

ASHBY NEWS



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Beginning 2nd

February 2026

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It's been a lovely week at Ashby Fields. The children have really enjoyed caring for and spending time with Bertie the tortoise and Doughnut and Smudge, our guinea pigs. Many children have chosen to read to the animals, and they have also been a great support for emotional regulation, providing calm and comfort throughout the day.

In EYFS, the children have been learning all about Chinese New Year, exploring the traditions, stories, and celebrations linked to the festival through a range of engaging activities.

We were also pleased to welcome our CEO, Helen Williams, who visited on Tuesday morning. She spent time in classrooms speaking with staff and seeing learning in action, making it a very positive visit for the school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend Mrs Edkins

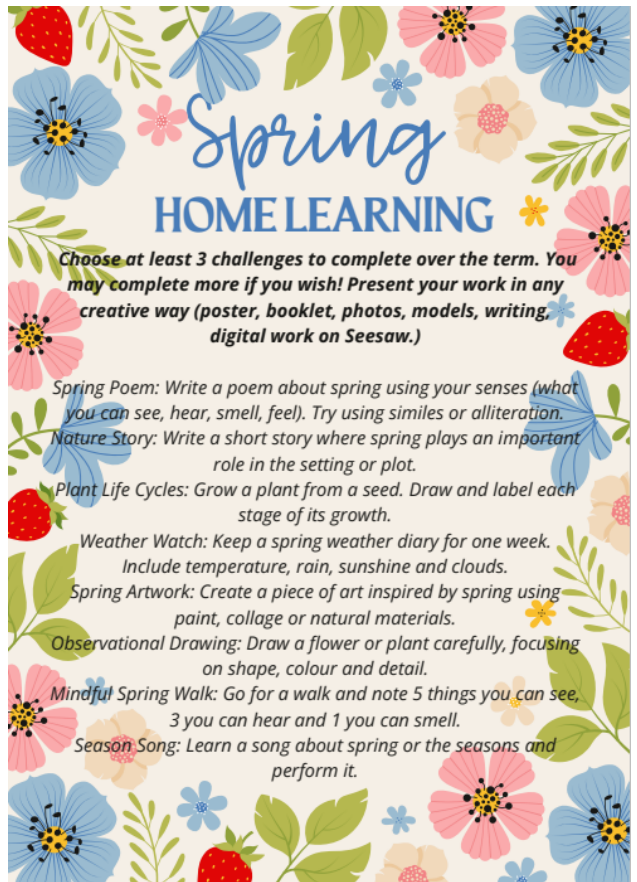


Reminder-Spring Term Home Learning Challenge

Just a reminder about this term's Whole School Home Learning Challenge, which has a spring theme. Children are invited to choose at least three challenges to complete over the term, although they are very welcome to do more if they wish. The challenge document offers a range of creative and engaging activities linked to spring, including writing, art, observation, mindfulness, science, and music.

Work can be presented in any creative format, such as posters, booklets, photos, models, writing, or digital uploads on Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing the children's creativity and enthusiasm reflected in their spring themed learning. Thank you for your continued support.



Spring Term Dates

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the Spring Term diary dates for your calendars. We know how busy family life can be, so we have included all key dates in one place to help with planning ahead.



Ashby Fields Just Giving Page

Due to the increasing pressure on our school budget, we are launching a fundraising initiative to help support and enhance our wonderful school and grounds. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a real difference in providing our children with the best possible learning environment and opportunities. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to ensure our school continues to thrive. We are aiming to purchase new laptops, tablets and programmable toys to support the delivery of our Computing curriculum.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ashbyfieldsprimary?utm_term=gDYkPzWx4

Chinese New Year Home Learning Challenge

To mark Chinese New Year, we are inviting children to take part in a home learning challenge linked to the celebration. Attached are some suggested ideas to support families, but children are very welcome to be creative

HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE
CHINESE NEW YEAR

CREATE A DRAGON MODEL

WRITE YOUR NAME IN CHINESE

CREATE A CHINESE LANTERN

WRITE A DRAGON THEMED STORY

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COOK SOME CHINESE INSPIRED FOOD

BUILD THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

CREATE A FACT FILE ON CHINA

DUE IN BY FRIDAY
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and choose how they take part. Completed work or items can be brought into school, or families may wish to take photos and share them on Seesaw. All contributions should be shared by Friday 13th February.



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Ashby Fields School Book Fair

Just a reminder that the Book Fair is in school this week until Tuesday 10th February. The fair will be open after school each day, and every purchase helps us raise funds to buy new books for our school library.

Thank you for your ongoing support — we hope to see you there!

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Come to our
Book Fair
and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!*

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Ashby Fields World Book Day

Day



World Book Day Celebrations

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we would love to invite parents and carers to join us in classrooms from 8:45-9:15am to read with the children. Younger siblings are very welcome to attend too.

Children are also invited to dress up as a book character, chosen from a book they have at home or in school.

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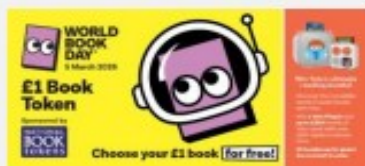
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Entries due: Thursday 5th March

World Book Day Tokens

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Thursday 5th March



EYFS and Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week





This week's stars of the week are:



Ash	Dylan	For working hard on your independent writing.
	Freya	For working hard to complete all her Rainbow Challenge jobs this week
Oak	Lawson	For amazing independent writing!
	Eadha	For super work and completing all your rainbow jobs!
Hazel	Esmae	For her enthusiasm in RE.
	Felicity T	For her amazing poster about daffodils for her Spring learning homework.
Willow	Luna	For excellent writing in our English lessons and challenging herself to use the word 'because' in her sentences.
	Ian	For writing fantastic sentences in English and working hard to improve his handwriting.
Chestnut	Mason	For his fantastic work in maths looking at times tables and divisions.
	Lara	For her wonderful home learning.
Sycamore	Emily	For working hard on ten times tables in maths this week.
	Ciprian	For his lovely art work.

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week

This week's stars of the week are:



Hawthorn	Ava	For her superb focus in all of our assessments and role model behaviour all week!
	Amelia-Rose	For her can do attitude in her assessments and her brilliant homework projects!
Maple	Penny	For working really hard in her reading assessment this week
	Isla	For her fantastic use of language features in her recount letter.
Cedar	Sorin and Elsie-May	For their brilliant work and efforts in their PiXL assessment week.
Cherry Blossom	Anastasia	For her determination and resilience during assessment week.
	Mathilde	For her resilience during assessment week.
Beech	Beatrice	For excellent work in maths with tricky fractions.
	Olivia G	For great improvement and attitude towards all lessons.
Elm	Jax	For FANTASTIC contributions to classroom discussion during RE this week!
	Caitlin	For SUPERB work during RE this week - listening respectfully to others and sharing some lovely, thoughtful insights!
Elder	Melissa	For her outstanding effort and achievement in her assessments.
	Matei	For his commitment to learning in all lessons.
Silver Birch	Immy	For great effort and determination in her learning.
	Maisie	For being kind and helpful towards her friends and staff.



GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS!

*Huge congratulations to this weeks golden ticket winners!
Here they are enjoying their hot chocolate and biscuits
with Miss Broad on this rainy day!*

We are so proud of them!





School council

The School Council representatives recently met with Dolce, our school lunch provider, to share thoughtful feedback gathered from their peers. This was a valuable opportunity for pupils to have their voices heard and to engage directly with a key partner in our school community. I was incredibly proud of the maturity, confidence, and respect shown by the representatives throughout the discussion, as they communicated ideas clearly, listened carefully, and represented their classmates so responsibly. Their conduct reflected the positive values we strive to develop in all our pupils and demonstrated just how effectively they are growing into their roles as young leaders.

Mrs Lish and Miss Hume also enjoyed fish Friday eating in the hall with the children today.

Mrs Lish





UPCOMING DATES THIS TERM

Tuesday 10th February

Internet Safety Day

Friday 13th February

Term Ends

Monday 23rd February

Term Begins and Life

Education arrives

Friday 27th February

Class Photos

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 18th and

Thursday 19th March

Pupil Progress Meetings



Amazon Wish List 2025-26

We have a brand, new Amazon Wish List for academic year 2025-26. We truly appreciate any donations to the school, it really makes a difference!

<https://amzn.eu/h6VLZi9>

Class Attendance Winners of the Week

As you are aware, we are trying to raise the overall school attendance back to pre-covid figures and are having a real push on attendance. This week's class attendance winners are:

Oak and Maple





Children's Mental Health Week 2026

9th February – 13th February



During Children's Mental Health Week, we are celebrating the theme "This Is My Place", helping children to feel safe, valued and that they truly belong. We are encouraging pupils to talk about their feelings, share their experiences and recognise that everyone's emotions matter. By creating a caring and inclusive school where children feel listened to and supported, we help them build confidence, resilience and a strong sense of belonging — important foundations for positive mental health now and in the future.

There are some great resources for families here [Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week - Official site](#)





SCIENCE COMPETITION BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Curiosity.

Can you design a Science Poster to answer a question of curiosity, to help celebrate British Science Week.

For example:

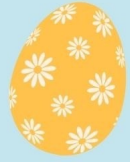
How deep is the ocean?

How big is the universe?

Why do we have day and night?

Have there always been seven continents?

Deadline for entry is
Friday 27th February to be in with a
chance to win a science set!



You're invited to



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EASTER SHOW



Thursday 26th March – EYFS
Easter Bonnet Open Afternoon



Tuesday 24th March

KS1 show 1.45pm–2.15pm

KS2 show 2.30pm – 3pm

SEE YOU THERE!



Internet Safety Day
10th February 2026

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

5 tips to help your child use AI safely

1) Talk about where AI is being used.

Have an open conversation with your child about where they are seeing AI tools and content online. Talk about the risks and benefits to using these tools. (e.g. Alexa, researching tools, video editing tools)

2) Remind your child not everything is real.

Remember it is not always obvious when AI has been used to edit something. Try to spot indicators of AI (movements appearing differently to real life)

3) Discuss misuse of generative AI.

Explain that people can use AI to edit photos. If an image has been made without permission make sure they know who their trusted adults are, so they can tell them.

4) Remind them to check sources.

Chatbots can be helpful tools to get quick answers to a questions, but it is important to know it comes from a reliable source.

5) Make sure they know where to go for help.

Discuss who your child can talk to like a teacher of anything worried them online or offline. They can also contact Childline 24/7 on 0800 11 11 or vis online chat.



STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Internet Safety Day Poster Competition



The theme of Internet Safety Day is AI. Can you create an eye capturing poster to inform your friends and peers on how to stay safe online, the risks and benefits of using AI and who they can talk to about any concerns?

**POSTERS DUE IN FRIDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY**

Competition winners will have posters professionally printed to display around school and put in the Trust newsletter.

SPRING PICCOLO

BREAD AND SALAD BAR
AVAILABLE DAILY

WEEK 1

WC: 5th Jan, 26th Jan
16th Feb, 9th Mar, 30th Mar

WEEK 2

WC: 12th Jan, 2nd Feb
23rd Feb, 16th Mar

WEEK 3

WC: 19th Jan, 9th Feb
2nd Mar, 23rd Mar

MONDAY

Deep Pan Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice (V)
Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Peas, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Ice Cream & Fruit (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Macaroni Cheese (V)
Quorn Dippers (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Spaghetti Hoops
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Mini Doughnuts (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Deep Pan Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)
★ Veggie-Ball Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Chocolate Cookie (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Pasta Bolognese
Cheese & Onion Gratin (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Green Beans, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

★ Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF) ★
★ Sri Lankan Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry (VG) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Lemon Drizzle Cake (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

All Day Breakfast
English Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Fresh Fruit Salad (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken (GF)
★ Fish Finger or Quorn Dipper (VG) Wrap ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Roast Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Raspberry Jelly (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Sausage or Plant-based Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire
Pudding & Creamy Mashed Potatoes (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Cabbage, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Chocolate Cookie (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

★ Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

New Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Flapjack (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Mild Chicken Korma (GF)
Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Chocolate Cookie (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

BBQ Chicken Pizza with Garlic Slice
Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Green Beans, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Melon Slices (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

★ Sweet & Sour Battered Chicken Bites ★
Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Carrots
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Cherry & Apple Crumble & Custard (V)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Oven Baked Sausages
Cheese & Tomato Omelette (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Fruit Salad (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Cheesy Bean Puff (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Jelly & Fruit (V) (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Farmhouse Cheese Roll (V)

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Crispy Cake (VG)
Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

★ NEW DISHES FOR 2025/26

V = Vegetarian | VG = Vegan | *GF = Gluten Free

For full allergen information please refer to your School Grid Account. *Gluten free products are prepared in a kitchen that handle products containing gluten. Any Halal menu variations will be displayed on SchoolGrid. Menus subject to change.



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CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently looking for a puppy pen or guinea pig run for our pets, Smudge and Doughnut. If any families have one that is no longer needed and would be happy to pass it on, we would be extremely grateful.



Please get in touch via the school office if you can help. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.



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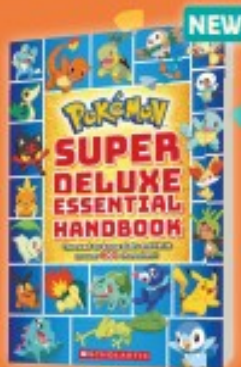
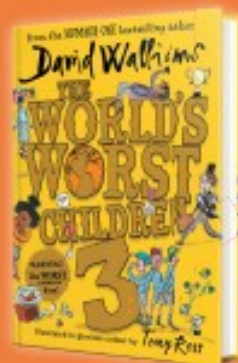
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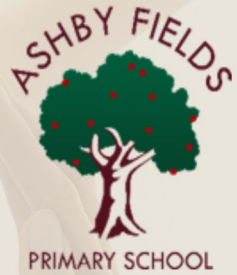


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Spring

HOME LEARNING

Choose at least 3 challenges to complete over the term. You may complete more if you wish! Present your work in any creative way (poster, booklet, photos, models, writing, digital work on Seesaw.)

Spring Poem: Write a poem about spring using your senses (what you can see, hear, smell, feel). Try using similes or alliteration.

Nature Story: Write a short story where spring plays an important role in the setting or plot.

Plant Life Cycles: Grow a plant from a seed. Draw and label each stage of its growth.

Weather Watch: Keep a spring weather diary for one week. Include temperature, rain, sunshine and clouds.

Spring Artwork: Create a piece of art inspired by spring using paint, collage or natural materials.

Observational Drawing: Draw a flower or plant carefully, focusing on shape, colour and detail.

Mindful Spring Walk: Go for a walk and note 5 things you can see, 3 you can hear and 1 you can smell.

Season Song: Learn a song about spring or the seasons and perform it.

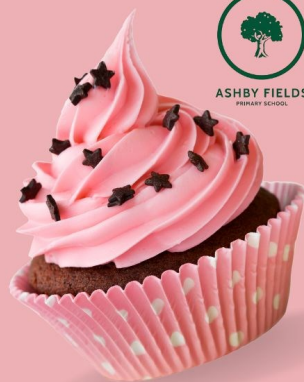
Ashby Fields PTA Year Group Cake Sale

IN ORDER TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL WE ARE GOING TO BE INTRODUCING YEAR GROUP CAKE SALES. ONCE WITHIN THE SCHOOL YEAR A YEAR GROUP WILL BAKE/DONATE CAKES FOR A FRIDAY CAKE SALE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR PTA. YOU CAN BAKE OR BUY CAKES TO DONATE WHEN IT IS YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUPS TURN.

Thank
You!

DATES

Year 6- Friday 17th October
Year 5- Friday 21st November
Year 4- Friday 5th December
Year 3- Friday 6th February
Year 2- Friday 13th March
Year 1- Friday 8th May
EYFS- Friday 12th June





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Spring Term Dates

Monday 5th January- Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 6th January- Term Begins/ House Point PJ reward

Week Beginning 5th January- Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 14th January- Y5 trip to the Space Centre

Monday 19th January- World Religion Day

Tuesday 3rd February- Book Fair arrives

Tuesday 10th February- Internet Safety Day

Friday 13th February- Term Ends

Monday 23rd February- Term Begins & Life Education arrives

Friday 27th February- Class Photos

Thursday 5th February- World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March- 4pm-6:30pm Pupil Progress Meetings

Thursday 19th March- 3:30pm-5pm- Pupil Progress Meetings

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