



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



September 26th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we are at the end of week 4 already and are halfway through our first half term? We have had another super week at Ashford Hill with children enjoying using the new library system and Y1/2 children taking part in a football festival at Cheam.

This afternoon the remaining pupil leadership positions were introduced. If children would like to apply, they should write a short letter outlining why they would like the position and how they can support the school. We have decided to extend the deadline for the school council posters so all posters and letters should be in school by Wednesday 1 October. The children will be informed in assembly on Friday 3 October.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher evening, it was lovely to see so many of you in school. We hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the PPTs that were used, please contact the office and they will share it with you.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at the gate on Monday morning.

Catherine Hudson
Vice Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.4	99	97.8	98.1	95	98.2	95.3	97.9
Well done, YR for the highest attendance this week.							

You will have received our updated Attendance and Punctuality Information this week. Please do read the information so you are familiar with our systems and processes.

Christmas Design Project

After running two fantastic Christmas Design Projects, we have decided to take part again this year. The project aims to encourage pupil creativity while raising money for school. Your child has been creating their own masterpiece which can be printed as Christmas cards,

mugs, wrapping paper, gift labels or even playing cards. Last year's commission went towards buying new books for the curriculum.

Your child's artwork and their unique order form and code has come home today. The orders are made online and the artwork form needs to be back in school by Friday 3 October to be sent to the company. If the form does not come back unfortunately, orders will not be processed.

We hope as many of you as possible will choose to order the wonderful items for Christmas and help raise funds for our school.

Data Collection Form

Your child will have come home with a blank data collection form. We are moving to a new school management information system and need to ensure we have all the required information. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as you can and by Friday 3 October at the latest. If you would prefer to complete the form electronically, please email admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk and they will be happy to send you a copy.

Parents Evening Autumn Term - reminder

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.

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.

Other parents/carers 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.

School Photos: 8th October

School photos have been booked for 8th October. 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. 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 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.

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.

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> (DSL)	<i>Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i> (DDSL)	<i>Class Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</i> (DDSL)

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

26th November – Ed Psych Service Coffee Afternoon on Executive Functioning (in school)

10th December – Whole school trip to Pantomime - should be returned by 3.45pm

12 December – iRock concert 09.15

17th & 18th December - Nativity Performance

18th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties

18th December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents

19th June- Sports' Day

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

Dyslexia Awareness Week Coffee Morning & Presentation

Tuesday 7th October 2025, 8.15am to 9.30am

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS & THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Join us for a coffee morning and presentation in the Pre-Prep Hall by Victoria Bagnall, neurodiversity advocate, speaker and consultant, which will provide practical strategies and empower you to create a neuroinclusive home environment.

8.15am - Teas & coffees
8.45am to 9.30am - Presentation

Dyslexia Awareness Week 2025

Scan here to sign up

School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu

COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to Aahford 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/

Evening Support Group

DYSLEXIA
AUTISM
ADHD
ANXIETY
TRAUMA

"A drop-in group to meet with other local parents & carers to share support, knowledge and advice"

Support Group for Parents of Neurodivergent Learners

Join us every month at:

The Hare & Hounds
A4 / Bath Road, Speen
Newbury RG14 1QY

2025 Dates
Weds 1st October – Weds 5th November – Weds 3rd December

7.30 – 9.30pm

In association with Newbury SEND Parent Carer Café

STAGE COACH

Stagecoach Newbury

FREE TASTER SESSION

Where: The Clere School, Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 9HP

When: Saturday 4th October

Time: 4-6 Years 9 - 10.30am Or 10.45am - 12.15pm
6-18 Years 2.00 - 5.00pm

ENROL TODAY

Help your child discover the performing arts!

To join us on Saturday 4th October for a FREE Taster session scan the QR code or enrol at newbury@stagecoach.co.uk