



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter

10 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has just flown by and what a week it has been. We have been getting ready for the harvest festival next week so please start to send in your donations. The list below shows what the foodbank are hoping for to share with families this time of year. Please donate anything that you can.



Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

During the Harvest months of September and October 2024, over 1170 people facing hardship were fed. 12.9 tonnes of food was distributed to individuals, and to our partnering agency emergency cupboards.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

07941336464
basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1154319



Shopping list

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Soup
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT)
- Custard
- Tinned puddings
- Crisps/Snacks/Treats
- Jam/Spreads
- Toiletries

Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey - we still have over 75% of our families who have not completed the survey so it would be fantastic if we could have a few more responses. Please follow the link below and we will share our results next week.

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

I understand that the car park has been a very busy place over the last week and that parking has been an issue – this should ease next week. Thank you for your patience. There have been some reports of bad language and incidents in the car park during pick up and drop off time – please be mindful that we are a community with the same aims and to be respectful that children witness everything that we do and that we are their role models. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on the gate next week.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

A fantastic week for attendance- thank you for ensuring your children are in school and access their learning every day. A great whole school picture.

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
99.4	99	100	100	100	99.1	98.8	98.9
Well done, Y1, Y2 and Y3 for the highest attendance this week.							

Spooky Spoons Competition!

Our next fundraiser is 'Spooky Spoons'. Envelopes will come home next week containing 2 wooden spoons.

Please decorate your spooky spoon(s) over half term for a chance to win a prize - there will be a winner for each year group!

Spooky spoons will need to be handed in by the 4th of November, ready for judging by Mrs Kingham. Winners will be announced that same week.

Please make sure that spoons are labelled and come back in the envelope provided with your £1 entry fee for each spoon.

We can't wait to see the spooky creations!

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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.

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 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.

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

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 15 JANUARY 2026

DON'T MISS IT!

Hampshire County Council hants.gov.uk

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

School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu

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.

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

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/

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