



Primary School Newsletter



June 6th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It is unbelievable that we are now in the final half term of the academic year. Thank goodness that the sun has come out for us just in time for Ice-cream Friday.

The last few weeks have been busy for us and this week was no exception. It has been fantastic to see so much learning happening around the school. We are seeing much progress around the school from the start of the year and our children are really proud of their achievements.

I am currently in the process of planning for next year. This includes both staffing and class structure; I will bring you further news next week when I have confirmed what this will look like.

Oak class have just arrived home from their residential and it is clear that they have had a fantastic (although very wet) time. I must say a huge thank you to all of our staff and helpers that make the residential trips happen. They take many months and many hours of planning as well as volunteering their own time to attend the trips. So thank you to all of the staff who attended the residentials this year – I can assure you it is the most amazing but tiring experience. It is always a reminder of how our team go the extra mile for our children and families. Thank you to parents for your continued support of these trips – they enrich powerful learning across the whole curriculum.

Shrek tickets are now on sale. Tickets will be first come first served. Please follow the link for access to them.
<https://www.anvilarts.org.uk/book/instance/669001>

We have started rehearsals this week and it is important that children are learning their songs and lines prior to the performance in order to get the very best out of it for their own experience. Please follow this link for the tracks:
<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Performances&pid=57>

Costume lists and requirements will be sent out early next week. We hope to make this as simple as possible for parents and if you do have any questions about costumes at the end of the week, please do let us know.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.1	97.8	96.8	94	98.3	98.1	96.8	98

Class Photos Monday 9th June!

Our school photographer will be in on Monday to take class photos! If your children normally have PE on a Monday, please send them in normal school uniform with PE kit in a bag.

Sports Day – 20th June

Mr Walker will update us with some information about the day in next week's newsletter. Parents will be invited to arrive from 12pm for the picnic before the competitive section of our school sports day.

Non-School Uniform Day – 27th June – For Donations to the Fayre

We are holding a non-school uniform day on 27th June on behalf of the PTA, asking for donations towards the School Fayre on Saturday 6th July.

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/>

Birds Nesting





We have a family of Great Tits nesting in one of our cones, please be aware of them if you are in our car park and please do not move the cones.

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)

Keep your child safe on TikTok

What is TikTok?

A video-sharing app that's very popular with children and teenagers. Users can gain followers and watch other people's short-form video content or slideshows. Anyone can make and upload their own videos, which often include:

- > Dance routines
- > Lip-syncing to music
- > Comedy sketches

There are also videos of news and world events – such as live footage of sports events, protests, natural disasters and world crises.

The age recommendation is **13 and above**, but it's easy for younger children to sign up too.

What are the main things to watch out for?

Some of TikTok's popularity comes from videos of 'viral' challenges (i.e. when 1 person attempts a particular skill and then others make their own videos copying it).

Most of these challenges are harmless (for example, copying dance moves or bottle flipping) but some can be dangerous. For example:

- > Eating or drinking inedible substances, eating and drinking a far greater quantity of something than is recommended, or purposeful overdosing on common medicines (e.g. 'the TidePod challenge', 'the nutmeg challenge' and 'the Benadryl challenge')
- > Holding your breath or being choked until you pass out (the 'blackout challenge')
- > Challenges with sexualised content (e.g. the 'silhouette challenge' or 'foopah', which feature indirect nudity using mirrors, shadows or reflections to avoid content filters)

Other things to watch out for on TikTok include:

- > Search results on TikTok are based on a number of factors, including trending content and content a child has seen or interacted with in the past. If a child has accidentally clicked on unsuitable content, the search algorithms may drive more unsuitable content to their 'For You' page (their personal feed)
- > Sexual, violent, racist and/or homophobic and misogynistic content and other forms of hate speech can appear on your child's 'For You' page. Watching the video and commenting, even if they comment negatively, can drive more related content to their feed
- > Content about eating disorders (known as 'pro-ana') and bullying
- > Advertising of products available through the TikTok Shop (TikTok's marketplace)

Under-16s can't send or receive private messages. But once users have made contact, for example through comments on videos, they could still switch to another app like Snapchat to chat privately and swap images and videos.

7 steps to keep your child safe

1. Use Family Pairing (also known as family safety mode)

This feature lets parents/carers control some settings on a child's account from their own phone, including screen time limits, muting notifications, filtering keywords and enabling Restricted Mode. You can also view your child's account activity, restrict search functions and limit who can discover your child's account.

You'll need to download TikTok and link your account to your child's. Once you've created a profile, follow the instructions from [TikTok Help Centre](https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing) to set up Family Pairing, linking your device and your child's.

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

2. Keep their account set to private and limit profile information

Accounts for users aged 13 to 15 are set to private by default. This means that only approved 'followers' can see your child's videos.

If their account is public, their content becomes viewable on or off TikTok, may appear in search engines, and even news sites.

Even with a private account though, anyone can see your child's profile information. Tell them not to share personal information publicly, like their full name or where they go to school. Encourage your child to only accept 'follower' requests from people they know and trust.

To check your child's account is private, on their phone, simply [follow these instructions](#) provided by the TikTok Help Centre.

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/making-your-account-public-or-private>

If you have family pairing set up, you can check this using family pairing.

3. Enable Restricted Mode so your child doesn't see inappropriate content

You can do this through the Family Pairing settings. Restricted Mode limits content containing mature and complex themes. Restricted Mode also disables going LIVE (live-streaming) from the account and gifting.

If you're not using Family Pairing, you can enable Restricted Mode by [following the instructions here](#) from Tiktok Help Centre

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/restricted-mode>

4. Consider setting a time limit on use

TikTok can be hard to put down – help your child rein in their use with a time limit.

You can do this through the Family Pairing settings, or on your child's phone by setting a daily screen time limit. You can do this by [following the instructions here](#). So long as your child is using the same account, this will apply across multiple devices.

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-information/screen-time>

5. Restrict in-app purchases to block spending

TikTok has its own marketplace, TikTok Shop, which allows sellers to advertise and sell products to other users. Your child might also be tempted to support their favourite TikTok personalities by gifting TikTok Coins, an in-app currency paid for with real money.

The steps to prevent this will differ depending on your child's device.

On **iPhone/iPad**, you can use Screen Time settings to disable in-app purchases by [following the instructions here](#). <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/102470>

You can also restrict spending on your child's device with [Family Sharing](#).

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/108380>

On **Android** devices, you can enable purchase verification for any spending through Google Play. You can find further [instructions on this process](#) on the Google Play help page.

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1626831>

For children under 13, you can use the parental controls available through the Family Link app. You can find guidance on [how to set up Family Link](#) here. <https://support.google.com/families/answer/7101025>

Keep an eye on your bank statements to check your child isn't getting round the controls.

6. Check settings on interactions like duets, stitching, direct messages and comments

Duets are where users reply to 1 person's video with another and then share it. The videos appear together, side by side. Users can also respond by 'stitching', where the original video is reposted and the response plays afterwards. This feature isn't available for users under 16 and set to friends only by default for users aged 16 and over.

Your child can also change settings for comments on their videos via the Privacy section, and for users aged 16 and over, change settings for who can send them direct messages, duet and stitch with them, and download their videos.

If you have Family Pairing set up, you can do this through the Family Pairing settings.

7. Make sure your child knows how to report content and users

Filters aren't perfect, so make sure your child knows how to report harmful or upsetting content or users. Make sure you both know the rules too – TikTok bans nudity, sexually suggestive or explicit content, bullying, graphic content, misinformation, gambling, pro-anorexia content, dangerous activities and challenges, and hate speech.

You can keep your child safe by showing them how to report or block unwanted or harmful content:

- › To **report an account**, [follow the instructions here](#) from the TikTok Help Centre. <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem/report-a-user>
- › To **report a video, comment, series, LIVE or other problem**: [follow the instructions](#) from TikTok Help Centre: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem/>
- › To **delete a follower**, [follow the instructions here](#) from the TikTok Help Centre <https://support.tiktok.com/en/using-tiktok/followers-and-following/removing-followers>
- › To **block users** altogether, [follow the instructions here](#) from the TikTok Help Centre <https://support.tiktok.com/en/using-tiktok/followers-and-following/blocking-the-users>
- › To **delete, mute, or filter messages, or block users from sending direct messages**: [follow the instructions provided](#) by the TikTok Help Centre <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/direct-message>

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
Zorbis
Target practice
Tadley Tigers
AH Cricket Club
School Shrek Show

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

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

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