

# ASHTON GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10.10.2025



## Messages from Teachers

### Reception

**Kitchen Disco** - Just a reminder that the Reception Kitchen Disco will be on **Friday 17th October** during the school day. This will be to celebrate and make meaningful the learning we do on pattern through the book Kitchen Disco. The children are very welcome to come to school in non uniform dressed in the colour of any fruit they like. We will be making headbands in school to complete their fruit outfits.

**Snack Money** - Just a reminder that you are able to give the voluntary contribution for snack time crackers to your child's class teacher either as £18 for the Reception year or £6 now, after Christmas and after Easter.

### Year 3

Upcoming Year 3 Ancient Britain Day - **Tuesday 21st October**

The Year 3 Team would like to remind parents and carers that we will be having an Ancient Britain Day this term on Tuesday 21st October. We will be spending the day taking part in lots of different activities that will enrich the children's learning of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children are encouraged to dress for the occasion and we can't wait to see you all in lots of fur and animal prints. Please note that costumes are optional, any children not dressing up are asked to wear their school uniform as normal. Please contact your class teacher with any enquiries.

### Parents Evening

EY & KS1 11th & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
KS2 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**Bookings will be made via Arbor 'Guardian Consultation' and will be available to book from 7am 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## 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**



October is **International Walk to School Month**, when pupils around the globe celebrate the joys of walking and wheeling to school.

Living Streets have some free resources and fun activities to keep kids busy this autumn. Families can try out the ever-popular Autumn Street Safari, a free, downloadable scavenger hunt to help put some pizzazz into autumn walks.

Living Streets would love to hear what you get up to on your walks to school when the seasons change. Share your stories with us on social media, tagging @livingstreets and using the hashtag #WalkToSchool.

For resources, please visit: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/international-walk-to-school-month/>

### Thank you



We would like to thank Services Design Solution who kindly donated Hi Vis Vest for our reception classes

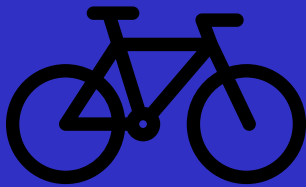


**Cycle to School Week 2025** takes place from Monday 13 – Friday 17 October. Further information can be found here - [https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/Cycle to School Week](https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/Cycle%20to%20School%20Week)



## 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!



### Dr Bike Mechanic - 23rd October 2025 (Upton Road)

The Dr Bike mechanic will do a **FREE** thorough safety check and carry out minor repairs to ensure bikes are road worthy. This service is open to both parents and children.

What Dr Bike should be able to do: fix punctures, adjusts breaks, tune gears and deal with minor problems such as replacing cables or brake blocks.

What Dr Bike can't do: fix broken or bent frames and wheels, carry out major repairs or replace significant missing parts.

#### What to do if you are interested:

Please complete this form -

<https://forms.gle/18SzjQAdAVCkPtnTA>.

## PapayaTalks & Smartphone Free Childhood

For more information about how to support your 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>

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/lwsQb3Qes3MJlkbEzFsGAi?mode=ac\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/lwsQb3Qes3MJlkbEzFsGAi?mode=ac_t)



## PTA News

### Bristol City Penalty Shoot Out – Final Score

We want to start off with a HUGE thank you to everyone for their generous donations towards the Bristol City Penalty Shoot Out – The final result is in (drum roll) ...we raised just over £3,000! A truly amazing amount, which will be shared by the school and Bristol City Robins Foundation.

### Date For Your Diary

A reminder that our next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th October at 7:30pm in the Music Room on the Ashton Site**. Don't worry if you don't know where that is, we will be there to greet you. It's an open invitation for anyone who is interested in what events are coming up, as well as planning our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Christmas Fair. And don't worry, we have a fridge for drinks!

### Amazon Wish List

We have recently updated the schools Amazon Wishlist, which is a great way you can offer additional support to the school with a range of different items that have been selected by our teachers.

There are a range of items starting at a few pounds. From giant chalk, games, sports equipment and musical instruments, there is a range of things big and small.

If you can view the Wishlist by following this link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/K1HHIH185XUE?ref\\_=wl\\_fv\\_le](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/K1HHIH185XUE?ref_=wl_fv_le)



### 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

