



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

May 23rd 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

The children in school have had another busy week of learning.

Y1 children have had one last practice for the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in the second week of next half term. The Y4 children have had one last practice for the Multiplication Tables Check, which will take place in the first two weeks of next half term. The outlook is looking very positive so thank you to parents for helping with phonics and times tables at home. Both are statutory assessments so please ensure your children are in school during these assessment weeks.

Y1 visited Milestones Museum today to enrich their History curriculum. They learnt about school in Victorian times and took part in a very strict Victorian classroom workshop.

Y5 and 6 have had a wonderful time at Osmington Bay and are ready for a holiday. There have been regular updates on X (formerly Twitter) so please take a look.

Have a great half term

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.3	88.9	96.8	94.4	90.0	90.6	100	100

After the fantastic attendance of last week where we nearly reached 100% attendance for all children, this week has, unfortunately, taken a marked dip. This has mainly been a result of a number of families taking children out of school for a holiday. We must remind you that holidays in term time are unauthorised and if they last 5 days or longer will result in a fixed penalty notice of £80 per parent, per child. Our target for persistent absenteeism is 4% or below. At present, we are at 4.5%. A permanent persistent absentee is a child who has 19 or more days of absence from school. Unfortunately, we have a small number of children who are now classed as

persistent absentees as they have been absent for the 19 days or more. Thank you to the parents of our attendance HEROs – children who are **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady and **O**n time.

Water Bottles, Hats and Sun cream

The weather has been great again this week! Please can you ensure that children are bringing full water bottles to school. A hat is also helpful for breaktimes. Please apply sun cream before the children come to school if it is a particularly sunny day. Let's hope that the sun stays shining.

Second Hand Uniform

Please remember that we do have a large selection of second-hand School Jumpers and PE Hoodies in the office for sale. Jumpers and Hoodies are just £5 – donated straight to the PTA. Come into the office in the mornings or afternoons to have a look through what we have. Please also donate your children's outgrown Jumpers, Cardigans and PE hoodies (logo hoodies/jumpers only)! The PTA will have a uniform stall at sports day this year and at the summer fayre, so there are plenty of opportunities purchase before September.

The summer ordering deadline for brand new uniform from Brigade is Friday 18th July.

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/AS2060PD/>

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

20th June- Sports' Day

Summer Fayre and Car Show – 6th July 2025

3rd July – Performance at the Haymarket Theatre (year 2-6)

Summer Fayre:

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



ASHFORD HILL COMMUNITY SUMMER FAYRE & CAR SHOW
back by popular demand!
SUN 6TH JULY
Free parking & entry
12pm – 3pm
Recreation Ground

On-site parking
Car show
Bar & BBQ
Tea & Cakes
Ice creams
Raffle
Arena shows

Bouncy Castle
Football darts
Zorbs
Target practice
Tudley Tigers
AH Cricket Club
School Shrek Show

Young Farmers
Bubble Church
Glitter Tattoos
Bottle Tumbola
Lucky Dip
Sweet Stall
Other Stalls

Car show entries must be registered before the event. Please contact:
Alan McDermott
07939 155887

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Breaking Barriers Theatre Company

Our very popular 'Dance Day' workshop is back!
A fun, energetic and creative day that children will love in May half term.

★ **Wednesday 28th May 2025** ★
9am-4pm
Ages 4-16 years

£30 for the day or book early to get £5 off!

This workshop will be hosted at 3 venues:

- ★ Caversham - Emmer Green Primary School
- ★ Tilehurst - St. Michaels Primary School
- ★ Tadley - The Hurst Dance Studio
- ★ Newbury - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Book before the 23rd May and use code UYC425 at checkout for £5 off.

Book online using the link below and scroll down to camps.

<https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.classforkids.io>



Children are split into age appropriate groups and will take part in:

- ★ Acrobatics
- ★ Street dance
- ★ Musical Theatre
- ★ Drama
- ★ Singing
- ★ Arts and Crafts



We can't wait to see lots of new and familiar faces with us this May half term.

Breaking Barriers Theatre Company

Ice Cream Fridays are back!



ICE CREAM FRIDAY

Ice Cream Fridays are back!

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:

- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd MAY
- 6th, 13th, 27th JUNE
- 4th, 11th, 18th JULY

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Date: Friday 30th May 2025
Venue: The Hurst Leisure centre, Baughurst, RG26 5NN
Time: Registration 9.30am, Events from 10am-3pm
Ages: All welcome
Cost: £10 per participating person

To Book your place please visit our website or scan the QR code



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