



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

March 14th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

March is just flying by but it has been a little more chilly this week. Please make sure that children have coats in school as the weather is very changeable. Thank you also to parents for ensuring that water bottles are brought in and that hair is tied up beautifully. We are so proud of our children and their learning and presentation behaviours.

This week brought the final of the Book Island Competition. Unfortunately, I was unable to announce the winners in assembly this week so will do so here instead. All of the entries had been well thought out and well-presented so it made our job extremely difficult to choose our winners. These will be on display on the hall windows next week for all to see. The winners of the Island and Island Guess competition will be joining me to go to the book shop and for hot chocolate one afternoon next week! Congratulations to all of our winners.

YR – Sidney	Y1 – Felix	Y1 – Imogen
Y2 – Hallie	Y3 – Poppy	Y4 – Evie J
Y5 – Bradley	Y5 – Barnaby	Y6 – Naomi

Red nose day follows on the 21st March and we have to buy noses in advance. We will need to know how many to order – so if you would like your child to have a Red Nose for the day and donate to the cause – **please complete the payment of £2 on the parent pay app.** We can then buy the noses ready for the day itself and distribute them on the day. Also please remember your pennies and cakes for the bake sale!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on the gate on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98.6	100	99	99.4	97.2	100	97.8	98.7
Well done YR and Y6 with 100% attendance this week							

Red Nose Day – Friday 21st March



Comic Relief turns 40 this year and Ashford Hill will be helping celebrate. We will be selling Red Noses in the run up to the day, which can be paid for using parent pay. Children and staff are invited to wear something funny for money and we will be holding The Big 40th Birthday Bake Sale at break time. Please look out for further communication in the coming days.

Changes to our menu W/C 24th March

Our menu will be changing for week 3 commencing the 24th March

We will be offering the following: -

Wednesday Week 3
Vegetable Burrito
Cheese Pizza

Friday Week 3
Veg Burger & Chips
Fish & Chips

Requests for Willow outdoors

We are currently in the process of revamping our outdoor space in EYFS and wondered if any parents/carers have any of the following they would like to donate, please:

- Trellis
- Small plant pots (pot or plastic)
- Larger plant pots (pot or plastic)
- Stainless steel pots/cutlery/utensils
- Small tiered growhouse/greenhouse
- Baskets
- Buckets of differing sizes
- Weighing scales
- Cake tins
- Measuring tapes

If you have any of these, please bring them to the office for the attention of Miss Hudson. Thank you.

Moment to Share and Egg Hunt Event – 4th April from 2.45pm

There will be the termly curriculum showcase/moment to share at 2.45pm on the last day of term. This will be followed by the famous PTA Egg Hunt. There will be more information on how to buy tickets nearer the time.

Parents' Evenings - Virtual

Please remember to book your slots for next week's meetings. If you are struggling to do so, please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is our number one priority. Together we want to ensure that all children are safe, happy and secure at all times. If you have any concerns about another child or your own, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Leads.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are as follows:

		
Mrs Kirsty Kingham	Miss C Hudson	Mr B Dixon
Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

Dates for your diary

- 21st March – Red Nose Day
- 4th April – Moment to Share and PTA Egg Hunt
- 20th June- Sports' Day
- Summer Fayre and Car Show – 6th July 2025
- 3rd July – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

Message from GOL Elite Coaching:

Gol Elite are now taking bookings for our popular football club sessions for the summer term!

To register your child for one of our after school football clubs, please follow the link below and complete the form.

School Clubs 🏠 - Gol Elite Coaching




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Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
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Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Hampshire County Youth Choir
"Sing-Alongside"



FREE



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Friday 25 April 2025
5.30pm - 8.30pm

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

- 5.30pm- Yr 7 to Yr 13
- 6.00pm- Yr 2 to Yr 6 Juniors
- 7.30pm- Show to parents for all participants
- Register your interest to reserve your space



ALL WELCOME

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There will be a Church Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 30th March to Celebrate Mother's Day.

We are pleased to be able to offer our school community the wonderful opportunity to see Reading FC play at home against Stevenage on Saturday 15th March. Tickets are just £1 for under 13's and £7 for adults. This is the final Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#AshfordHillPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

- 13 and Under: £1
- 17 and Under: £4
- 18 to 24: £7
- 65 and over: £7
- Adult: £10

Summer workshops to ignite imagination



Eco-Explorers

Inspiring young eco-warriors through drama

Join us on an interactive journey to explore how we can protect our planet! This engaging workshop will empower students with practical ways to make their school and daily lives more sustainable. Through drama, improvisation, and storytelling we will:

- Become everyday eco-warriors by acting out real-world scenarios to discover how small actions can create a big impact
- Explore renewable energy through creative movement and bringing wind, solar and tidal power to life
- Learn about sustainable choices from eco-friendly transport to reducing waste at home and school.
- Use improvisation to understand global connections and discovering how our daily choices impact people and environments around the world

— All the children came out very excited and enthused about their experience. They absolutely loved it and spoke very positively about what they did to other teachers. Great experience. Thank you! by Heaver School



The Seaside of Yesterday & Today

Bringing history to life through drama

Step back in time and discover how seaside holidays have changed from the Victorian era to today! This fun and interactive workshop helps children explore the past and present through role-play, storytelling, and improvisation. Together we will:

- Travel back in time to experience a Victorian seaside holiday from deck chairs to donkey rides
- Discover how people got to the seaside then and now by comparing steam trains to modern-day travel
- Explore seaside traditions including bathing machines, Punch & Judy shows and fish & chips by the shore
- Compare holiday activities from Victorian promenades to today's jet skis, arcades and beach sports

— This was wonderful, the children loved it. We got to see children coming out of their shell who do not engage with school in the same way on a day to day basis. Perfectly linked to our topic and the leader was inspiring and entertaining throughout. Thomas's Daphne



Healthy Me

Helping children build healthy habits

Step into the world of Healthy Heroes how to take care of your body and mind and interactive workshop will encourage children to explore the importance of staying well, and looking after their well-being through drama, storytelling, and role-play

- Become Healthy Heroes using movement and imagination to learn how exercise keeps you fit
- Discover the power of nutritious food and understanding how a balanced diet fuels growth
- Learn why sleep and hydration are key to feeling your best every day
- Use creative drama techniques to explore well-being and developing simple mind for a happy mind

— The content linked perfectly to our topic and we had planned for our Well-being and reinforced learning in a practical way. Thomas Dittam Sr

How to book

Our visits last 3–5 hours and we can facilitate a different topic or class each hour.
 Call 020 7255 9121 or visit perform.org.uk/perform-schools/termly-topics



perform.org.uk