



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



September 19th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a full week it has been. The children are now settled in and deep into their learning journeys. It is a joy to see so much wonderful work and so many engaging conversations about important topics happening around school.

Our new Year 6s have really risen to the challenge of being role models of the school and we will be looking at starting the applications for our student leadership roles next week. On Friday next week, School Council will be elected. Our children were asked in assembly to create their own school council poster for next week. Please ensure that these are in school for Wednesday at the latest. School council is available for all pupils to apply. Each year group will elect two representatives for the council.

The sun is shining and it is looking like we might have a lovely weekend ahead of us. We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at the gate on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.8	97.1	97.8	100	99	95.5	97.6	97.9
Well done Y2 for 100% attendance this week							

Parents Evening Autumn Term

Parents evening this term will be on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November. More details regarding times and booking details will follow nearer the time.

Calling all Cricut users!

We'd like to ask for help in labelling 6 drawstring bags that we have here in school in the coming few weeks. If anyone could volunteer their time/materials to help complete this, please get in touch with Mrs Marchetti in the school office.

New Year R 2026 Admissions Open Day Event Dates

Our open days for Year R 2026 admissions have been arranged for:

Monday 6th October: 2pm - 3pm

Thursday 9th October: 2pm - 3pm

Monday 24th November: 10.45am-11.45am

Please spread the word and help us to continue to grow our amazing school.

Wednesday 24th Sept – 7pm Meet the Teacher Evening

Teachers will invite you into their classrooms on this evening to talk to you about the curriculum that your children will be covering this year, homework and classroom routines. They will also share with you how to help your children at home and the opportunities that are open to our students this year. This is also a great opportunity to meet your teacher and ask any questions that you may have. Each meeting will be approx 30 mins so if you have a child in two classes, you will be able to visit each teacher.

Special Educational Needs Assessments and Questionnaires

If you have concerns that your child may have a special educational need and are considering seeking an assessment, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. This initial conversation is important so we can understand your concerns and begin to explore any potential barriers to learning.

In addition, please contact me (SENDCo) via the school's admin email address. This allows me to work collaboratively with the class teacher to identify appropriate strategies and support, and to arrange a meeting with you to discuss next steps.

We are seeing an increasing number of external referrals being made without prior discussion with the class teacher or myself. This can create significant pressure when assessment questionnaires arrive unexpectedly, as they often require several hours of teacher time and have tight deadlines. This, in turn, impacts teachers' capacity to plan and deliver high-quality lessons for all pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and support in following this process, it helps us ensure the best outcomes for all children.

Other parents/careers collecting children at the end of school day

If you have arranged for another parent/carer to collect your child after school, please inform the office before 2.45pm on that day.

Miss Hudson

School Photos: 8th October

School photos have been booked for 8th October. We will remind you nearer the time in order to give you some warning for hair gel and buns! Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform and not PE kit on this day - PE kit can be brought to school in a bag on this day.

Term Dates for Next Year

For 2026-2027 term dates please click on the link below – this includes inset days.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=539&type=pdf>

Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child is now open. Please read the below guidance which has been sent to us from the Admissions team at Hampshire County Council.

Applications can be submitted [online](#) or you can request a form by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2025.

If you live in west Berkshire, applications can be submitted [here](#).

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See travel to school to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

Secondary School Open Days:

The Hurst School

Open Evening

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday, 2nd October, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come and explore the school, visit classrooms, and meet our dedicated

teachers and enthusiastic students. Headteacher Mrs McLaren will deliver two presentations at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome—no booking required. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings, held during the school day, offer a chance to see the school in action, enjoy a prefect-led tour, and speak with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Each session lasts about an hour and must be booked in advance.

Our 2025 Open Mornings take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 7th October - 9:15am-10:00am, 10:15am-11am, 11:15am-12:00pm
- Wednesday, 8th October - 9:15am-10:00am, 10:15am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:00pm
- Thursday, 9th October - 9:15am-10:00am, 10:15am-11:00am, 11:15am-12:00pm

Please contact School Reception to book a place on 0118 981 7474.

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2026, they can start school in September 2026. For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2025.

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2026

DON'T MISS IT!

Hampshire County Council hants.gov.uk



PARK HOUSE SCHOOL
A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS

OPEN EVENING | 6 PM - 8:30 PM
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

OR VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) TO BOOK A 'SCHOOL IN ACTION' TOUR

- 11-18 SECONDARY SCHOOL
- DISRUPTION FREE LEARNING
- WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, TRIPS AND VISITS
- HUGE INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL FACILITIES
- HIGH QUALITY TEACHING AND EXCELLENT OUTCOMES
- EXCELLENT DESTINATIONS FOR 6TH FORM LEAVERS

OUTSTANDING
QUALITY OF EDUCATION

- OFSTED 2025

2025 GCSE RESULTS

64% 5+ IN ENGLISH & MATHS
90% 4+ MFL
100% 5+ DANCE
80% OF ALL RESULTS WERE 4+

WORK HARD, BE KIND, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

This year our Designated Safeguarding Lead Team are as follows:

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

In assembly this week children have been taught about our lanyard system. Please speak to them and ask them what a blue, green and red lanyard mean when adults wear them around school as this is an important part of our schooling life.

Dates for your diary for the year ahead

- 24th Sept –7pm Meet the teacher evening for all parents to attend.
- 8th Oct - School Photographs (school Uniform)
- Friday 17th October – Harvest Festival 9.30am
- 23rd & 24th October – Inset Days
- 23th Oct – 31st Oct Half Term
- 10th December – Whole school trip to Pantomime - should be returned by 3.45pm
- 17th & 18th December - Nativity Performance
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties
- 18th December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents
- 19th June- Sports' Day

School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu

COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to Ashford Hill Primary School to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on:

15th Oct 2025

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

SH115921

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

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.