



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

April 25th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of the summer term and I can see the sun starting to shine through. I hope that everyone had a fabulous break – it was lovely to hear the children's stories on their return about their favourite moments that they shared with families.

The children have had a very busy first week back and are already well into their learning journeys. The year 6s are revising well for their SATs in two weeks' time and transition to secondary school meetings have already begun. This term always goes so quickly and we really value the time that we have left in school with the children before they move onto 'big' school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on the gate bright and early Monday.

Kirsty Kingham  
Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98	100	95	98.4	99.3	100	98.7	100
Well done YR, Y4 and Y6 for 100% attendance this week							

## Egg Hunt Photos

It was glorious weather for the Egg Hunt and the children were such brilliant fun all afternoon. It was wonderful watching families together on the school ground enjoying the atmosphere. Here are just a couple of shots from the afternoon. Thank you again to our wonderful PTA for organising this event.



## Residential Meetings- Oak and Hornbeam Parents – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

A reminder for Oak and Hornbeam parents that there are meetings regarding the residential trips next Thursday evening. Oak's meeting will be at 6.30pm and Hornbeam's meeting will be at 7.30pm. Virtual meeting details to follow next week. Power points will be available if you are unable to attend the meeting.

## Reading at Ashford Hill

At Ashford Hill we believe that reading is the key to success throughout primary school and beyond. This is why it is paramount that children are reading daily at home and school, particularly in the early years of their education. Class teachers will now be checking reading diaries daily to track the reading of their classes to ensure that our children have the best starts to their primary education. Please can you ensure that reading diaries are completed and returned to school daily.

## Ice Cream Fridays are back!

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We will be selling a selection of ice creams and lollies for £1 or £1.50 each week, at the front of school at the end of the day.

Dates included:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

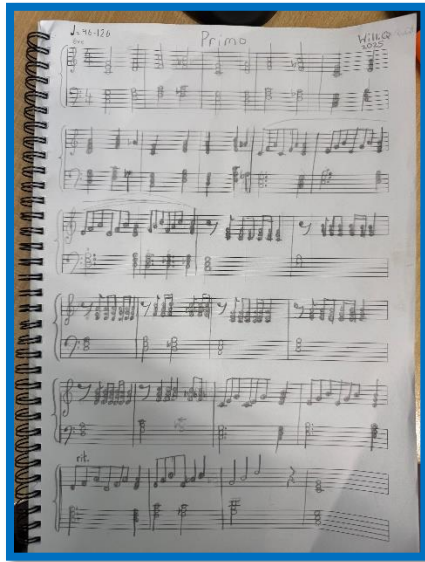
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> JULY

**Musical achievements at Ashford Hill**

Huge congratulations to Ava from Hornbeam class who passed her Musical Theatre singing exam: Grade 2 during the holidays! A fantastic achievement over a short period of time.

William from Hornbeam has also wowed us with his composition skills this week. He has composed a piece and shown it to an astonished group of teachers this week. Even more impressively, William has also written his composition on manuscript – at 11 years old, this is incredible! We are so lucky to have so many talented children at Ashford Hill.



**Jimminy's Fundraiser Event**

Jimminy's pre-school have a race night event on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please buy some tickets and go and have a great time. They are very much dependent on fundraising activities to ensure that they can offer as much as possible to their children.



**Summer Fayre:**

The PTA are arranging an Ashford Hill Summer Fayre and Car Show event on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep the date in your diary and get ready for a fabulous afternoon!



**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**

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Residential Meeting Oak 6.30pm Hornbeam 7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> June- Sports' Day
- Summer Fayre and Car Show – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

# BERKSHIRE COUNTRY FAYRE

SUNDAY 15 JUNE '25  
9am-5pm | Newbury Showground, RG18 9QZ

**THE ROCKETS**  
CHILDREN'S MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM

The Vine & Craven Hunt

**A FAMILY FUN DAY FOR ALL!**  
countryside activities, demonstrations, machinery, trade stands, craft & food stalls, children's entertainments, inflatables, dog show, live music and a host of Young Farmers competitions.

**DOG FRIENDLY**  
WELL BEHAVIOURED DOGS ON LEASH WELCOME

SUPPORTED BY:  
THE NEWBURY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**TICKETS:** [www.berksyfc.org.uk](http://www.berksyfc.org.uk)

ADULTS: £8.50 in advance (£10 on day)  
CHILDREN/CONCESSIONS: £5 in advance (£7.50 on day) | UNDER 5's free

**Free Parking**

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## LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 JUNE '25  
6pm to 12am | Newbury Showground  
Livestock Building, RG18 9QZ

### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ABBA TRIBUTE

Supported by popular local band:

**PLUS! A SET BY MOONRAKER DJ**  
Fully licensed bar & variety of food vans

**TICKETS:** Early bird: £20.00 (£27.50 after 1 June)  
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