

# ASHTON GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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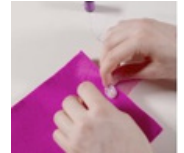
## Messages from Teachers

### Year 4

This term in DT, Year 4 will be sewing their own book sleeves. We will be doing this over the course of a day and would be very grateful for some extra pairs of hands to help with needle threading etc. If you are available to help out, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Monday 15th December 12.30 - 3.00: 4G and 4L**

**Tuesday 16th December 12.30-3.00: 4D and 4A**



### Year 6

Homework - WWI project

The dates for the WWI project are as set out on the newsletter and not on the homework sheet that has been sent home - we had to make some date changes. Apologies for any confusion.

The dates are as follows:

**Monday 15th December** – Children bring in their WWI projects into school

**Wednesday 17th December**- Parents are welcome into school to see our WWI 'Museum' - 9.15 in the main hall

## Lockdown & Fire Drill

Every year we carry out lockdown and fire drills practice across the school to check our systems and procedures. This term there will be a lockdown practice at both sites during Term 2.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for KS2  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November for EY & KS1

## Anti Bullying Week

To promote and celebrate Anti-Bullying Week 2025, the children and adults at Ashton Gate Primary School can wear odd socks on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

We will also be delivering assemblies to raise awareness around this very important topic, as well as delivering lessons to the children so they understand that bullying, in any form, should not be tolerated in school or any part of our society.

Thank you for your support.



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TIME: 3.10pm - 4.00pm

DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November

LOCATION: Reception areas at both Ashton and Upton

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**PAPAYA**

## The Power of Play

Rediscovering Childhood in the Digital Age

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

ONLINE VIA TEAMS

TICKETS £3 AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

Exploring the importance of play in childhood development and wellbeing, and the impact that screens are having on children.

Designed for KS1 and KS2 parents and carers. Non-judgemental, informative and with practical solutions for your family.



Dr Susie Davies is a GP with a special interest in adolescent mental health. She is the founder and CEO of PAPAAYA and is passionate about improving mental health outcomes for today's adolescents. Dr Davies founded PAPAAYA seven years ago after recognising the link between technology use and poor mental health in students. She is the author of *The Healthy Selfie: How to Like Yourself in the Digital Age*.



Emily Jennings is a Play Champion, Childhood Advocate, and Playful Places Design Consultant with a background in Psychology. She is a mother of four with over 20 years of lived experience in parenting. Emily is passionate about the power of play in supporting children's development and wellbeing. She has campaigned for better playgrounds, advised on the design of playful public spaces, and shared her insights in a TEDx talk.

## PTA News



First off, welcome back and hope everyone had a lovely half term! It is a bumper edition today, so please read on to find out all about the fun events we have planned this term.

### **PTA Family Film Night – Friday 14th November**

Spaces are still available for our Family Film Night and tickets can be booked here:

<https://www.ashtongatepta.co.uk/event-details-registration/film-night-2>

We're asking for a small donation of £1 for the accompanying adult(s) to confirm attendance as spaces are restricted – but all kids go free!

**REMEMBER:** We'll have drinks and popcorn available on the night, as well as a small bar for the adults. Please note this event is for children with an accompanying adult, and not a drop-off event.

### **CHRISTMAS!**

We can't ignore it any longer, Christmas is fast approaching so we're excited to announce that this year's Ashton Gate Primary School Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 7th December. More details to follow soon, so for now save the date and we can't wait to see you all there!

In order to pull off this event we will be asking for your help as usual, so we wanted to highlight this nice and early.

**Volunteers** - firstly, we will soon be asking for volunteers to help us run all the fun stalls and games we will have set up for the day. This year will be slightly different as we will be asking each class to man a stall for the duration of the Christmas Fair. Hopefully this means parents can team up and work together and make it easier to cover all the slots. And remember, you are more than welcome to invite partners, grandparents and your kids as helpers. We will also be looking for some Year 6 helpers to be runners for the PTA, especially to collect and bag tokens as we can never do this fast enough. So if you have an enthusiastic Year 6 child who would like to help, and you are happy for them to do so, please email [ashtongatepta@gmail.com](mailto:ashtongatepta@gmail.com)

More details to follow soon!

**Hampers** - it's time for each class to get their creative elf hats on and plan their class Christmas Hamper gift ideas for our amazing raffle. Your PTA Class Rep will help you get started but here are some suggested steps:

- 1. Find some elf buddies to help you organise your prizes.**
- 2. Decide on a theme.**
- 3. Work out a budget and set up a way to collect contributions.**
- 4. Buy your prizes and bundle them up in your Christmas Hamper.**

**Top Tip: Can anyone in your class donate a product, professional service or skill? These non-cash contributions make for unique prizes. Deadline to have your hampers completed is and delivered to the school is Friday 28th November. We will send more details out to the class reps in the next week, so don't worry if this will be your first time making a hamper, there will be plenty of help and support.**

### **Ashton Site Calm Space**

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to the following people for their help with the Calm Space:

SM Build – Sam has converted the messy, dirty storeroom into a gorgeous room for the children to retreat to when they need it. C W Jones Carpet & Flooring – they have fitted a gorgeous vinyl flooring. Not only does it make the room look welcoming, it is also easy to keep clean, which is very important in a school! Aimee Wentworth and Timothy Sullivan – thank you so much for giving up your time to paint the room a calming green.

We now need to furnish the room and so we are asking for donations. If there is anyone that has any Kallax or Trofast units that they no longer need, we would be delighted to take them off your hands. Also, if anyone has any rugs or bean bags in excellent condition, these would be very welcome too. Please email [ashtongatepta@gmail.com](mailto:ashtongatepta@gmail.com) if you can help. The grand opening will happen very soon, so watch this space for some pictures of this amazing new room, completely funded through your support!

### **Come Meet the PTA**

Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 13th November at 7:30pm. Venue TBC so keep an eye out for more details. It's a great chance to find out a bit more about what we do, and don't worry, we won't make you commit to anything! But if you are interested in seeing how you can support the PTA we would love to see you there.



# GIVE A GIFT THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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THERE ARE  
**800 CARE EXPERIENCED  
YOUNG PEOPLE** FROM BRISTOL.

SOME OF THEM WILL HAVE NOTHING  
TO OPEN THIS YEAR.

HELP US BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY BY  
**GIVING THEM A GIFT THIS WINTER.**

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PLEASE **CHOOSE A TAG** FROM THE TREE.  
THIS IS WHO THE GIFT IS FOR.



**PURCHASE THE GIFT** ON THE TAG.  
PLACE IT IN A GIFT BAG, WITH THE TAG.  
PLEASE DON'T WRAP THE GIFT  
(HEALTH & SAFETY)



**RETURN THE GIFT** TO THE  
'GIVING TREE'.  
COLLECTIONS FROM 5TH-29TH NOV.



## 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.

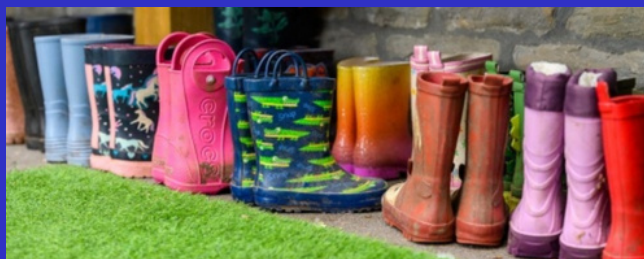
## Recording Absences



### 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 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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

