

ASHBY NEWS



ASHBY FIELDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Beginning 28th

September 2026

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It has been another wonderful week of learning across the school, and it has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and engagement of our children in every classroom.

In **Year 5**, pupils have been developing their understanding of newspaper reports in English. They have spent time exploring the structure and key features of report writing, analysing examples and beginning to apply these techniques in their own work.

Meanwhile, **Year 3** have been embracing the signs of autumn by venturing outdoors to stomp, crunch and run through fallen leaves. These experiences have inspired some fantastic poetry writing, helping the children to capture the sights, sounds and feelings of the season in their work.

Year 2 enjoyed a Computing Day, investigating the different types of technology that can be found around us and exploring how technology plays an important role in our everyday lives.

This year, one of our whole-school priorities is **Oracy: Learning to Talk and Talking to Learn**. Across the school, we are placing a greater emphasis on developing vocabulary, encouraging high-quality discussion and helping children to express their ideas clearly and confidently. It has been wonderful to hear children explaining their thinking, justifying their reasoning and building on the ideas of others. These communication skills are invaluable and will support them throughout their education and beyond. – Miss Hume





Year 6 Learning Spotlight

Year 6 have had a fantastic week of learning across a range of subjects. In PE, the children have been busy perfecting their catching skills as part of their tag rugby lessons, showing great determination, teamwork and confidence as they develop their technique on the field.



In English, the children have been writing their own versions of Hansel and Gretel, using their creativity to bring the story to life. They particularly enjoyed discussing their favourite sweets and treats and using these ideas to create vivid descriptions and imaginative settings in their writing.

The highlight of the week for many was an exciting heart dissection in Science. This hands-on lesson allowed the children to explore the structure of the heart up close, identifying key features and deepening their understanding of the circulatory system. The children approached the activity with maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and making excellent links to their learning.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, imagination and positive attitude Year 6 have shown across all areas of their learning this week. Keep up the excellent work!





Harvest Festival – Helping Our Community Together

We would love for you to join us at our fabulous Harvest Festival Show on Thursday 8th October. The children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines, songs and poems, and are excited to share their achievements with you.

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are also inviting families to support those in need by donating **tinned and non-perishable food items**.

All donations will be given to **Daventry Food Bank**, helping to provide essential support to individuals and families within our local community. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the values of kindness, generosity and helping others, and every donation can make a real difference.

Please bring your donations into school by Friday 9th October.

Suggested donations include:

- Tinned food
- Pasta and rice
- Cereal
- Other long-life cupboard items
- Toiletries

Together, let's show the strength of our school community and help support local families. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make this year's Harvest Festival a celebration of both gratitude and giving.



Cycle to School Week

Get ready for **Cycle to School Week** and help us travel to school in a healthy, active and environmentally friendly way!

Throughout the week, any child who **cycles or scooters to school** will receive a **raffle ticket** and be entered into a prize draw. We are delighted that **Leisure Lakes Bikes** have kindly donated a range of fantastic prizes for our lucky winners.

- ♦ Cycle to school
- ♦ Scoot to school
- ♦ Receive a raffle ticket each day you take part
- ♦ Be in with a chance of winning a fantastic prize!



Whether you cycle, scoot or wheel your way to school, every journey counts. We look forward to seeing lots of children taking part and helping us make the week a great success.

A huge thank you to **Leisure Lakes Bikes** for their generous support. Good luck everyone!

Attendance Week – Let's Celebrate Being Here!

Attendance Week is coming soon and we are focusing on celebrating the fantastic commitment our children and families show in coming to school every day.

We are working hard to ensure that our school attendance remains **above the national average**, and we are delighted that last week's attendance was an impressive **97.1%**. Even better, we have improved on that figure this week!

Attendance Week is all about recognising the importance of being in school and celebrating our wonderful school community. To add to the excitement, **every class that achieves 100% attendance on a day will earn an additional afternoon breaktime**. The children are already incredibly excited about the chance for extra playtime, and there may even be a few surprises along the way!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support. Every day in school counts, and together we can make this our best-attending year yet

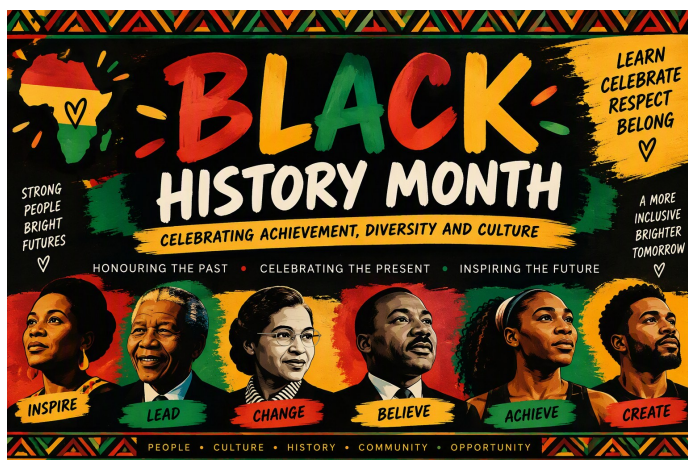


Black History Month

Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, a time to recognise and celebrate the achievements, contributions and rich cultural heritage of Black people throughout history and in our society today.

Across the month, children will take part in a range of learning activities, exploring the lives and accomplishments of inspirational individuals, past and present. These experiences will help develop understanding, respect and appreciation of the diverse communities that make up our world.

At AFPS, we are proud to promote equality, inclusion and belonging, ensuring that every child feels valued and represented. We look forward to sharing some of the children's learning and discussions with you over the coming weeks.



Together, we celebrate diversity, inspire understanding and learn from the stories that have shaped our world.



Miss Hume

Miss Hume's Recommendations for Black History Month



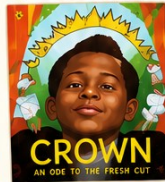
Brilliant
books to
read, enjoy
and share
together!

Here are some of my favourite books to share during Black History Month. They are all available to read and on display in the hall.



Coming to England
Floella Benjamin

A powerful story about family, belonging and a new beginning.



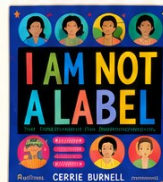
Crown:
An Ode to the Fresh Cut
Derrick Barnes

A joyful celebration of confidence, identity and self-love.



Clean Up!
Nathan Bryon

An inspiring story about looking after our planet and making a difference.



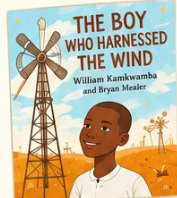
I Am Not a Label
Carrie Burnell

Meet 34 inspirational Black people who have changed the world.



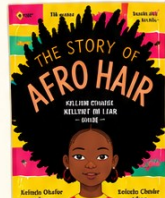
Hidden Figures
Margot Lee Shetterly

The incredible true story of four pioneering women in science.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
William Kamkwamba

A true story about innovation, determination and never giving up.



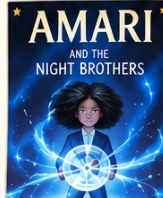
The Story of Afro Hair
Kelechi Okafor

A fascinating and empowering look at the history and beauty of Black hair.



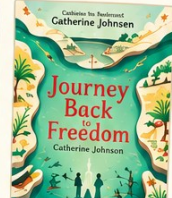
Freedom Braids
Monique Duncan

A moving story about courage, family and finding freedom.



Amari and the Night Brothers
B. B. Alston

An exciting adventure full of magic, mystery and bravery.



Journey Back to Freedom
Catherine Johnson

A powerful historical adventure about courage and the fight for freedom.



All of these books are available to read and on display in the hall throughout October.

Come and have a look!



Halloween Disco!

Get your costumes ready and join us for a spook-tacular evening of music, dancing and Halloween fun at our school Halloween Disco!

There will be plenty of opportunities to show off your best dance moves, enjoy time with friends and celebrate Halloween together.

- Fancy dress is encouraged!
- Music, dancing and Halloween fun
- Refreshments available.

We can't wait to see all of our witches, wizards, super-heroes, pumpkins and spooky creatures there for a fang-tastic evening!



World Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October

Next week we will be recognising World Mental Health Day, an opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of looking after our mental wellbeing and supporting those around us.

Throughout the day, children will be taking part in activities that encourage kindness, resilience, gratitude and positive conversations about feelings and emotions. We want all of our pupils to know that it is okay to talk about how they feel and that seeking support is a strength.

As a school community, we are committed to helping every child feel safe, valued and connected. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and take time to focus on the small things that help us stay happy and healthy.





Key Dates for this term

- Friday 2nd October – Whole School Photos
- Thursday 8th October—Harvest festival
- Monday 5th – Friday 9th October – Cycle to School Week
- Friday 9th October – World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow
- Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Year 5 Bikeability
- Sunday 18th of October– Ashby Fields Parkrun Primary
- Friday 16th October– Year 6 Bake Sale



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 Parents & Carers — Don't Miss the Deadline!

The deadline for applying for your child's *secondary school place* is fast approaching.

31st OCTOBER 2026

Please make sure you have *submitted your application by the deadline*.

Choosing a secondary school is an important decision, so please take the time to re-search your options and make sure your application is completed on time.

Don't leave it until the last minute!

Apply by: 31st October 2026

If you need any support with your application, please speak to the school office.

[Apply for a secondary school place | West Northamptonshire Council](#)





PE Kit Reminder

We have noticed that some children are not currently coming to school in the correct PE kit.

Please can we remind you that our PE kit consists of:

- **Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms**
- **House-coloured PE top**
- **School jumper**

Please ensure that children come to school wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days. This helps us to maintain our high expectations around school uniform and ensures that all children are appropriately dressed and ready to take part in physical activity.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with providing the correct PE kit, please do let us know. We are more than happy to help wherever we can, whether this is **supporting you to source PE kit** or helping in any other way we can.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you need any support. We are always happy to help.



Thank you for your continued support





We would like to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day your child is in school is an opportunity to learn, make progress, see their friends and be part of our school community.

We understand that children can have the occasional cough or cold, but please do send your child into school whenever they are well enough to attend. Missing even a few days can make it harder for children to keep up with their learning.

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:

HAZEL AND ELM

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week



This week's stars of the week are:



Ash	Hudson	For some fantastic CVC word writing this week.
	Finn	For some brilliant name writing this week.
Oak	Olivia	For fantastic work on your rainbow jobs this week, brilliant!
	Robert	For amazing letter formation in phonics this week, superstar!
Hazel	David	For his super sentences using finger spaces.
	Lewis	For working hard in maths, finding greater than, less than and equal to.
Willow	Robert	For his amazing work in his independent write.
	Eliyanah	For her fantastic reading in phonics.
Chestnut	Ambra	For her improved presentation in writing lessons!
	Valentino	For showing safe behaviours outside on the play-ground. Keep it up.
Sycamore	Sophia V	For her fantastic explanations in computing.
	Ava	For her brilliant sentence writing!

Well done for your hard work, positive attitude, and brilliant learning this week!

Keep reaching for the stars!

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week

This week's stars of the week are:



Hawthorn	Aylin	For wonderful vocabulary work in our poetry preparation.
	Bethany	For working really hard on her maths and getting a great end of unit result!
Maple	Emily	For her fantastic counting in 50s. Well done!
	Kacper	For his brilliant autumnal artwork which helped to inspire vocabulary for a poem. Great work!
Cedar	Layla Rose	For her hard work in all lessons and really challenging herself to improve her reading!
	Izzy	For a brilliant independent write and always working with focus in writing lessons!
Cherry Blossom	Dayna	For her amazing engagement in writing.
	Zofia	For ALWAYS giving 100% in ALL lessons.
Beech	Caelan	For enthusiastic contribution to class discussion using key vocabulary.
	Harper	For an excellent effort in our reading lessons this week. Well done!
Elm	Amelia	For always having a real 'can do' attitude to learning all the time.
	Isaac C	For showing resilience and determination with his learning.
Elder	Stanley	For his resilience on residential and facing his fears.
	Lizzie	for her enthusiasm in every lesson and towards every piece of work she completes.
Silver Birch	Willow	For working brilliantly on the residential to push herself and tackle new challenges!
	Majesty	For some fantastic ideas in writing this week - working hard to include ambitious vocabulary!



GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS!

Huge congratulations to this weeks golden ticket winners!
As the sun is still shining so we are still enjoying ice cream
and sprinkles and here they are enjoying it with Miss
Hume !

We are so proud of them!



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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parkrun

Ashby Fields Parkrun Primary

Come along and join us for
Ashby Fields Parkrun!

Run
Jog
or Walk



Sunday 18th October



Meet at 8.45am
at the County Park playpark



All children welcome!



Ashby Fields Primary School

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2027

**We warmly invite prospective Early Years
parents to visit us on the following dates
at 10am or 1.30pm**



**Monday 29th
September**

**Wednesday 7th
October**

**Wednesday 21st
October**

**Thursday 5th
November**

**Come and explore our Early
Years setting, meet our
friendly team and see the
wonderful opportunities we
offer for your child's start to
the school journey**



**If you are unable to attend any of these
dates, then please contact us and arrange
a visit that works best for you**



**To book please: Tel- 01327 310068 or
jodie.rush@afps.inmat.org.uk**

**Will your child be
starting school in
September 2027?**



Autumn

Home Learning Challenge

Explore Create Discover

Autumn is full of colour, change and wonderful things to see, hear and do.

We would love to see what you can create, find out and share!

Be
creative,
be curious,
have fun!

Write an Autumn Poem

Look around you and think about the sights, sounds and feelings of autumn. Can you write your own poem? It could be a haiku, acrostic or a simple rhyming poem.

You might like to include words such as: crunchy, golden, windy, cosy, colourful, falling, harvest.



Create Autumn Artwork

Use different materials and techniques to create a piece of art inspired by autumn.

Ideas include:

- Leaf rubbings
- Collages using leaves, conkers and twigs
- Paintings or drawings of autumn scenes
- 3D crafts using natural materials



Write a Story

Use your imagination to write a short story set in autumn.

It could be about:

- a woodland adventure
- a mysterious discovery
- a talking animal
- a day in the life of a leaf!



Think about your characters, setting and what happens next...

Use Seasonal Objects for Maths

Get outside or look at what you have at home. Use autumnal objects to help you with your maths skills.

You could:

- count and sort leaves, conkers, pinecones or acorns
- measure natural objects using non-standard units
- create patterns
- solve addition and subtraction problems
- explore shape (e.g. what shapes can you make with leaves?)

Example: If you find 5 conkers and 3 more, how many do you have altogether?



Other Ideas

- Go on an autumn walk and collect interesting items (leaves, conkers, feathers, pinecones, etc.).
- Take photos of the changes you notice in nature.
- Find out about harvest and the food we get in autumn.
- Create a tally chart of what you see (e.g. types of leaves, birds, or vehicles).



Remember... ★

- ★ You can choose one activity or more!
- ★ Be as creative as you like – there are no wrong answers!
- ★ You might want to work independently or with a grown-up.
- ★ Bring your work in, share it with your class or upload it to Seesaw.

We can't wait to see what you discover! ♥

Small steps...
big discoveries!





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CYCLE TO



**SCHOOL
WEEK**

2026

5th - 9th October



**Cycle or scoot
to school!**



Don't forget to bring your
lock to secure your bike!



YEAR GROUP BAKE SALE!



GET YOUR APRONS READY! 🥰🥰 WE'RE HOLDING A YEAR GROUP BAKE SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL! ❤️

WE WOULD LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO GET INVOLVED BY BAKING SOMETHING DELICIOUS TO SHARE AND SELL. CAKES, COOKIES, BROWNIES, TRAYBAKES - WHATEVER YOU LOVE TO BAKE! 🍪🍪

🌟 **BAKE IT. BRING IT. SELL IT. SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!** 🌟

EVERY CAKE AND EVERY CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP US RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

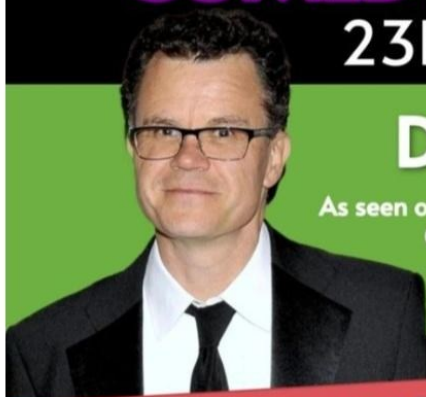
DATES

Year 6- Friday 16th October
Year 5- Friday 20th November
Year 4- Friday 22nd January
Year 3- Friday 5th February
Year 2- Friday 12th March
Year 1- Friday 7th May
EYFS- Thursday 10th June



HARRY'S PALS CHARITY COMEDY FUNDRAISER

23RD OCTOBER



DOMINIC HOLLAND

As seen on Have I Got News For You, Royal Variety Performance, Celebrity Chase, The Apprentice: You're Fired!

'One of television's quickest wits' -
The Daily Telegraph

PAUL TONKINSON

Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow
Time Out Comedian of the Year
Regular Comedy Store headliner

"Excellent... extremely talented... brilliant"
- Time Out



KATE ROBB

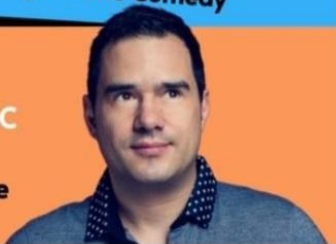
Funny Women Awards Semi-Finalist just a few months after her first gig. Kate has been described as 'Talented and going places'

'Definitely one to watch' Gag N Bone Comedy

PAUL REVILL

Paul has gained a reputation as an outstanding MC and has held numerous club residencies.

'Likeability and charm assure the audience they are in safe hands' Chortle



Harry's
Pals



£20

Staverton Park Hotel & Golf Club
Daventry Rd, Daventry NN11 6JT
Doors 6.30pm - Show 7.30pm