Ashburton Primary School Newsletter

Putting Children and Learning at the Heart of Everything We Do

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This Week in Our School

It has been lovely to see everyone and hear about all the things that you got up to over the half term.

This week saw the start of the changes to morning routines. Thank you so much to everyone for your support with this and helping to keep our children safe. The mornings have been much calmer for the children.

Over half term the shelter was taken down. This has seen many years at Ashburton but had become rotten and needed to be removed.

The upstairs corridor has been painted and there are plans to paint other areas inside the school. You may have noticed display boards have been taken down to get ready for this.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to watch the Sleeping Beauty Panto. If you haven't registered an interest yet but would like to put your child forward please fill out the form. The cost is £23.00. I am looking at something Christmassy for our R, 1 and 2 children.

On Monday, KS2 will be taking part in an Antibullying live lesson hosted by Blue Peter's Abby Cook and Newsround's De-Graft Mensah. On Thursday the KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in a virtual poetry session with Michael Rosen.

I will continue to deputise for Miss Docking next week.

If you are attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday I will see you there.

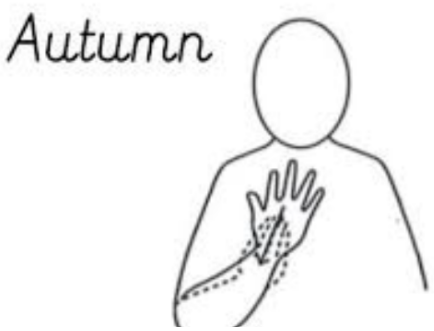
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Annette Layland, Deputy Head



Councillor Stuart visited us this 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.

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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

With the support of Andy and the Odd Socks

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

Any adult at Ashburton Primary School or the Safeguarding Team

Achievements



Writing



School Values - Safe



Oracy

TTRS

Class who have played the most this week.....
Year 3



A big thank you to Woody and George's dad and Stover School for giving us some display boards.



We have had a new hot water tank installed this week - Thank you to WeST and GS Engineering for helping make this possible!

Key Dates

November

3rd- Autumn Term 2 begins.

9th - Remembrance Parade

10th - Odd Socks Day

10th- Parents Evening (3:40pm-6pm)

11th - Parents Evening (3.40pm-5-15pm)

11th - Year 6 Parents Evening (3:40pm to 6pm)

12th - Parents Evening (3.40pm-5-15pm)

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

14th- Children in Need

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)

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 - Christmas Dinner Day

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

18th - Last Day of Autumn Term 2 - Mufti

19th -Non Pupil 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

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 - Christmas Dinner Day

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

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

Making Gaming Safer

Your Ultimate Power-Up Guide

"Gaming is one of the most popular activities for children and young people, with around 61% of children aged 3-17 partaking in it." (Ofcom, 2025)

Gaming can be a great way for children and young people to:

- Be creative.
- Be collaborative and work in a team.
- Improve social connections.
- Learn transferable skills like time management and problem solving.

It is evident that gaming has amazing benefits, but it also comes with risks for children and young people.

This might seem daunting, but there are plenty of steps you can take towards making gaming a safer experience for the children and young people in your care. ***Take a look at our top tips!***

TOP TIPS FOR SAFER GAMING

Have Open Conversations – Speak non-confrontationally and frequently to the child in your care about their gaming habits. Ask them questions like, "what games do you like to play?" and "what makes that game so fun for you?". This will foster an environment of trust, allowing them to open up to you more.

Check Game Content - Although games come with an age rating, children and young people process themes differently, depending on their abilities. Take time to look at the games they're playing and assess if they are appropriate for the child in your care.

Teach Suitable Online Behaviour - Just like the real-world, how you act online matters! Let the child in your care know this, explaining that you shouldn't do anything online that you wouldn't offline.

Utilise Parental Controls - Most gaming consoles offer settings to restrict and tailor your child's gaming activity. Ensure you enable them effectively and monitor them.

Discuss Safety Settings – Have conversations with the child in your care about what they can do if another player makes them feel uncomfortable or upset. This includes blocking, reporting and muting other users. Also, you should ensure they know who their trusted adults are if they need to talk about something that has happened when gaming.

Set Spending Limits – Games will keep releasing new content, and children don't need to buy everything that comes out. Explain to the child in your care that they should always ask your permission when they want to buy something and should properly consider if it is really worth the money.

Agree on Appropriate Screen Time – Come to an agreement with the child in your care about how much time they should be spending gaming. This can differ on different days, and you should consider their personal needs. For example, some children feel more comfortable socialising through gaming than in person.

Explain That Personal Information Should Stay Private - Children and young people should be taught that their personal, identifiable information is very special and should not be shared online. They should always consider why a person or platform needs their details if they are asked to share them. If they are unsure of the answer, they should ask a trusted adult for advice. This includes their full name, age, school, address, birthday and phone number.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online Communication – Most games facilitate communication between users, whether it's using a headset to speak verbally or messaging via chat. This can leave children vulnerable to issues such as cyberbullying and grooming.

Stranger Interaction – Gaming is often more fun when playing with others, which can lead children and young people to play with strangers online if their friends don't play the same games.

In-Game Purchases – Extra content is often pushed as essential for maximising the gaming experience or for raising reputation amongst peers. However, these come with a price tag and children and young people are more prone to falling for these flashy items. They come in various forms, including loot boxes, battle passes and character cosmetics.

Inappropriate Content – Some games will have themes that are not age-appropriate for certain children or young people. Additionally, an age-rating for a game can be inaccurate due to user-generated content, such as Roblox.

Sharing Personal Information – Having a shared interest with others online can give children and young people a false sense of trust with strangers, making them think they have a real friendship. This can lead them to oversharing their personal details such as the usernames for their other gaming and social media accounts, their location or their school.

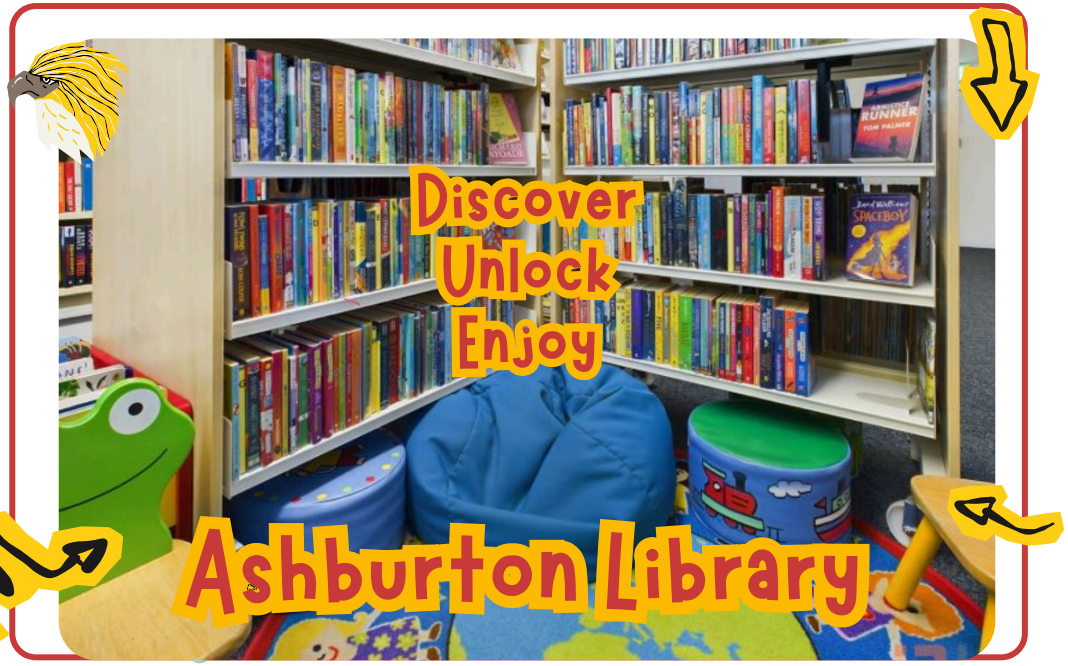


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Pre-Loved Uniform

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

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







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