



Ashgate Primary School Newsletter

Moving Forward Aiming High

Autumn
Term 1

A Wonderful Start to the Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming everyone back to Ashgate. The children have returned with smiles, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn.

Our classrooms have been filled with excitement, curiosity and lots of hard work. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and embraced new learning opportunities. Don't forget to check your child's **Class Dojo** to see some of the wonderful things they have been learning about this term.



ClassDojo



Fire Alarm Antics!

Thank you once again for your understanding on the day our fire alarm unexpectedly refused to be silenced!

Although it was certainly not part of the day's plan, we couldn't have been prouder of our children. The whole school was evacuated safely in just **three minutes**, and every pupil behaved impeccably throughout.

The firefighters were full of praise for our children and even commented on how calm and sensible they were. They especially enjoyed receiving a spontaneous round of applause from the children as they left!

Well done, Ashgate!



Thank You for Your Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous Harvest contributions.

Your kindness and support helped us collect a wonderful range of donations, which have been gratefully received by our local community food bank.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion and generosity shown by our school community.

Together, we have helped make a difference to local families.



Hello Yellow Day

What a bright, cheerful and colourful day we had celebrating **Hello Yellow Day**!

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part and helping to raise awareness for such an important cause. Looking after our mental health and wellbeing is something we value greatly at Ashgate.

Our fantastic **Wellbeing Champions** will continue to work alongside Mrs Patrick, Mrs Burnside and Miss Richardson to help promote positive wellbeing throughout the school and ensure that every child feels supported, valued and listened to.



Black History Month

This month, children across the school have been exploring and celebrating Black History Month through a range of exciting learning opportunities.

It has been fantastic listening to pupils confidently share facts, discuss inspirational figures and demonstrate their growing understanding of the rich contributions that Black individuals and communities have made throughout history and continue to make today.

We have been incredibly impressed by their curiosity, respect and thoughtful discussion.



School Disco Time!

One of the children's favourite events of the year is almost here!



Thursday 22nd October



EYFS & KS1: 4:15pm - 5:15pm



KS2: 5:30pm - 6:30pm



Tickets: £4.00 (includes a drink)



Suggested tuck shop spend: £5.00

Tickets are available from the school office.

Get your dancing shoes ready for a fantastic evening of music, fun and friends!



Parents' Evenings



10th & 12th Nov 2026

Our Parents' Evenings will take place shortly after half term.

Please remember to book your appointment through **SCOPAY**.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their progress.



Attendance Celebrations

New for 2026-27!

At Ashgate, we know that every day in school matters. Excellent attendance supports children's learning, confidence and friendships. This year, we are introducing even more ways to celebrate attendance success!



Attendance Champions

Children achieving 96%-100% attendance each term will be recognised as Attendance Champions.



Most Improved Pupil Award

Celebrating pupils who have made significant improvements in their attendance.



Most Improved Class Award

Awarded to the class showing the greatest improvement over time.



Class Attendance Trophy

Presented each week to the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 class with the highest attendance, encouraging teamwork and healthy competition.



INSET Day Reminder



Friday 23rd October

School will be closed to pupils for Staff Training.

Our staff team will be developing their outdoor learning knowledge and practice to further enhance the learning experiences we provide for all children.



Looking Ahead to Half Term



As we move towards the half-term break, we would like to thank all our families for your continued support.

The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our children thrive, and we truly appreciate everything you do.



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

As our first half term draws to a close, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, encouragement and kindness. It has been wonderful to see our children return to school so positively, embracing new opportunities and demonstrating our Ashgate values every day. The start of the year has been filled with exciting learning, memorable experiences and lots of reasons to celebrate. I am incredibly proud of all our pupils and grateful to our dedicated staff and supportive families who help make Ashgate such a special place to learn and grow.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable break with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term.

With warmest wishes,

Ms Wendy Forte

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