



Ashford Hill Primary School Newsletter



28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a week. It is safe to say that this has been a very busy time in school. We had the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our school improvement journey over the last four years with two Ofsted Inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a pleasure to showcase our children, staff, and community. The whole process felt very collaborative and certainly showed us at our best; however, it was also, quite rightly, a very rigorous process that seeks extremely high standards in schools.

Thank you for all of your emails and words of support over the last week — we have really appreciated them. Unfortunately, we are unable to share the results until the final report is published. This is due to quality control checks across the country, as we are one of the first schools to have experienced the new framework.

The report will be published at some point in January. I am sure that Miss Hudson and the team will look forward to celebrating it with you when it arrives.

I must extend a huge thank you to the wonderful team at Ashford Hill for their hard work and dedication to being the very best they can be every day, and for the impact this has on our children and community. They have each received their very own gold star this week.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy a well-earned rest before the Christmas madness begins.

Kirsty Kingham
Principal

Attendance

Attendance % (whole school target 97%)							
Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.1	96.4	100	98.1	99	92.7	95.3	93.2
Well done Y1 for 100% attendance this week							

Bags 2 School Collection- 3rd December

Our Bags2School bins are being collected on Wednesday 3rd December- please do bring in any unwanted clothes before that date-there is plenty of room in the bins. The PTA receives money back per kilogram of clothes that are donated. The bins are located at the back of the school by the wooden playground gate. Ask the office if you need help finding them.

Please donate:

Clothes, Paired Shoes, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and Ties, Bras, Jewellery, Socks and Belts.

Please do NOT donate:

Duvets and blankets, cushions and pillows, soiled clothes, any school uniform (logo or non-logo), corporate clothing, textiles.

Parenting in a digital world

The digital world is vast, exciting and forever evolving at such a pace that parents often find it hard to keep up. Our children have never known life before the online world and are getting more and more tech savvy at an earlier age. This causes many of us anxiety because we are not experts, we have not grown up in the age of online technology and we have not had childhood experience to draw upon when providing guidance for our own children.

2Simple have put together this informative guide to help support you in enabling your child to grow into a responsible digital citizen who is able to keep themselves safe while, at the same time, getting the very best from the digital world. In this guide, you will find tips and advice for each of the key areas of online safety for primary-aged children. Each of these areas is further broken down into tips for parents of children aged 5 to 7 and for those of children aged 7 to 11.

[Parenting in a digital world information booklet](#)

Parent Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 26 November 2025

Executive Functioning

It was great to see so many parents attending the workshop this week. We look to run more of these in the future. Thank you for such positive feedback.

A Message from St Paul's

Concert of the highlights of Handel's Messiah- St Paul's Church, Ashford Hill – Saturday 29th November, starting at 7.30pm. Celestia Music, a professional choir, are singing the solo pieces and we have a choir of local people to sing the choral pieces. Tickets are £15 for aisle seats and £30 for nave seats. This concert is being held to raise funds for the new floor that we are installing in St Paul's. Do come and support your local church.

Mini Maker Kits – a PTA Fundraiser

Do you have some Christmas shopping to do? Would you like to buy a gift that is screen free fun AND supports our school? If yes please see the below! This is a fantastic offer and easy way to support us and a small business.

Order by the 28th November and your order will be delivered in school the following week. Happy shopping!

[Mini Maker Kit Fundraiser for Ashford Hill Primary School – Ash & Co. Workshops](https://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk/ashford-hill-primary-school/)

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

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 @ 1.45pm & 18th @ 9.45am December - Nativity Performances
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



Below are details for Term 2 of our football club.

Term 2

Days: Wednesday

Wednesday 7th January - Wednesday 25th March

Price: £66 (For 11 Weeks)

(No session - 18th February)

<https://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk/ashford-hill-primary-school/>



ASH&CO

Ashford Hill Primary School PTA

Mini Maker Kits Fundraiser

A brilliant way to keep kids entertained this Christmas and raise money for Ashford Hill Primary School!

Perfect for the holidays or as a gift, Mini Maker Kits are hands-on woodcraft projects for children aged 5+.

Each one is made locally from real wood and packed with creative, screen-free fun.

20% of each sale goes to Ashford Hill PTA

How it works

- Choose from a range of fun project kits
- Order at a discounted price of £15.95 (characters) or £16.95 (car kits)
- Free delivery via Ashford Hill school
- 20% of your order total goes to the Ashford Hill Primary School PTA
- Order online by 28/11/25

Christmas gift idea!

www.ashandcompany.co.uk/ashford-hill

Order by Friday 28th November 2025

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



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions** for parents and carers.

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER we run 5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Spaces currently available

Jiminy Cricket's

A warm and welcoming pre-school in Ashford Hill

hello@jiminycricketspreschool.com

www.jiminycricketspreschool.com

- ✓ Highly experienced and qualified staff
- ✓ Government funded hours available
- ✓ Small setting with community feel
- ✓ Excellent child-to-staff ratios
- ✓ 2 years to school age
- ✓ Creative and outdoor play

Contact us for more info
0118 9810 333

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ENCHANTED WINTER WORKSHOP

22ND & 23RD DECEMBER
THE CLERE SCHOOL
NEWBURY

10 AM - 4 PM (AGE 5-18)	£84
12 - 4 PM (FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS)	£56

per OFSTED guidance

Showcase to families at 3:30 pm on final day
Wrap around care 9 am - 5 pm available
Sibling Discounts

SCAN TO BOOK

GET READY TO SING, DANCE AND SPARKLE
IN OUR **BROADWAY BLIZZARD!**



Dear Sir/madam,

We are excited to announce Planet Ice Basingstoke has reopened its doors.

We have a variety of Lessons from Learn to skate, Hockey Excellence, Learn to Skate Advanced, as well as having Public Skating, Patch sessions and our ever-popular Group bookings.

We will also begin to offer Ice Skating Lessons during the week for School Bookings, Home Educated Children and Penguin club for children under 5 years old.

To make things even more exciting we have our new Sports Bar and Cafe. We now offer a wide variety of hot food and drinks suitable for everyone's needs.

We cater for not only children's Birthday Parties but also end of term trips, Christmas parties, and much more.

Need more information?

Visit our website www.planet-ice.co.uk for our Public Skate timings, Birthday Parties, all Events, and Ice-Skating Lessons we have to offer

For Information regarding any group bookings, Home Education Lessons and School Bookings please contact us directly at:

basingstoke@planet-ice.co.uk or alternatively contact us on **01256 355266**.

Kind Regards

Planet Ice Basingstoke