

ASHTON GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

21.11.2025



Messages from Teachers

Year 2

On Friday 5th December each year 2 class will visit St Francis Church to experience 'Christmas Through the Keyhole'. If you are able to volunteer to help walk children to and from the church please contact your child's class teacher.

The timings for each class are as follows:

9.15 - 10.30: Oak

10.50 - 12: Rowan

1 - 2.10: Maple

2.10 - 3.15: Sycamore

Sycamore class will be dismissed from school at St Francis Church on Friday 5th December. Any children in clubs will be walked back to school.

Many thanks

Year 2 team (Mrs Lambert, Mr Brand, Miss Jenkins, Miss Wright)

Year 3 DT Castle Construction Days

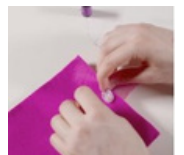
A reminder that as part of our Design and Technology topic this term, the children will be designing and constructing castles on the following dates: 3O and 3T on Wednesday 26th November and 3CH and 3R Thursday 11th December. Thank you to those who have been sending in any packaging ready for the children to use. Please continue to send in any old packaging that would be suitable for junk modelling. Ideally, simple 3D shapes - toilet/kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, Pringles tubes etc. Please also contact your child's class teacher if you are able to volunteer your time to help during these sessions which will run from 9:30-11:30. Thank you for your support with this.

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 - WW1 project

The dates for the WW1 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 WW1 projects into school

Wednesday 17th December- Parents are welcome into school to see our WW1 'Museum' - 9.15 in the main hall



School Communications

In an attempt to streamline communication as much as possible we will now start to communicate with you via the Arbor app from **Monday 17th November**.

Correspondence such as newsletters, absence messages, club information will now all come to you via Arbor, **please ensure you have your notifications switched on so you are up to date with everything.**

We will continue to use parentpay for booking meals and any payment items.

If you need help with logging into Arbor or to set up your account please contact the school office.

ICT & Internet Use Policy

Please take a few minutes to read our new [ICT and Internet Use Policy](#) and complete the short online form by 5th December:
[EYFS and KS1 Acceptable Use](#)
[KS2 Acceptable Use](#)

Children In Need

On Children in Need day, 4L created a collective artwork made up of 25 pieces of paper. They had a 25 minute time limit and completed it to make this fantastic tribute to Pudsey! Thank you everyone for all your donations.



Upcoming Events

4th December - National Elf Service Day.
Come to school dressed as an elf.



5th December - Reception Nativities start

7th December 12pm-3pm Christmas Fair - Ashton Site.

9th December - KS1 Rock Steady Concert

10th December - Year 5 Concert

12th December - KS1 Rock Steady Concert

12th December - Year 6 concert

16th December - **Ashton** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch day.

18th December - **Upton** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch day.

PTA News

Happy Friday all!

We hope you had a great week. Just a short one from us this week (phew, we hear you say!) with a couple of reminders.

Christmas Fair – Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with this year's Christmas Fair, but there is still time to volunteer – just follow this link: <https://signup.com/go/XnXtpTH>
Don't forget to let your Class Rep know when you have!

Class Christmas Hampers

Next week is the last one to finish off your Christmas Hampers and drop them off to the school. The deadline is Friday 28th November – we can't wait to see them!

Christmas Trees – Limited Stock

We still have some of our amazing Christmas Trees for sale so don't sleep – be quick because once they are gone, they are gone. Trees can be bought directly from your PTA by following this link:
<https://www.ashtongatepta.co.uk/event-details-registration/trees>
Don't forget – not only are you getting an awesome tree for Christmas, but all profits raised go straight to the school.

Have a great weekend!





Christmas Lunch



Merry Christmas



There will be a change of menu week beginning 15th December.

Please be aware that there jacket potatoes, salad bowl/bar will only be available on Monday and Friday.

If you have already booked your child's meals for this week and want to change them, you are able to do this on Parentpay until Wednesday 10th December.

Monday 15th December

Margherita Pizza (V) (H)

Jacket Potato

Salad Bar/Bowl

Tuesday 16th December

Ashton Site

Christmas Lunch

Upton Site

Hot Dog

Vegetarian Hot Dog (V) (H)

Wednesday 17th December

Sausage Roll

Vegan Sausage Roll (V) (H)

Thursday 18th December

Ashton Site

Hot Dog

Vegetarian Hot Dog (V) (H)

Upton Site

Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December

Fish Fingers/Salmon Fishcake (H)

Cheese and Onion Quiche (V)

Jacket Potato

Salad Bar/Bowl





GIVE A GIFT THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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.



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.

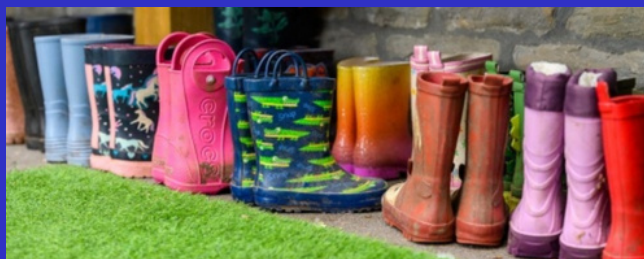
Recording Absences



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

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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 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

