited to see how these develop. We are looking forward to inviting him back to see us later this term.

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.

Mrs Veal from SDCC visited this week. It was really great to come together to talk about what opportunities we could create together. There are some very exciting plans coming up including a performance by their school band and watching Oliver.



Message from Yr 1 School Council Member – Lily Pilgrim

One of the ideas I put on my Yr 1 school council poster was about the importance of looking after endangered animals. For anyone who hasn't heard, I wanted to share the exciting news that a baby Amur Leopard was born at Dartmoor Zoo recently. This makes me happy as leopards are my favourite animal and the Amur Leopard is a critically endangered species, described as the world's rarest big cat with an estimated 120 remaining in the world. The baby is one of only 15 cubs born across the world this year and can you believe it happened right on our doorstep in Dartmoor? It's a huge success for global conservation efforts.

If you fancy learning more about wildlife, the charity WWF do some great wildlife quizzes like this one:
https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/love-nature/wildlife-quiz-primary

There are lots more here:
https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/quizzes

Love Lily

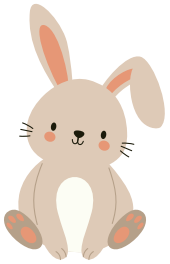
Children in Need





Thank you to everyone for taking part in Children in Need! Your support and enthusiasm made the day truly special. A huge thank you to Miss Hannaford, the School Council, and all the parents who helped with face painting—it was a fantastic effort and brought so much joy to the children.

We'll let you know how much we raised next week!



A big thank you to Omee and his mum, Liz, for bringing their baby bunny rabbits in last week. Year 6 enjoyed having cuddles.

Achievements



Writing



School Values - Respectful



Oracy

TTRS

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

Year 4

Key Dates

November

17th - Road Safety Week

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 (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

8th - Reception 2026 Tour 4pm to 5pm

13th - Year 4 and 5 Walkability Training

February

11th - Whole School Aspiration Day

March

4th to 6th - Year 6 Residential

5th - Year 5 Plymouth Energy from Waste visit

9th to 13th - Science Week

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



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



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

DARTMOOR SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM
ASHBURTON

Devon Air Ambulance

South Devon

Tractor Run

30th November 2025

Ashburton, TQ13 7LL 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

What3Words: dolls.sign.worry

Stay After for BBQ & Drinks at Parkers Barn

£10 per Tractor or Truck £5 per passenger



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START WITH A SOUND

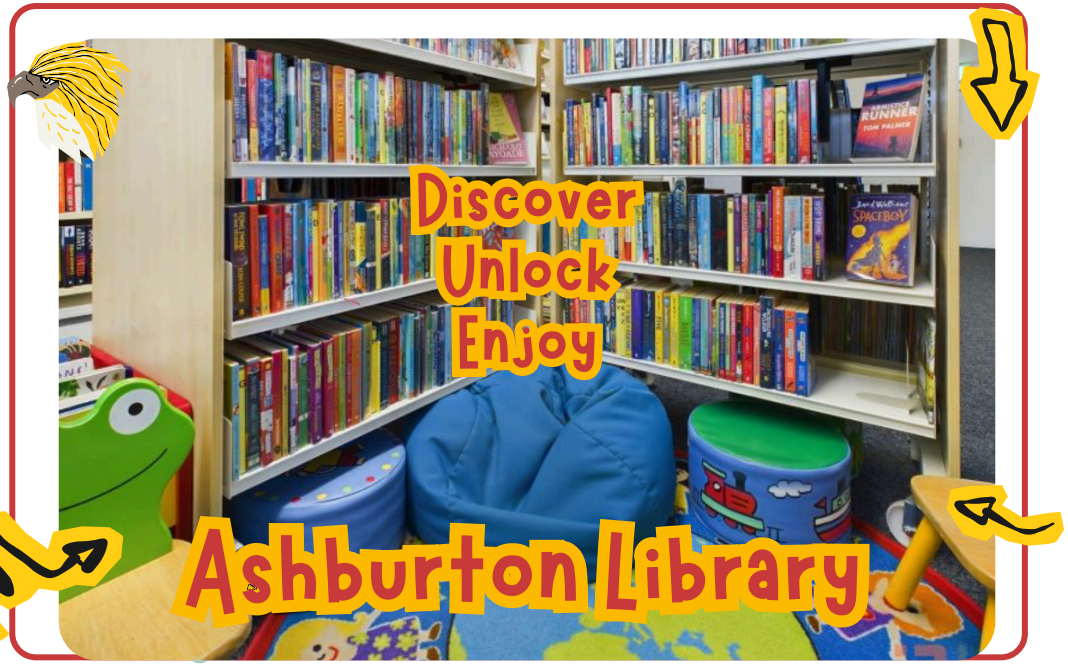


CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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





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

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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