



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



3 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now well into the Autumn term and the weather is certainly starting to turn. It has been great to be back in school this week. Thank you for all of your kind comments this week regarding my announcement on Monday; Miss Hudson and I are already working hard to make sure this transition period is used well. The children were most concerned that there would be no school show this year, but I have booked this to take place on 9th July at the Haymarket Theatre. JJ and Louise will be back to lead Annie Jr for an amazing performance and I have my ticket booked already!

In order to have the very best transition of leadership possible and to ensure that the school continues on our journey to outstanding, it is important for us to understand what we are doing well and areas that you feel need further work. Please would you take some time to fill in this parent survey – it will really help us to look at priorities for us moving forward. We can also use this as evidence of the impact that we are already having which will be a real strength as we move towards the inspection window.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bLs8JNqyFK>

There was much excitement this week as the Student Leadership applications arrived. It has been a joy to see how many of our children aspire to be leaders. Many had practiced their interview at home as well and showed how much they care about the role in school. Miss Hudson has shared the results with the children this afternoon. Their leadership lanyards should arrive next week. Well done to all of our new leaders.

Head Leaders
Leo
Ava

Sports Leader	School Council	Team Leader	Eco Warrior	Library Leader	Charity Leader	Digital Leader
Olivia	Meslyn	Logan	Hallie	Nathan	Meslyn	Alfie
Sena	Louis	Daniel	Henry P	Bonnie	Esmae	Bradley
Barnaby	Thomas	Billee	Payton	Hugo	Sienna	Edward
	Freddie	Esmae	Lucon	Imogen	Alice	Nathan
	Theo			Phoebe		
	Albie			Poppy		
	Edward			Phoebe		
	Alex			Ophelia		
	Bertie					
	Cecily					
	Evelyn					

I hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday morning.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.4	97.1	94.4	100	94	90	98.8	93.7
Well done, Y2 for the highest attendance this week.							

I have recently been receiving many holiday requests during term time. I am unable to authorise any holiday absence from school. Time out of school leads to much learning time lost for children – this will also affect their confidence as they come back to school. Every day counts.

Curriculum Maps

At the meet the teacher evening our curriculum Map was shared. If you would like to see what the children are taught in each class, please click the link below and it will take you to their class curriculum coverage. If you do have any questions about our curriculum, please do ask your teacher. We are currently in cycle A.

<https://www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>

Car parking next week

Next week we will be having a lot of work done on the trees around the school. This will mean that parking will be more difficult on Monday and Tuesday as the school car park will not be in use. Please walk if you can as it will be very busy.

Harvest Festival- Friday 17th 9.30am

It is Harvest Festival time again - we are looking forward to seeing you at the church on Friday morning. The service should be around 45 minutes. As you enter the church, please leave the first 10 rows for our children. There will be somebody to direct you as you arrive. If you would like to donate any store cupboard gifts to the food bank, please send these in before Friday so that we can use them during the festival and take them to

the donation bank in the afternoon. Last year, we donated 92kg of food to the Basingstoke Food Bank.

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.

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.

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 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
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 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

9th July – Annie Jr Haymarket Theatre – school show

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 18 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 Bageall, 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 Ashford Hill Primary School to administer the flu nasal spray to the students on 10th 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 here if you wish to opt out

School Code
0911 13001

For more information, visit our website: www.healthforhants.co.uk/hampshire/sexual-mental-physical-flu-vaccination-programme/

Evening Support Group

"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

A small and friendly pre-school in the beautiful countryside location of Ashford Hill for 2-5yr olds

- Quality pre-school education & childcare
- Open in School Term Times Monday-Friday
- Great links with Ashford Hill Primary School
- Government funded hours available for children aged 3yrs+ and for eligible children aged 2yrs+

We currently have availability in some of our sessions. Please call 0118 9810 333 if you would like to meet us and have a look around.

www.jiminycricketpreschool.com