



# Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term. With Christmas just around the corner, there is still plenty happening in school before the festivities begin.

Our Year R Garden renovation is well under way and beginning to take shape as a wonderful learning environment for our youngest children. A huge thank you to Miss Hudson for leading this project so thoughtfully and creatively.

This week we were delighted to welcome our trustees into school as they monitored our progress against the school improvement plan. They had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed working with our children. They commented on how charming and articulate the children were, and how the school continues to be a great place to learn.

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM this afternoon. We are grateful for the time, hard work, and commitment our PTA volunteers give throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs Keable, who has now stepped down as treasurer—we are very appreciative of all she has done in the role.

The Spooky Spoons competition was a great success, with a fantastic number of creative entries from the children. The winning spoons will be announced soon, and all entries are currently on display in reception—do pop in and take a look!

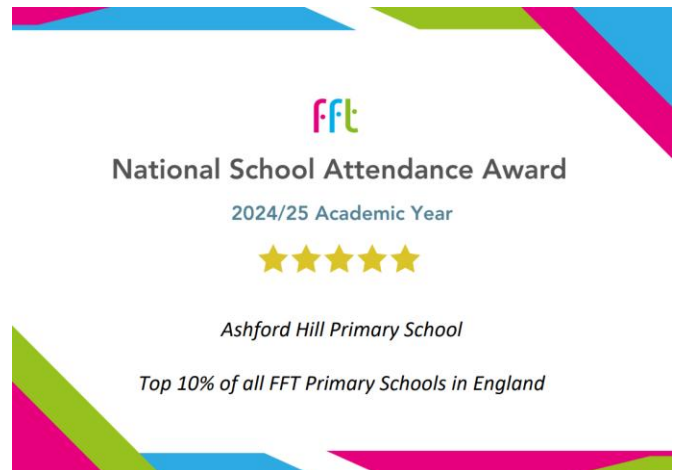
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kirsty Kingham

Principal

## Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.6	96.4	93.3	98.6	93.5	95.5	98.2	99.5



We have won an award for being in the top 10% of primary schools for attendance in 2024 – 2025.

Well done everyone. Let's keep it up and see if we can win it again this year.

Please report all absences, either due to illness or appointments, to our dedicated attendance email address. [Attendance@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Attendance@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk)

[AHPS Attendance and Punctuality Information for Parents 2025 - 2026.pdf](#)

## Odd Socks Day – Monday 10 November 2025

All member of the community are invited to wear odd socks on Monday as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Monday 10th November**. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Power for Good' .

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



### Children in Need 2025 – Friday 14 November 2025 SPOTacular Fundraiser!

We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in **BBC Children in Need 2025** to help raise money for children and young people across the UK. This year's theme is all about going **SPOTacular** — and we can't wait to join in the fun.

On **Friday, 14th November** we're inviting all pupils to come to school dressed in something **SPOTacular** for a **£1 donation**. This could be anything spotty — socks, shirts, pyjamas, face paint, or even a full-on Pudsey outfit. Let's fill our classrooms and corridors with bright colours and cheerful spots to support a wonderful cause.

In addition, children can take part in our **“Design a Pudsey Bear” competition** for another **£1 donation**. To make it extra special for **Children in Need 2025**, we're challenging pupils to **include the number 25** somewhere in their Pudsey design — be as imaginative as you like. It could be hidden in the pattern, drawn in the spots, or built into Pudsey's accessories.

All designs must be entered by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November for a chance to win a prize.

Every penny raised will go directly to **BBC Children in Need**, helping to change the lives of children who need it most.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can make this year's fundraiser truly SPOTacular!

### Parent Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 26 November 2025 Executive Functioning

All children are still developing their executive functioning skills – the thinking and doing skills that help with everyday life.

Join us for a Coffee Afternoon with Alana Gallacher, Educational Psychologist, on Wednesday 26th November, 2:15pm, –3:15pm. Open to all parents.

We'll cover:

- What executive functioning is and why it matters
- Common challenges children face at home and school
- Practical tips for routines, organisation, and emotional regulation
- Simple games and activities to build these skills
- Time to share experiences and ask questions

### Spooky Spoons Competition

The entries for the spooky spoons are absolutely amazing! We have made £60 profit – thank you to all who took part – the winners will be announced next week.



### Parking at drop off/pick up

We have had reports of cars dropping off and parking in inappropriate and unsafe places in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not park on the side of the road, in front of the neighbours' houses or on any of the yellow school road markings. Please use the designated car park opposite school. If the car park is full, please use the church car park and walk up. Please also approach the school and car park with caution

### 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.

**Thank You**  
**Ashford Hill Primary**  
**School**  
for supporting

  
Basingstoke  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

with your Harvest Collection

We rely on your donations to continue supporting local families in crisis.




 You donated a total of  
**47kg**  
which is equivalent to  
**112 meals**

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk  
Registered Charity in England and Wales (1154319)

## 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> <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>

## 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

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24th October – Inset Days

23<sup>th</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> 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

17<sup>th</sup> @ 1.45pm & 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9.45am December - Nativity Performances

18th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties

18th December – 2.45pm Curriculum Showcase for Parents

19th June- Sports' Day

9<sup>th</sup> 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

**SCHOOL & GRASSROOTS FIXTURE**

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22.11.25  
15:00  
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Hi Ashford Hill Primary School,

With a new season and a new era well underway at Reading Football Club, I am delighted to announce the return of our School & Grassroots fixtures for 2025/26.

The first of two fixtures will take place on Saturday 22nd November when Rotherham United make the long trip down from Yorkshire. The showdown with the Millers will see your School enjoy discounted ticket rates, and what's more, the action doesn't stop at the final whistle.

Post-match will see a spectacular firework and drone show take place outside the stadium, giving you a great excuse to stick around and celebrate what we hope will be a fine Royals win.

Full details of how to get involved can be found below so please share with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

**You have been invited to Reading Football Club's first School & Grassroots Fixture of 2025-26!**

#### When?

Reading vs Rotherham United  
Saturday 22nd November, 3pm kick off

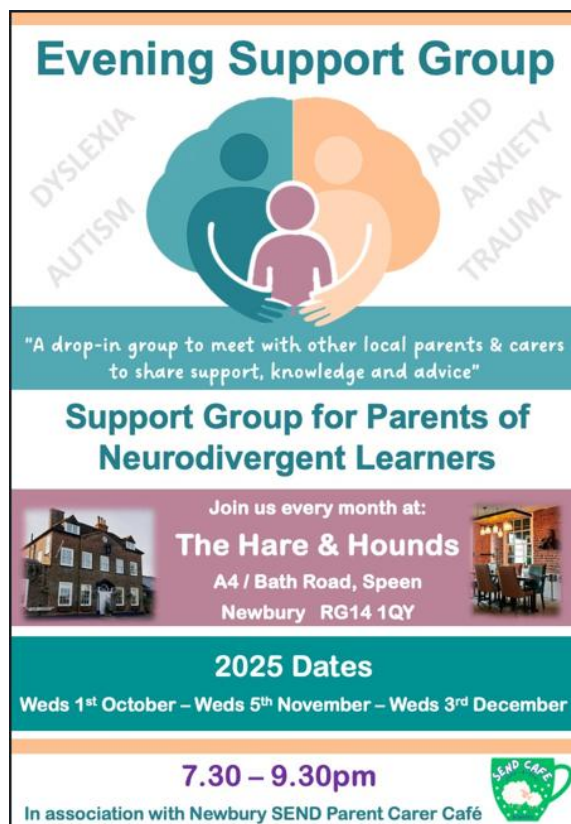
#### Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

#### How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please click below and enter the following unique coupon code: **#AshfordHillPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1  
17 and Under: £5  
18 to 24: £10  
65 and over: £10  
Adult: £15



**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 1<sup>st</sup> October – Weds 5<sup>th</sup> November – Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.jiminycricketspreschool.com](http://www.jiminycricketspreschool.com)

