

ASHBY NEWS



ASHBY FIELDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Beginning 9th

February 2026

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The final week of Spring Term 1 has been a busy and productive one across the school. Teaching staff took part in a writing moderation session alongside two other schools within the Trust. This valuable professional development opportunity allows staff to collaborate, share best practice, and ensure consistency in the assessment and levelling of writing. By working together in this way, we can be confident that our judgements are accurate and that our high expectations and standards are maintained for all pupils. In Early Years, children thoroughly enjoyed their learning linked to Chinese New Year. They explored the celebrations through a range of engaging activities, culminating in a Chinese-inspired feast. This experience helped to bring their learning to life and supported their understanding of different cultures and traditions in a meaningful and memorable way. As we reach the end of the half term, we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable February half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February, ready for the next term of learning.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and half term - 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



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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HOME LEARNING
CHALLENGE
**CHINESE
NEW YEAR**

CREATE A
DRAGON MODEL

CREATE A
CHINESE FAN

WRITE YOUR
NAME IN
CHINESE

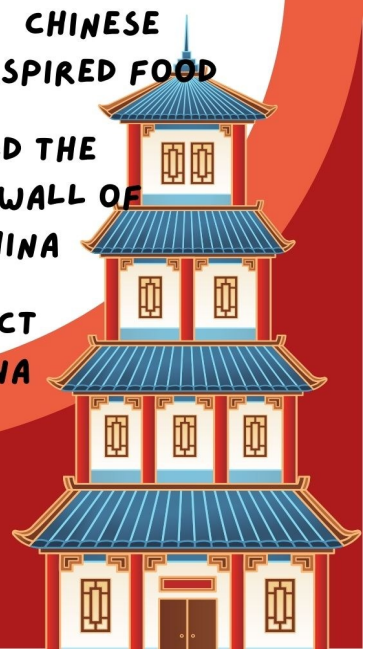
CREATE A
CHINESE
LANTERN

COOK SOME
CHINESE
INSPIRED FOOD

WRITE A
DRAGON
THEMED STORY

BUILD THE
GREAT WALL OF
CHINA

CREATE A FACT
FILE ON CHINA



DUE IN BY FRIDAY
13TH FEBRUARY





EYFS Celebrate Chinese New Year

This week, the children in EYFS proudly culminated their learning about Chinese New Year with a special celebration day. They enjoyed a Chinese-inspired feast, tasting a range of different Chinese foods and exploring new flavours. The children also took part in performing a Chinese Dragon Dance, which they thoroughly enjoyed and participated in with great enthusiasm. It was a joyful day that brought their learning to life and provided a memorable opportunity to celebrate and learn about Chinese culture together.





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.

World Book Day - Book in a Box Competition

Children are invited to create a small diorama or book box based on their favourite book, using a shoebox or other small box. This could show a scene, setting, or characters from the story and should reflect your child's own reading interests.

Materials can be simple and do not need to be expensive.

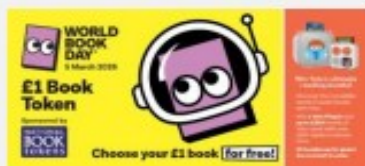
All entries will be carefully looked at, and winning designs will be displayed in the reception area with a prize awarded for the best EYFS, KS1 and KS2 entry.

Entries due: Thursday 5th March

World Book Day Tokens

World Book Day tokens will be given out before the event to ensure children have plenty of time to choose a book. Tokens can be used at a variety of local shops in Daventry, including Tesco, Suddenly Books, The Works, and many others.

Thursday 5th March



EYFS and Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week

This week's stars of the week are:



Ash	Finley	For having a fantastic Chinese New Year morning!
	Jude	For some brilliant dragon dancing, for our Chinese New Year Day!
Oak	Krithik	For amazing effort in phonics this week!
	Carter	For super listening and keeping the rhythm on the drums when celebrating Chinese New Year.
Hazel	Maisie	For giving some wonderful answers in her English quiz.
	Zaylin	For mastering less than and greater than in maths.
Willow	Filip	For great work in his Maths and challenging himself.
	Amelia	For working hard on her writing and forming great sentences.
Chestnut	Franek	For being a TT rockstars whizz. Always going above and beyond to practice at home.
	Mia	For being a kind and caring friend to others.
Sycamore	Samuel	For always working hard in all of his lessons.
	Kacper	For his hard work in maths, working on five times tables.

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week

This week's stars of the week are:



Hawthorn	Alec	For his super geography work about the features of a river.
	Lottie	For her positivity and determination shown ALL week!
Maple	Michael	For being confident and respectful when asking questions to older residents during year 3's trip to the care home.
	Lexie	For working extremely hard in all of her lessons this week.
Cedar	Isla	For excellent literacy skills.
	Liviu	For working really hard on his maths.
Cherry Blossom	Liza N and Evie N	For their Barabra Hepworth inspired sculpture.
Beech	Marcus	For persevering in art even though he found it tricky he didn't give up! Well done.
	Eva	For asking some brilliant questions during our PSHE session! Great work.
Elm	Julia	For fantastic resilience in maths - tackling and overcoming tricky challenges in arithmetic!
	Edison	For an EXCELLENT improvement in his reading assessment this week!
Elder	Eliana	For working hard in all lessons and giving it her all.
	Eric	For using his amazing imagination in his writing this week. Fabulous work.
Silver Birch	Ollie	For showing great resilience in his subjects.
	Emilia	For great effort and determination in all her tasks.

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS!

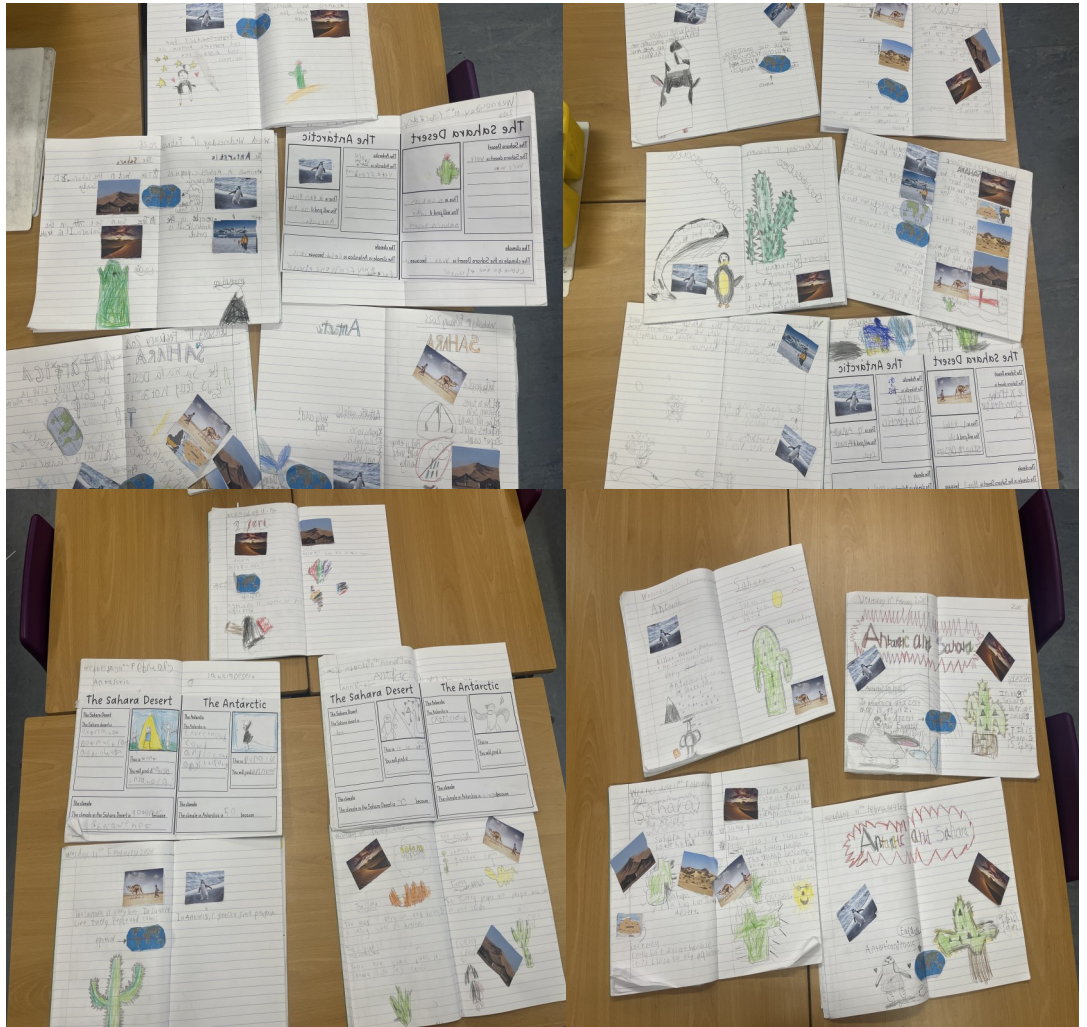
Huge congratulations to this weeks golden ticket winners.
Here they are enjoying their hot chocolate and biscuits
with Mrs Ramm!

We are so proud of them!



Year 2 Geography

To round up our Geography unit this term, the children have used all of the knowledge they have gained to create some fabulous double pages to showcase information. They worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of their work.



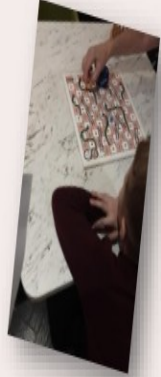
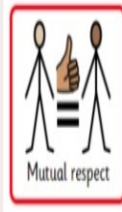


PETS CORNER!

Our wonderful pets are bringing so much joy to our Ashby Fields family. Smudge and Doughnut are now loving some extra space to run around in their new pen that one of our wonderful parents kindly donated to us!

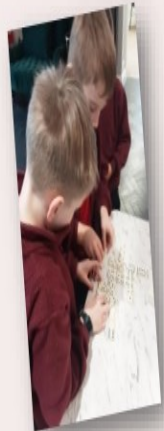


YEAR 3 TRIP TO ASTLEY CARE HOME



Year 3 had the pleasure of visiting a local care home, where we were able to interact with some lovely residents. We had the chance to play games and help complete some jigsaws whilst chatting to them.

We also had the opportunity to ask the residents questions from our prepared interviews. This related to our PSHE topic, Living in the Wider World and showing respect for diversity in our community.



UPCOMING DATES THIS TERM

Friday 13th February

Term Ends

Wednesday 18th and

Thursday 19th March

Pupil Progress Meetings

Monday 23rd February

Term Begins and Life
Education arrives

Friday 27th February

Class Photos

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day



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:

ASH and HAWTHORN

STAY SAFE



AS HALF TERM APPROACHES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING ONLINE AND WHO THEY ARE TALKING TO.

IN GAMES SUCH AS ROBLOX, ALTHOUGH FUN, PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLISH THEIR OWN GAMES THAT CAN HAVE INAPPROPRIATE THEMES.

FURTHER GUIDANCE ON PARENTAL CONTROLS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NSPCC WEBSITE.



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



X (formerly Twitter)



Facebook



Instagram



Pinterest



Messenger



TikTok



Discord



Snapchat



Twitch



Yubo



Reddit



YouTube



BeReal.

BeReal



WhatsApp

LET'S GET READY FOR

SCHOOL



WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

The Night Before

- Have a calm, early bedtime.
- Get a good nights sleep.
- Have uniform laid out and ready for the morning.
- Avoid screen-time before bed.



Dressed and ready:-

Dressed and ready:

- Are they wearing the correct school uniform.
- Is it a PE day?
- Can they dress themselves?
- Have they got a coat.



Packed and Prepared:

- Water bottle.
- Lunch box.
- Reading books.



Breakfast

A full tummy helps children to settle and focus on their school work.



Getting to school:-

- Leave in plenty of time to avoid stress.
- Arriving on time helps your child settle and be with their peers.
- A quick goodbye at the classroom door helps your child transition into school.



WHAT DO WE OFFER TO SUPPORT IN SCHOOL?

- Calm corner within classrooms - Some time for children to settle.
- Talk and Toast - a space for your child to talk to an adult.
- Rainbow room - a quiet room to settle into school.

If you need any further support please contact
Mrs Mudge:
emma.mudge@AFPS.inmat.org.uk



HEALTHY BEDTIME ROUTINE

1. Diner & Wind Down

Light meal, quiet activities. No screens 1 hour before bed!



2. Warm Bath & PJs

Relaxing bath, brush teeth, comfy PJs.



3. Story Time & Cuddles

Read a book, sing a lullaby, give hugs.



4. Sweet Dreams!

Consistent bedtime (7-8 PM).
Dark, quiet, cool room



Happy Kids, Happy Families!
www.HealthyBedtime.org

How much sleep does my child need?

AGE GROUP

Infants 4 - 12 months old

Children 1 - 2 years old

Children 3 - 5 years old

Children 6 - 12 years old

Teens 13 - 18 years old

HOURS PER NIGHT

12 - 16 hours per 24 hour period

11 - 14 hours per 24 hour period

10 - 13 hours per 24 hour period

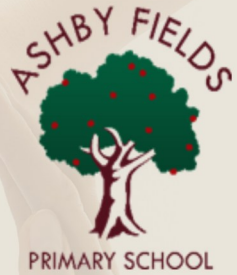
9 - 12 hours per 24 hour period

8 - 10 hours per 24 hours



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Ashby Fields
PTA



We need parent
volunteers to help our
wonderful Parent Teacher
Association. Get in touch
with the school office to
find out more.

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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.

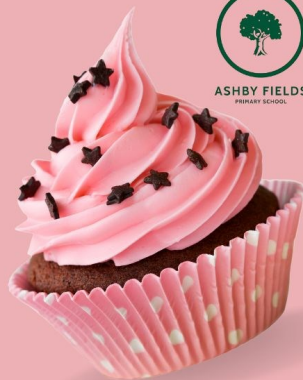
Ashby Fields PTA Year Group Cake Sale

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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An online booking system can be found on Arbor or by via contacting the school office to book your consultation with your child's class teacher.