



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'
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Welcome to Term 5

Welcome back to term 5. We hope you all had a lovely restful Spring break.

Mr Jones is recovering well at home and thanks everybody for their well wishes and kind words.

Please contact Mrs Dowlman or Mr Donaldson if you have any issues that you would normally raise with Mr Jones.

Messages From Teachers

PE

As the weather warms up, please ensure children come to school with the appropriate clothing and equipment. Hats and water bottles are encouraged, and we recommend applying suncream before children come to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 4

On Tuesday 21st May, Year 4 will be having their Viking day. This is a day in which we will consolidate our Viking learning and take part in lots of fun activities. We invite children to dress up in Viking costumes if they wish to do so.

Congratulations!

Ms Hanley in Beech class is expecting her second child, due to arrive in the Summer holidays! I am sure that you will all join us in sending her our best wishes and congratulations to her and her family from everyone at Ashton Gate Primary School!

Author Visit for Reception and KS1

Reception and KS1 will be visited by author (and one of our parents) Sam Clarke on Wednesday 24th April. Sam has written a book called 'Pink Trucks'. This opportunity has been organised with the support of our local independent bookseller Storysmith Books, who is also kindly donating a signed copy of the book to our Ashton school library, so that inspired children can enjoy it at their leisure.

Storysmith will be on hand to facilitate a book signing on the day. Further information can be found at: <http://storysmithbooks.com/sam-clarke-ashton-gate>

(please ensure you clearly state your child's name and class in the order notes).



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Netball

A huge congratulations to the year 6 girls netball team who had a fantastic start to the term by competing in the West of England level 3 'Bees Stingers' netball finals. We have never made it to these finals before so have made Ashton Gate history! We were up against some very strong teams, but only 12 schools made it to these finals, so getting this far is a huge achievement. Well done girls, you played fantastically and represented Ashton Gate brilliantly. You should all be very proud of yourselves. What an achievement!



Ashton Gate Football

It's been another very busy football season at Ashton Gate and we would like to congratulate all of the children who have represented the various school teams this year. Their behavior and attitude has been absolutely superb and these qualities are often noticed by opposition teachers and tournament organisers. They really are a credit to themselves and to our school. A special mention to Miss Murphy and her all girls squad; we have never seen so many talented, enthusiastic girls at training! We were all so impressed with their performances at the South Bristol Central League fixtures, where they didn't lose a single game. We'll have to name the squad 'The Invincibles'. Well done to all involved.

I would like to draw your attention to one of the Year 3 and 4 teams that performed particularly well this year. The squad pictured managed to play all of their league matches with an unbeaten record as well as winning 14 and drawing 2 matches. They made it to the South Bristol finals and came second, narrowly losing out on first place by one point. They were obviously disappointed but they can be so proud of this achievement and were an absolute pleasure to coach, along with the other Year 3 and 4 team who also performed brilliantly. You can also see our brand new kit in the photo so thank you to our incredibly generous PTA for helping to fund this.

Finally, thank you to all of the teachers, who have helped coach/supervise the children at these events, and to the parents/carers for helping with transport.

I look forward to seeing some of you next season.





**Ashton Gate
Primary School
Summer Term 2024**

Get creative after school!

Returning to your school next Term



Little Coders
Years 1 and 2

Brand new content!

Our incredibly popular Little Coders after-school club is designed for our youngest coders who want to learn the basic principles of coding in a fun, practical and exciting way. Building on the KS1 computing curriculum, students will learn about simple algorithms, loops, variables, animation, level design and more through coding their own simple games. Not to be missed!



Coding
Years 3 - 6

Brand new content!

Calling all budding game designers! Our highly-rated Coding after-school club allows older children to create and publish their own unique games using our custom platform, Code Camp World. We have made Code Camp World as accessible as possible, meaning that children can focus on the fun aspects of coding whilst developing problem-solving and creativity skills.

Book today - limited spaces available!

Little Coders (Thur): my.codecamp.co.uk/course/837

Coding (Mon Y3/4): my.codecamp.co.uk/course/835

Coding (Tues Y5/6): my.codecamp.co.uk/course/836

hello@codecamp.co.uk
www.codecamp.co.uk



PTA News

The PTA Smarties Tube Class Championship - deadline today!

Please return your Smarties tubes to class **today!**

The class that returns the most tubes will win the glory, and... a prize!

No cash? No worries.

Simply donate at www.justgiving.com/ashtongatebristol, and pop a note in your tube to let us know.

All the money raised will go to Ashton Gate PTA and [the Calm Spaces project](#) we announced last term.

NEW - Ashton Gate PTA now has a WEBSITE

Did you spot it? The link to a webpage on the previous item?

We can do stuff like that now, because we have a **fancy new website**.

You can keep updated on PTA news, read up on ways to get involved, and learn about what we do for the school - all at your leisure, and all here at: www.ashtongatepta.co.uk.

This is yet another exciting addition to our fundraising activities this year. It's a work in progress, and we hope it's going to open doors to new opportunities. We'd love to get your feedback and suggestions for the site - so do [get in touch](#).

Dates for your diary

School discos

Reception | Tue 21 May | 4 - 5pm | Ashton
Year 1 | Tue 21 May | 5.30 - 6.30pm | Ashton
Year 2 | Wed 22 May | 4.30 - 5.30pm | Upton
Year 3 | Wed 22 May | 6 - 7pm | Upton
Year 4 | Thur 23 May | 5 - 6pm | Upton
Years 5 and 6 | Thur 23 May | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Upton

PTA Summer Fair | Saturday 6 July

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

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

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

