

This week in school

At Astbury, we are committed to creating a school community where every child feels valued, included and supported to achieve and thrive, regardless of their needs or background. As part of Black History Month, our pupils have been exploring the achievements and contributions of inspiring Black authors, artists, engineers and courageous advocates through their own mini challenges, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of diversity and the rich history of modern Britain.

Alongside this, we are continuing to strengthen the support we provide for every child. This week, we welcomed the Cheshire East SEND team to work with us on developing our inclusion strategy, ensuring that we continue to respond effectively to children's individual needs and remove barriers to their learning and participation. Together, these strands of work reflect our commitment to making sure every child feels that they belong, has the opportunity to succeed and is supported to flourish at Astbury.



School Rules

As we continue working and learning together, we would like to remind everyone of our three school rules. These simple expectations help us create a happy, respectful and productive school community where everyone can feel secure and ready to learn.

- Be safe – look after yourself, others and our school.
- Be responsible – make positive choices and take care of your actions.
- Be Ready – arrive prepared, listen carefully and take part in learning.

Thank you for helping us follow these rules each day.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th October 2:45pm

- Class Mary Standon Bowers Assembly

Thursday 8th October 2026

- School Open Day: Reception 2027 and Pre-School Admissions

Thursday 8th October 3:30pm

- Year 5 & 6 Netball Team match at Black Firs

Wednesday 14th October 2026 3pm - 3:30pm

Flourishing Together - Handwriting

Friday 16th October 2026 3:30 - 4:30pm

- PTFA Glow Disco (Book by 15/10/26)

Friday 23rd October 2026 3:30pm

- School Closes for half-term

Monday 2nd November 2026

- School Closed to pupils: INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

- School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 4th November 2026

- Team Point Reward non-uniform (teams tbc)

Wednesday 11th November 2026

- 10:45 Remembrance Service in Church

Friday 13th November 2026

- Children In Need; wear spots/yellow and make a donation

Tuesday 24th November 6pm

- PTFA Quiz night at Reubens. Tickets £10 available from Reubens (max team 6.)

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December 2026

- Autumn Term Parent Consultations, bookings open on School Spider 2/11/26

SURPRISE ATTENDANCE DAY

is coming!

EVERY DAY MATTERS!

THIS OCTOBER

What day will it be? We're not telling!



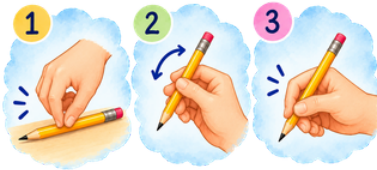
All children who are present on our Surprise Attendance Day will receive a treat!



Flourishing Handwriting

Handwriting is one of our current school priorities. Across school, we are working together to improve and secure handwriting, helping every child develop clear, fluent and confident writing. We look forward to supporting children as they practise letter formation, presentation and joined handwriting in their everyday learning.

Pick it
Flip it
Grip it



Friday

Celebrations

Walk in Love

Jonah	Meabh
Noah	Eve
Mary	Holly
Jacob	Tilly

My Happy Mind

Jonah	Mia
Noah	Eric
Mary	Rocco
Jacob	Grace

GLOW DISCO

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

£5 ENTRY
(INCLUDES, PROP, TREATS AND A DRINK)

QUIET AREA AVAILABLE

PLEASE PAY VIA SCHOOL SPIDER
BY THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Attendance Matters

Parents/Carers have a statutory responsibility to ensure children attend school regularly and on time. Pupils should attend school every day, unless in exceptional circumstances.

All absences must be reported to school.



Our trust target for attendance is 96%

Jonah

98.9%

Noah

97.8%

Mary

98.3%

Jacob

95.7%

Worship & Wonder

How did the Good Samaritan show goodness?



Self-control



Kindness



Peace

Family Survey

A school survey is available to complete via School Spider, closing on Monday 12th October. Thank you to families who have already completed it; feedback will be shared before half term.

Team Points

We have changed the way we run our team point system. Each half term, we will set a target for teams to work towards. All teams who reach the target will receive the reward, meaning all four teams can be rewarded if they reach the half term's target. Every point counts, so please keep encouraging one another, showing teamwork and making positive choices throughout the half term. Make sure your team does not miss out!

Autumn 1 Target: 1000

Collect 1000 team points by 23/10/2026

Reward: non-uniform day

on Wednesday 4th November

556



763

670



596

Spotlight on...

Black History Month

In our classrooms and through our Courageous Advocates weekly worship, we are focusing on Black History Month. This is an opportunity for children to learn about inspiring Black figures, celebrate their achievements and explore the rich contributions that Black people have made to history, culture and society.

There are lots of useful resources available at BBC Teach if you would like to discover more and continue conversations at home.

Our KS1 and KS2 children will be completing passports as they learn, recording their discoveries and reflections along the way. They will be supported and challenged by our brilliant Ethos Council.



CLICK for Link:

BBC Bitesize



Fantastic Mr. Readers!

Let's celebrate the percentage of children who read at home at least 3 times a week:

Jonah



67%

Noah



65.5%

Mary



58%

Jacob



52%

We've noticed a dip in percentages this week - can we all improve our reading frequency next week?

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Hi Parents and Carers,

We just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the PTFA throughout the 2025/26 school year, whether by donating, volunteering, attending our events, or supporting us in any other way.

It has been our best year yet for fundraising, and we've had lots of fun along the way! 🎉

We also wanted to take this opportunity to provide an overview on the money we have raised and how those funds are being spent. Our fundraising makes a real difference to the school, and we're incredibly grateful for everyone who helps make it possible.

Looking ahead to the next school year, our main goal is to raise enough funds to give the playground a much-needed uplift, while continuing to support the school with projects, resources and school trips.

To make this possible, we're also going to take the opportunity to plead for more volunteers! We are always short of people to help at our events, and every extra pair of hands makes a huge difference. You don't need to commit to everything — even volunteering at just one event during the school year would be a massive help.

Thank you again for all your support. We couldn't do it without you!

Your PTFA ❤️



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'