

# ASHTON GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

03.10.2025



## Messages from Teachers

### Year 6

Deadline for secondary school applications.

Please be aware that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. If you need any assistance with the application process then please contact Carolyn Busby ([cbusby@ashtongateprimary.org](mailto:cbusby@ashtongateprimary.org)) and Rachael Herbert ([rherbert@ashtongateprimary.org](mailto:rherbert@ashtongateprimary.org)).

### KS2 Flu Vaccination

If your child missed their flu vaccination at the Upton Site on Monday, you are able to book a session at a community clinic. Please book using the link below.

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/book?v=4%C2%A0>



**SEND COFFEE MORNING**  
WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**@ 9-10.30am**

Come along to chat with Bristol Parent Carers & school staff to find out about services available locally to support your family and children

**At the Ashton Site**

 Bristol Parent Carer Forum  
Shaping the Future Together



### Individual School Photographs

Jefferson Studios will be at Ashton Gate the following dates.

Tuesday 7th October KS2 & **ELM CLASS** Upton Road. If you would like sibling photographs please arrive at 8am

Friday 10th October Ashton. If you would like sibling photographs please arrive at 8am. **Due to Forest School Elm Class will have their photos on Tuesday 7th October.**

### Parent Volunteer Readers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers to support reading across the school.

If you can spare a little time, even if it's not every week, we'd love to hear from you. Parents often volunteer less in Key Stage 2, but we especially need help across all classes from Reception all the way through to Year 6! To take part, you'll need to complete a DBS check, please go to either office who can guide you through the process.



Cycle to School Week 2025 takes place from Monday 13 – Friday 17 October. Further information can be found here -

[https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/Cycle to School Week](https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/Cycle%20to%20School%20Week)

## KS1 Library

KS1 are looking to add Children's National Geographical and Okido magazines to the library, if you have any at home, that you would like to donate please pop them into the KS1 office.



## Battle of the Bands

From 15th September to 23rd October, there will be a Times Tables Rock Stars battle of the bands between classes in Year 4, 5 and 6. The class in each year group, which scores the most points on TTRS in this time period, will win some extra playtime. It's time to begin the battle!



## Year 5 PapayaTalks Workshops

This week our Year 5 classes took part in PapayaTalks workshops on how to get a healthy balance with technology. The children participated in discussions about screen time, gaming, social media and smartphones. For more information about how to support you child in the digital world, please visit [www.papayatalks.com](http://www.papayatalks.com)

PapayaTalks and Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact - Delaying Smartphones  
PapayaTalks is a partner of Smartphone Free Childhood, a growing national movement of parents who are choosing to delay giving their child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.

If you would like to support the school and join a growing community of parents who are choosing to wait to give their child a smartphone, please sign the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact (an online pledge to delay smartphones) here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>

Ashton Gate Primary is already high up the Bristol schools Leaderboard with 88 Parent Pacts signed so far. For Bristol Parent Pact Leaderboard results by school and by year group click here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact-results?region=bristol>

Ashton Gate Primary School SFC Parent WhatsApp group

Alternatively, you can join the Ashton Gate Primary School SFC Parent WhatsApp group to connect with other parents from school for support and advice:

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/lwsQb3Qes3MJlkbEzFsCAi?mode=ac\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/lwsQb3Qes3MJlkbEzFsCAi?mode=ac_t)



**WE NEED YOU!**

Ashton Vale Community Centre is a space for everyone - we want to bring people together to make connections, share stories and be healthy and happy.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW TRUSTEES**

Trustees are volunteers who help a charity achieve its aims, legal obligations and accountability standards.

We'd love to hear from people with professional skills such as finance, HR and community development but what's most important is that you have a genuine interest in the local community and a desire to help.

Free training is available for anyone who may need it.

This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet people and get involved in your community.

For more information email [Ashtonvalecc@gmail.com](mailto:Ashtonvalecc@gmail.com) or call/text/WhatsApp 07849 018 403

**You are invited to attend the Ashton Vale Community Centre ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Come and hear about the work that's been done over the past year and plans for the future

Everyone welcome - free refreshments

**Sunday 23 November 6.30pm**

Ashton Vale Community Centre  
Risdale Road, BS3 2QY

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## PTA AGM Update

We held the Ashton Gate Primary School AGM on Tuesday, during which we voted in key roles for the coming year.

Chair: Jo Phillips – Jo is our long-standing chair and has agreed to remain in position for one final year while we look to recruit a replacement.

Treasurers: Louise Cooper remains in her role as Treasurer for another year with support from Matt Gibbs as Co-Treasurer.

Secretary: Gordan Gibbs remains as Secretary for the second year.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to the new parents that came along to the meeting to find out more about what we do and also for offering to lend their support.

### Date For Your Diary

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 th October. Official time and venue to be confirmed but this is a great opportunity to find out more about our plans for the coming term and academic year in a more informal environment.

**Look out for more details to follow soon.**

## Harvest Collection

As we approach the harvest season, we have a great opportunity to come together as a school community and support those in need by collecting donations for the South & East Bristol Foodbank. They provide emergency food services in locations around the city, including in our community. They're part of In Hope, a charity based in Bristol that runs various projects to assist people in need, and also part of the national Trussell Trust network, which helps provides food to those who are struggling across the country.

### What to Donate

The foodbank is always in need of a variety of non-perishable foods, household and toiletries items. Below is a list of the most needed items currently:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Potatoes, Deodorant, Soap

Nappies, Instant noodles, Crisps, Tinned Meat or Veggie Meals, Shampoo, Washing Up Liquid, Rice, Pasta, Tea bags, Instant coffee, Tinned beans, Tinned Veg, Tinned soups

UHT Milk, Biscuits,

### Golden Rules for Donations

Before you gather your donations, please remember these important guidelines:

1. **\*\*It has to be in date\*\*** - Please check expiration dates and dispose of any items that are past their best.
2. **\*\*It has to be unopened\*\*** – Please only donate items that are sealed and unused.
3. **\*\*It has to be long-life\*\*** – The Foodbank can only accept items which don't require storing in a fridge.

Your kindness and generosity will go a long way in ensuring that our local foodbank can continue to support those who are struggling. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact in our community.

**Donations will be collected on Monday 20th October.**



## Lunch Ordering

Please remember to order your child's lunch before 10pm on a Wednesday. If your child only has a meal once a week, you will still need to book this.

We are still having a lot of children who do not have a lunch booked with no packed lunch. Please remember the default meal is always salad bar. No other option will be available.

Please remember not to order a school lunch if your child is on a school trip, where a packed lunch is required. If you have already booked a meal for this date, the meal can be cancelled by the payer until midnight on a Wednesday for the following week. As all food is pre-ordered there will be no refunds issued for non-cancelled meals.

## Recording Absences



### Studybugs is no longer in use

Please record any illnesses/medical appointments using the Arbor parent portal app.

For planned absences please complete the online form on the attendance page of our website.



## Social Media



We are now on Facebook. Please like our page, we will be using this page to celebrate events and learning moments taking place across the school. We encourage you to invite other parents and family members to join as well, so that too can be part of our vibrant school network.

Rest assured, our Facebook page will prioritise the privacy and security of our children. We will follow all the necessary precautions and guidelines to protect identities and ensure a safe online environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092199529256>

## Term Dates and Inset Days 2025 to 2026

### Term Dates 2025 to 2026

Term 1: 2 September 2025 to 24th October 2025

Term 2: 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025

Term 3: 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026

Term 4: 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026

Term 5: 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026

Term 6: 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026

### Inset Days 2025 to 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 26th September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

