



Ashford Hill Primary School

Newsletter
27 March 2026

Dear Families

As my first full term as Principal draws to a close, I am delighted to share just how enjoyable, rewarding, and inspiring these months have been. Each day has highlighted the strength of our school's vision to *Be the Best We Can Be*, and demonstrated how the values of Integrity, Determination, and Community are embodied by our pupils, staff, and families.

This term has been packed with opportunities for our pupils to learn and shine. Their determination was evident in everything from our Maths Challenges spanning multiple year groups, to their focused approach in assessments, including Year 1's first assessment cycle and mock SATs for Years 2 and 6. During British Science Week, children embraced curiosity through investigations, exploring questions like *Why do boats float?*, *Can we grow food on the moon?*, and *What does great teamwork look like*.

We also enjoyed a rich variety of sporting activities, including touch rugby festivals for several year groups, a Year 5 Sports Experience Day at Cheam School, KS2 hockey taster sessions, a gymnastics festival, and notable individual successes in gymnastics and showjumping.

Our school community has appreciated memorable experiences outside the classroom as well. Year R had a wonderful day at Rushall Farm, while Years 5 and 6 were inspired by hands-on exploration of evolution and natural selection at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. World Book Day filled the school with excitement, featuring book badges, story sharing, scavenger hunts, and National Theatre performances. At our Clubs Fayre, pupils eagerly engaged with local providers and discovered new hobbies, approaching every opportunity with confidence and curiosity.

Many families have commented on how informative and helpful they found the parent meetings this term. If you were unable to attend, please do contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Our brilliant PTA has played a vital role in strengthening our sense of community this term through their thoughtful and joyful events. The Valentine's Bake Sale brought families together with creativity and generosity, creating a truly sweet atmosphere throughout the school. This was followed by beautifully prepared Mothers' Day Gift Bags, offering children the chance to express gratitude and kindness to the special people in their lives. Lastly, the much-loved Easter Egg Hunt saw pupils racing to find coloured pegs in the school grounds and exchanging them for delicious chocolate treats. We are immensely grateful to the PTA for their energy, care, and commitment in organising events that spread joy across our community.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families into school today. Our iRock concert was exceptionally well attended this morning - didn't the children shine? This afternoon's Curriculum Showcase gave families a special opportunity to explore and celebrate pupils' learning and achievements together. The children were visibly proud to share their fantastic work, and it was a joy to see their confidence and excitement.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday.

Warm regards

Catherine Hudson

Principal

Attendance

Our school attendance target is **97% and above for all children.**

This week's attendance:

Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96	98.2	100	99	99	89.6	96.5	92.1

Well done Y1 for 100% attendance this week.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Assembly



Three members of our pupil leadership team led an assembly this week to let children know another way to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They discussed how lots of the foods we eat are processed, that we use these ingredients in all our cooking, processing is necessary and still produces ingredients which are healthy to use. However, so many foods these days are ultra processed using chemicals and manufacturing processes that are harmful to our health.

It is an important conversation to open up with our children - the food climate they are living in is one where foods are produced with a focus not on health and nutrition, but instead with a focus on financial profits and addictive properties.

If you want to find out more there is a link below which is extremely informative and which can help with ideas on simple ways that we can make positive changes from Ultra Processed Foods to delicious healthy alternatives, benefitting our children's (and our) long term health.

[The easy UPF swaps Dr Chris Van Tulleken swears by - BBC Food](#)

Gymnastics Festival

A team of 8 young gymnasts had the opportunity to enjoy the equipment at Basingstoke Gymnastic Club in the Active Life Centre. They had a huge amount of fun jumping, swinging, running and cartwheeling their way around the centre and showed some great skills along the way.



Pupil Success



Over the weekend Evelyn and her family went out and did their part for the community by carrying out a few hours of litter picking.

Evelyn was great at spotting all the little pieces and picking them up and they managed to collect 3 full bags of litter.

Evelyn and Molly went out by themselves for an hour on Saturday picking up litter too!

Well done girls, what a great example of civic responsibility.

If your child has had a success outside of school, we would love to celebrate it. Please send a photo and a short description to admin@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk and we will share it here.

Use of outdoor space - polite request

Just a reminder, that we kindly request all families vacate the site by 15:30 each day, unless children are attending a club. This is to help ensure the safety and safeguarding of all pupils and staff on our premises.

Bags2School Collection after Easter

Our Bags2School clothes and textile recycling bins are being collected after the Easter holidays, so please consider donating any unwanted clothes/textiles. Donations must be in bags (no loose items) and placed into the large blue collection bins which are located to the left of the school office. Please do not overfill the bins. The PTA receives up to £70 each time the bins are collected.

Brigade- Uniform ordering



We are pleased to announce our upcoming Spring promotion, please find details below.

 **SPRING PROMOTION – 10% Discount**

Date: Friday 27th March – Monday 30th March

Code: Enter **BLOOM10** at the checkout

Visit: www.brigade.uk.com

Please see the Uniform page on our school website for details about summer ordering deadlines for uniform supplied by Brigade. www.ashfordhillprimary.co.uk/uniform

Bikeability

There are still a few spaces remaining at these locations for Level 2 training which is suitable for Y6 pupils, they'd just need to book 1 session.

Church Crookham Fleet
Monday 30th March 2026

Level 2 OPEN 12:45-15:45

BOOK: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/aunt-fund-rot>

Church Crookham Fleet
Tuesday 31st March 2026

Level 2 OPEN 12:45-15:45

BOOK: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/holy-zip-meg>

Church Crookham - Fleet
Thursday 9th April 2026

Level 2 OPEN 12:45-15:45

BOOK: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/guide-key-eve>

Weeke - Winchester
Wednesday 1 April 2026

Level 2 OPEN 9:00-12:00

BOOK: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/fish-poll-under>

We are also offering some other courses suitable for children in Year 3 upwards and some Learn to Rides too - [Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop](#)

Annie Jr – request for help

As we begin preparations for our upcoming production of *Annie Jr*, we would be grateful for any additional help from our school community. If you're able to support in any way, please let us know. Your involvement will make a huge difference.

SEND Local Offer

What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer or scan the QR code.



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Children's Services Parenting Courses

Sometimes families may benefit from parenting support or a group course when they would like support to strengthen relationships, build confidence, or develop new strategies to respond to everyday challenges. This can include situations where:

- Parents/carers are seeking guidance on boundaries, routines, emotional regulation or behaviour.
- Family dynamics are becoming strained, for example, due to conflict, stress or changes in circumstance.
- A parent/carer wants to better understand their child's needs, including any additional or emerging needs.
- There are concerns about a child's school attendance, engagement, behaviour, or emotional wellbeing.
- Parents feel isolated or unsure what might help, and would welcome a structured, supportive environment.
- A family is already receiving Early Help, and a parenting programme can form part of their support plan.
- Parents want to build their skills, confidence, and resilience in a positive, non-judgemental setting.

Parenting courses are designed to be supportive, practical, and empowering, helping families build on their strengths and feel more confident in their parenting.

Hampshire Children's Services offer a range of structured, evidence-based parenting programmes. Any professional or family can request a place on a course or intervention. To make a referral, please see the [Early Help Intervention Pathway Guidance](#), which includes a list of district referral forms. Details of each course can be found at [Children's Services Parenting Courses](#).

1. **Stepping Out Stronger (SOS)** – up to three sessions addressing a specific parenting challenge.
2. **Family Links Nurture Programme (FLNP)** – 10 week course for parents of children aged 2–11.
3. **Tots Talking** – eight week programme supporting language development for two year olds.
4. **Talking Teens** – four week course supporting parents of teenagers aged 12-19.
5. **Non-Violent Resistance (NVR)** – eight week programme for parents managing controlling or violent behaviour.
6. **Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences (PAACE)** – eight week course (Child PAACE) and 10 week course (Adult PAACE) helping parents understand the impact of PAACE on them and their children.

Reporting Absence

Integrity

Determination

Community

If your child is absent, please contact the school by either calling the office and leaving a message or emailing our dedicated attendance mailbox: attendance@ashfordhill.hants.sch.uk

When reporting an absence, please remember to include the **reason** your child is away from school. If you report that your child is unwell, a member of staff will follow up to gather a little more information, in line with our attendance procedures.

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.



Miss. C. Hudson
Principal

Designated Safeguarding
Lead

Mrs. L. Burridge
Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mr. B. Dixon
Teacher

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Dates for your diary

13 April 2026	Children return to school
13 April 2026	Junior Adventures Group wraparound care begins
11 May 2026	KS2 SATs week
19 June 2026	Sports Day
9 July 2026	Annie Jr Haymarket Theatre – school show
14 July 2026	Whole school summer disco
23 October 2026	Extra-ordinary INSET Day- School closed to children

You're invited!

The Rectory Clinic Special Behind the Scenes Visit for Children

Following the success of our recent school visits and oral health sessions, we're excited to welcome local children to our clinic for a fun and educational experience!

What to Expect

- Take a look inside a real dental clinic
- Meet our friendly dental team
- Learn how to keep your teeth healthy
- Discover tooth friendly vs sugary foods
- Find out where the tooth fairy hides her work!

Session Details
Date: 8th April 2026
 @ 10:00 PM - Ages 3-6
 @ 2:00 PM - Ages 7-10
 @ 3:00 PM - Older sessions

(Perfect for children who prefer a calm, relaxed environment)

Free Community Event
 This is a community initiative and is completely FREE.

Join Us for a Fun Learning Adventure!

The Rectory Clinic, Bowers Hall, 17 Lead Walk, Newbury, RG14 2EH
 (01635 26617)
www.newburytrampolineclub.co.uk

FOOTY SKILLS 4 KIDS

Football Camp
 Dribble, pass, shoot, tackle and just play football all day

Multi Sport Camp
 Tennis, Cricket, Athletics, Archery, Hockey, Dodgeball, Basketball, speed skating - 6 different sports every day

Or pick and choose to do a bit of both!

Open to boys and girls in school aged 4-13
 All coaches are qualified and DBS checked
 Time - 10am - 4pm
 Early drop off 9am
 Late pick up 5pm
 Week, day or half day booking available
 20% Sibling Discount

Easter Week 1 - Newbury Robert Sandilands School
Easter Week 2 - Thatcham Francis Baily School
Easter Week 3 - Kingsclere Kingsclere School

Bookings - Footyskills4kids.class4kids.co.uk
Email - Footyskills4kids@aol.com

OPEN DAY

NEWBURY TRAMPOLINE CLUB

Come to a **FREE** Trampoline Session

Saturday 4th & Tuesday 7th April
 Park House School, RG14 6NQ

Please Register At
www.newburytrampolineclub.co.uk

Children (4+) and Adults
 Professional Coaching
 Staff with Enhanced DBS
 Complete Beginners Welcome

info@newburytrampolineclub.co.uk 07800 517467

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A warm and welcoming pre-school in Ashford Hill

Spaces currently available

Highly experienced and qualified staff
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 2 years to school age
 Creative and outdoor play

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO
0118 9810 333

FACE April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
 Book online at facefamilypodcasts.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

Breast Walk Ever Hampshire

Sunday 14th June 2026
 Birt Hurstley, Winchester, SO21 2JA

MARATHON HALF-MARATHON 10K

Refreshments provided at regular stops along the routes.

AG INST breast cancer

North Hampshire Sport In Mind

FREE! Youth Activities for Mental Wellbeing

Sport In Mind provides free sport and physical activity opportunities for children and young people to help build confidence and self-esteem, meet new people and support low mood and other mental health challenges.

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Tues	4:30 - 5:30pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	The Link, Newchurch Road, TANGLEY (RG25 1NF)
Wed	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	Sports Hall, Exeter Community Academy, Oxford Way Basingstoke RG25 5UP
Thurs	4:30 - 5:30pm	Sport & Games	10-14 years	Sports Hall, Exeter Community Academy, West Street, ANDOVER RG10 1GP

Session runs weekly (excluding school holidays)

*New joiners must first sign up!
 Scan the QR code above & email young@sportinmind.org

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You Are Not Alone

You Are Not Alone Drop-in
 Every 2nd Tuesday of the month - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings, meltdowns etc.

- understanding autism and PDA
- managing school and SEN
- supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child from diagnosis
- exploring EDAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more

There are no fees for this group this evening! I can't say how grateful I feel and really do feel less alone and more supported. My hope is that - Louise Parent

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website
<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to team@youarenotalone.community

Your Space THERAPIES

Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 3rd April
 Times: 9:30am - 2pm
 Location: 960 Great Park, Newbury

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, mindfulness, and mindfulness!

- What to expect
- Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- Play Care
- Riding and Mounted Games
- Contact with Arts and Nature
- Make New Friends

Click the link to book the day of your choice:
www.yourpacetherapies.org

Costs: £4.68 per child
 (if participating in pony and activities, this also includes an deposit, you will be invoiced via email for the outstanding amount on 27th March)
 Spaces limited to 10 children per day

Holiday Activities

Easter 2026 MUSIC PRODUCTION

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peverel College, Eastleigh

Mon 30th & Tue 31st March
 9:30am - 3:30pm
 Suitable for children in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8
 £88 (both days) including lunch

Dive into the world of music creation using iPads and Garageband. Explore remixing, sampling, and the magic with beats on experience using professional gear. Discover how chords shape songs, experiment with different genres, and learn to build your own track from the ground up. Whether you're into beats, melodies, or mixing, everything you need is provided - just bring your creativity!

Click here to watch a video about the enrichment days
 Click here for the sign up form

ROCK 2 THE BEAT

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peverel College, Eastleigh

Mon 30th & Tue 31st March
 9:30am - 3:30pm
 Performance: Tues 31st at 3:30pm
 £88 (both days) including lunch

Suitable for all Years 3-10 currently playing in a Rock 2 the Beat band, or who currently learn vocals, guitar, bass, keyboard or drums at Grade 1 (or above) and are able to read basic notation

Come and join our Rock 2 the Beat musicians from around the county and learn a song from first to finish, building confidence through collaboration and creativity. Limited places for each instrument, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Click here for the sign up form

Holiday Activities

Summer 2026 GET MUSICAL!

Five Days of Musical Theatre Magic - Western Style!

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peverel College, Eastleigh
 Mon 10 - Fri 14 August 2026
 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Performance Friday at 5:00pm
 Suitable for Year 4 - Year 13
 £185 (includes £20 non-refundable deposit), including lunch
 Breakfast Club available each morning from 8:30am at a cost of £5 per day

Soak up an unforgettable week of singing, dancing, and acting as we bring the West End to the stage! Learn iconic show tunes, master top-leaping choreography, and perform a spectacular medley at the end of the week.

Click here for the sign up form

Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying musical theatre for the first time, this is your chance to shine!

For more information
music.service@hants.gov.uk
hantsmusicclub.org.uk/holidayactivities

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
 Our Rock 2 the Beat and Music Production enrichment days will run on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August 2026.

HEROES vs VILLAINS

STAGE BATTLE ROYALE

EPIC CHOREOGRAPHY
GREAT SONGS
TIKTOK STYLE CHALLENGES

STAGE COACH

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Current Popular Songs
Vocal Harmonies
Choreography to suit all levels
Wraparound care and sibling discounts available

DATE: 1st & 2nd April 2025
TIMES: 10-4pm
COST: £84
AGES: 5-18
VENUE: The Clere School Newbury

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED 2026 CHAMPION?

LET'S SING LET'S DANCE!

TWO DAYS, BIG ENERGY, ONE SHOWCASE

If your child sings in the car...
If they make up dance routines in the living room...
THIS IS THE WORKSHOP FOR THEM.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Current chart hits
Vocal harmonies that hit
Choreography to suit every level
Wraparound care available & sibling discounts

DATE: MARCH 30th & 31st
TIMES: 10-4PM
COST: £84
AGES: 5-18 YEARS
VENUE: THE CLERE SCHOOL, NEWBURY

STAGE COACH

Basingstoke Area Rock and Pop Choir - Open Evening

ENJOY PERFORMING?
MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
LOVE SINGING?

Do you love singing?
Are you aged between 9 and 18?
The Basingstoke Area Youth Choir would love to welcome you to our Open Evening on Thursday 8th March at QMC.

We sing a wide range of contemporary music, including rock and pop, and perform regularly throughout the year at exciting venues such as The Anvil, Basingstoke.

Rehearsals take place every Thursday evening from 5.45-6.45pm in the Claude Butler Building at QMC.

If you're thinking about joining us, come along to our Open Evening — no audition required!

For more information email: sacha.heard@hants.gov.uk or visit: www.basingstoke.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council


www.hantsmusicub.org.uk

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FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

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Kingsclere Beaver Scouts

We currently have a limited number of spaces for 6 year olds in the Kingsclere Beaver Scout Group.

For those who have yet to turn 6 we can place your child on a waiting list for a place when one becomes available.

The group meets on a Monday Evening during Term Time at the Scout Hut in Strokins Road from 6 to 7 pm

If you wish to register for a place please email: kingsclerebeavers@gmail.com

BEAVERS

ACTIVE sports coaching

HOCKEY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Ashford Hill Primary School
KS2 Thursday 15:30 - 16:30
Running all Summer 1

£36 for the half term (£6 a session)

SCAN to register



All coaches are safeguard trained and DBS checked.



BREAKING BARRIERS THEATRE CLASSES Ashford Hill Primary School



Please see our schedule below

Start back on Monday 13th April!	15:25-16:30	Reception To year 6	Performers club Drama, singing and dance	With Shannon And Natalie	Spaces available
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Please note 60-minute class is £6 per session. You are committed to a full school term, although we invoice half termly.

Show day is Sunday 28th June 2026! – A separate email with details will be going out soon!

Easter Holiday workshop –

10% discount code for early booking SGQ127

Please Use this link to book

<https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.classforkids.io>

Easter Show in a week! K-Pop Demon Hunters Tadley	Monday 30th March till Thursday 2nd April 09:00-16:00 Performance on the Thursday at 3pm	Ages 5-14 Put into groups	£35 per day	Space available Childcare vouchers accepted
Easter Day Camp THATCHAM Acrobatics Drama Games Sing songs Arts and Crafts Street Dance	Wednesday 8 th April 9am till 4pm Kennet School in Thatcham K-POP demon Hunters	Ages 5-14 Put into groups	£35 for the day	Space available Childcare vouchers accepted

We also run classes every Monday at Tadley community centre, acrobatics, drama, singing and street dance!

If you would like to check out our Facebook, Instagram or website please see below

Facebook – Breaking Barriers Theatre Company

Instagram – Breaking Barriers Theatre Classes

Kindest Regards

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