



# Ashton Gate Primary School

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## Ashton Gate Primary School News & Information

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### Ashton Gate Website

We are really excited to share with you our new and improved website. This goes live on Monday 8th January. The web address is the same, please visit the website on Monday and take a look.

### School Dinners Booking System

Thank you to all parents who have booked school dinners using the new booking system. We understand that this is a big change and appreciate your support with this. The new booking system has been introduced to ensure that the school can be as efficient as possible when providing school meals and also means that parents will know what their child is having for lunch everyday. As you are aware, the deadline for booking the next week's meals is Wednesday. This is so that the school is able to order all produce required to provide our school lunches. If you are unable to book a school dinner or have forgotten to book, please speak to a member of the administration team who will be able to help you.

### Zones of Regulation

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our parent session on the Zones of Regulation last week. Materials and more info can now be found on our website.

Please see below for our next session:

Parent Session: Attention and Listening Difficulties

When: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 9:10 am 10:15

Where: Ashton Gate Site

Cat McFadden is an Educational Psychologist and will be delivering a short presentation on strategies to support attention and listening difficulties.

Please use the link below to confirm your attendance

<https://forms.office.com/e/6giB5HvUE1>



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

## Clubs

### Coding Club

Please note there is no coding club next week. The new dates for Coding Club are:

#### Term 3

Start Tues 16/1 - end Tues 26/3 and

Start Thur 18/1 - end Thur 28/3

### Spanish Club

There is still space on KS1 Spanish Club please contact [claudiasernazuleta@gmail.com](mailto:claudiasernazuleta@gmail.com) for more information.

## PE Survey

We are interested to find out parent views of PE taught in our school. Please complete this survey to offer feedback and suggestions to support the development of Physical Education and extracurricular sporting opportunities at Ashton Gate Primary School.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEsurvey>

## Whatsapp and Online Safety

As a school we look to support children and their adults with online safety as much as possible. We are aware that there have been some disagreements between children over WhatsApp recently. Please be advised that WhatsApp is recommended for people aged 16 and over to use without supervision. Please continue to show an interest in your children's online behaviour so you can celebrate good choices and support with any problems. The links below offer support for parents and carers on the subject of their children using WhatsApp. We also have lots of useful links and suggestions on the Online Safety section of the school website. Mr Anderson will lead an Online safety session after school on the 25<sup>th</sup> January (times TBC). Please feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns beforehand or speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

<https://www.ashtongate.bristol.sch.uk/online-safety-e-safety/>

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## Happy new year from your PTA

Welcome back to school! We can't wait for what's in store in '24 for Ashton Gate's PTA.

We'll soon be sharing dates for events coming up during the term, and some brand new ways for you to get involved in, and keep up with, PTA fundraising.

Watch this space - and see you soon!

### 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.



### Parent Portal

Last year we introduced Parent Portal. This allows us to send you messages and newsletters directly to an app on your phone. It also allows you to submit changes, such as a new phone number or email address.

The video below explains how it works:

Portal Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpyrDjCEOh8>

You can download the app from the following stores

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/rm-parent-portal/id1531109058>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

Please log onto this and make any necessary changes to ensure we have up to date information.

### Reporting Absences

Studybugs 

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, you need to report this using the StudyBugs app or using this link - [Studybugs – Parents](#). When reporting absences please add your child's name and class.

### Term Dates 2023 to 2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

#### Inset Days 2023 to 2024

Wednesday 19th June 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

