



# Ashford Hill Primary School

Newsletter  
16 January 2026

Dear parents/carers

Well, what a wonderful email to receive yesterday – our Ofsted Inspection Report. I hope you all had a chance to read the glowing report which reflects the hard work, dedication, and spirit of our whole school community.

While we will always keep improving, the report is a powerful acknowledgement of the hard work, determination and teamwork shown by our staff, children, families and the wider trust community. Thank you for the role you have played in helping the school move forward so strongly. This achievement truly belongs to all of us, and we're excited to continue building on this success together.

Inspectors also set out a clear next step: to continue strengthening how teaching in a small number of wider curriculum subjects builds on what pupils already know and can do, so that achievements improve further. We welcome this and have already been working on this.

I am looking forward to sharing our next steps with you in the coming weeks. Please watch for our messages as we continue this positive journey together.

Warm regards

Catherine Hudson

Principal

## Attendance:

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

At Ashford Hill Primary, we are committed to:

- Promoting good attendance and reducing absence, including persistent absence
- Ensuring every pupil arrives at school on time and ready to learn
- Ensuring every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled

## This week's attendance:

Whole School	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.5	97.7	100	100	96	98.6	97.6	93.7

Above the whole school target again. Well done, Y1 and Y2 for 100% attendance.

Reminder: **The gate will now close promptly at 08:55.** If your child arrives after this time, they will need to enter via the main entrance and sign in at the office. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring every child starts their day ready to learn.

## Reporting Absence:

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](mailto: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. Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

### A Reminder About Parking Considerately

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of where they park during drop-off and pick-up times. Please avoid parking on nearby private roads, driveways, or in front of residents' access points. These areas are not part of the school site, and using them can cause inconvenience and safety concerns for our neighbours.

Keeping these spaces clear helps ensure good relationships with our local community and keeps the area safer for everyone—especially our children. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

### ParentPay & School Lunches UPDATE:

Thank you to those of you who have activated their ParentPay account. Please could we ask that you activate your account this week, so that you are set up ready to make payments for your child's next Educational Visit/School Dinner etc. We require this activation for all pupils across the school regardless of year group or Free School Meal status.

If you need assistance or for your activation details to be re-sent, please get in touch with the school office.

From the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January, we will be asking parents to pre-book and pay for their children's school meals using the ParentPay app. Please look out for more communication.

### Gate Safety Reminder

Please can we kindly ask that you do not allow any children who are not your own through the school gates if they are not accompanied by an adult. This is an important part of keeping all our pupils safe at drop-off and pick-up times.

### 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. Burrige**  
Executive Headteacher


Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

**Mr. B. Dixon**  
Teacher

Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

### Dates for your diary:

19 June 2026	Sports Day
9 July 2026	Annie Jr Haymarket Theatre – school show
23 October 2026	<b>INSET Day – school closed to children</b>



**Spaces currently available**

## Jiminy Cricket's


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**Pop Up Ensemble**  
Lift Winton, Andover


JMST theatre, Lift Winton, London Road,  
Andover, Hampshire, SP10 2PS  
Sunday 18 January 2026 9.15 - 13.15


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- National Childhood Measurement Programme. Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6).

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## FESTIVAL OF FREE TENNIS AT BASINGSTOKE TENNIS

BACK ON COURT THIS JANUARY 2026

**TENNIS TASTERS**  
Kickstart your fitness journey with a free group coaching taster at Basingstoke Tennis starting 20th January. Whether you're a total beginner or returning to the game, our brand-new sessions are the perfect way to get active and stay social.

**OPEN DAY EVENT**  
The perfect chance to jump on court with taster sessions for both adults and juniors. Meet our friendly coaching team, chat about our programmes, and discover our local tennis community. Plus, enjoy exclusive discounts on coaching and memberships available only to those who attend on the day!

**FREE PARKS TENNIS**  
Free social tennis in Basingstoke every weekend for all ages! With equipment provided and qualified activators leading the way, just turn up, mix in, and meet new people in a fun group environment.