

The

Astbury Express

“
Walk in love as Christ
loves you
”

Ephesians 5:2



Astbury St Mary's CofE Primary School

10th October 2025

A note from Miss Blythe...

Last week, we had a fantastic time welcoming DJ Buzz into school, where many of our children showcased their talents behind the karaoke microphone. A heartfelt thank you to our PTFA volunteers for organising this fun event. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school soon for our parent/teacher consultation meetings. Class teachers will discuss how your child has settled into



their new year group, celebrate successes, and address any questions or concerns. Please remember to book your appointment via School Spider.



We are going to the zoo, zoo, zoo...

We're excited to announce our visit to Chester Zoo on Tuesday, 18th November!

- **Departure Time:** The coach will leave school promptly at 9:15 am. Please ensure your child arrives by 8:45 am. If late, the coach will depart without them, and you will need to arrange transport to the zoo.
- **Return Time:** We expect to return by the end of the school day. In case of delays, we will send a message to keep you informed.
- **Lunch:** If your child is not ordering lunch from school, please provide a disposable packed lunch with snacks and drinks (a disposable water bottle is preferred). If your child requires a lunch from Alison, please complete the lunch request form; otherwise, we will assume they are bringing their own.
- **What to Wear:** Children should wear their school PE kit (no shorts, please) and sensible trainers. Please ensure they have a warm, waterproof coat, hat, and gloves (labelled with their name).
- **Permission & Payment:** Please complete the permission form on School Spider by Friday, 10th October. The cost is £10 per child, payable via School Spider by Friday, 7th November. For payment issues, please contact the school office.

We look forward to a fantastic day of learning and adventure! If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Attendance Matters!

Parents/Carers have a statutory responsibility to ensure children attend school regularly and on time. Pupils: should attend school everyday, unless in exceptional circumstances. All absences must be reported to school.

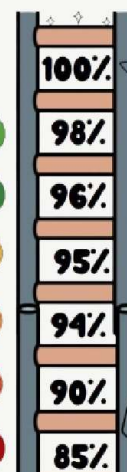
Jonah	Noah	Mary	Jacob
97.3%	91%	94.4%	89.5%

Understanding Attendance

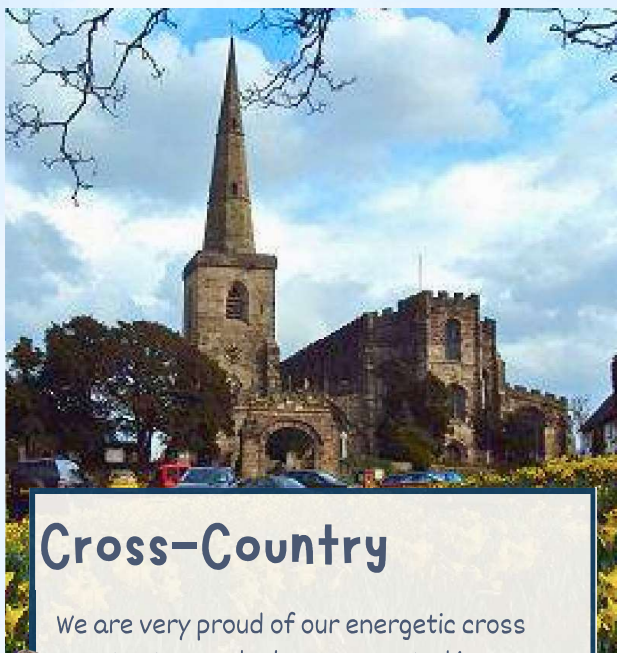


EQUATES TO

4	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR
7	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR
9	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR
11	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR
20	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR
30	SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR



- PERFECTION
- IMPRESSIVE
- GOOD
- NEARLY THERE
- NEEDS TO IMPROVE
- CONCERNS
- SERIOUS CONCERNS



Cross-Country

We are very proud of our energetic cross country team who have competed in a couple of local events recently. The children were able to demonstrate skills of team work, resilience and persistence as well as supporting each other... right to the finish line.

Congratulations to all involved.



Upcoming Dates

- 14/10/25 Y5/6 netball tournament at Congleton High School
- 15/10/25 Yr 5/6 CDAT Tag Ruby at Brereton 9:30-12
- 15/10/25 Parent's Meetings (booking on School Spider)
- w/c: 22/10/25 Parent's Meetings (booking on School Spider)
- 24/10/25 PTFA Disco
- 24/10/25 Finish for half term
- 4/11/25 School starts for Autumn 2
- 5/11/25 Singfest zoom rehearsal 1-3pm
- 18/11/25 Whole school trip to Chester Zoo

Spotlight on...

Reading

Reading is well under way around Astbury school. Class Jonah and Acorns are sharing all sorts of picture books and enjoying joining in the parts they know. Class Noah are enjoying reading books by their focus author, Julia Donaldson. A current favourite is Jonty Gentoo, the adventures of a penguin. Both Class Mary and Jacob are delving into the delights of Michael Morpurgo. It is lovely to see so many children reading 3 times or more each week. Thank you for your continued support in this.

A book recommendation for you from me as Astbury's Reading Lead; We're all Wonders by RJ Palacio. A beautiful picture book sharing the values of how wonderfully different we all are.

Enjoy reading, *Mrs Hodder*
Reading Lead



Harvest Celebrations

On Wednesday, our school community came together to celebrate Harvest in church, it was lovely that many families were able to join us - thank you. The children sang beautifully, and shared our Harvest prayer, reflecting on the importance of giving and community spirit. We would like to extend our thanks for your generous donations, which The Store House will collect to help those in need.



Friday Celebrations

	Jonah	Noah	Mary	Jacob
Walk in love:	Harry	Holly	John	Henry
My Happy Mind:	Phoebe	Frank	Grayson	Noah

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