The Astbury Express

"Walk in love as Christ loves you"

Ephesians 5:2

Astbury St Mary's CofE Primary School — 22nd October 2026

This week in school

As we reach the end of my first half term at Astbury, it feels like a lovely opportunity to pause and reflect on the past seven weeks. It has been a busy and incredibly rewarding start, and I have been so impressed by the commitment, care and passion shown by our staff every day.

Next term, I will share with you in more detail our school priorities as we address the areas where we need to improve and establish a clear and consistent approach to school improvement. This will take time, commitment and the collective effort of our whole school community, but I am excited about the journey ahead and determined that we make a real and lasting difference for our children.

I would also like to recognise the members of our team whose work is often behind the scenes but is so important to the smooth running of school - Mr Brindley, our Site Supervisor, Mrs Moore, our School Office Lead, Alison, our Cook, and Mrs Ives-Keeler, who supports our children at lunchtime. We are also very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who give their time to listen to our children read and support us at lunchtime. As our school prayer reminds us, "As many hands build a home, so many hearts build a school".

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone in the Astbury community for making me feel so welcome. From the children and staff to our families, governors and wider school community, I have already felt a strong sense of belonging and I feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to lead this special school. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November.



Staffing Update

Welcome to the team, Miss Cork, who will work in Class Noah full time. Miss Hughes will continue to work in Class Noah on Monday and Tuesday, and in Class Jacob on Thursday and Friday.

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
98%	97%	98%	95.5%

Autumn 2 Club Information

6 Weeks: Clubs commence w/c 2nd Nov

NO clubs Final week of term

Thrive Sports Gymnastics (4:15pm collection)
Year 1 & Reception Day: Thursday Cost: £2 per week

Jo-ann Bayley school of dance (4pm collection)
Years 1-6 Day: Monday Cost: £5 per week

Netball with Mrs G (4:15pm collection)
Years 4-6 Day: Thursday Cost: No charge

Football Club (4:15pm collection)
Years 4-6 Day: Wednesday Cost: No charge

Young Voices with Mrs Hodder (4pm collection)
Years 4-6 Day: Monday Cost: No charge

The Happy Newspaper Club with Miss Cook (4pm collection)
Years 5-6 Day: Friday Cost: No charge

BOOK **School Spider bookings open now!**

Hogging All the Books!

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



Team Points

Autumn 1 Target: 1000



Congratulations

Congratulations to all teams, who have collected enough points to join us for non-uniform day on Wednesday 4th October. Well done everyone!

Operation Christmas Child

This week, we welcomed visitors from New Life Church who shared information about the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. We are proud to support this initiative again this year.

New Life Church are collecting donations, and we encourage you to participate by filling a shoebox with gifts. Please return all boxes to school by 13th November. If you need a box, some are available in the school office.

For gift suggestions and items to avoid, kindly visit the Samaritans Purse website at https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/ Let's unite to spread festive cheer and show children across the globe they are loved.

Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Dates

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 - Blue team

Wednesday 11th November 2026
- 10:45 Remembrance Service in Church

Friday 13th November 2026
- Children In Need; wear spots/yellow and make a donation

W/C 16th November 2026
- Anti-bullying week

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

Miss Cook's V.I.Ps

Congratulations to our first VIPs! Today, Miss Cook congratulated pupils who were the most improved in their class over Autumn 1. We are delighted to celebrate their hard work, progress and commitment. Well done to every one of you!

Florence	Tiago	Charlotte	Mila
Class Jonah/Acorns	Class Noah	Class Mary	Class Jacob

Community Day

School are looking for volunteers to support our Community Day on Saturday 14th of November, helping to tidy and brighten our school environment. More information is attached to this newsletter; sign up via School Spider.

Friday Celebrations

	Jonah	Noah	Mary	Jacob
Walk in love:	Elliott	Ava	Grayson	Georgia
My Happy Mind:	Ayva	Eliza	Edith	Jackson

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Astbury St Mary's Community Refresh Day

14 November 10am-2pm

Families and members of the school community are invited to come together to tidy, improve and brighten the school environment.

EXAMPLE JOBS

- Gardening, weeding and tidying flower beds
- Clearing leaves and sweeping paths
- Planting flowers and refreshing outdoor spaces
- Outdoor tidying and litter picking
- Sorting and reorganising storage areas
- Touching up paintwork
- Cleaning outdoor furniture
- Deep cleaning selected indoor areas
- Small repairs and maintenance
- Preparing outdoor areas for planting and learning activities

Many hands make light work!

You can help for an hour or stay for the whole session.

Sign up via School Spider survey

The Happy Newspaper Club

Year 5/6



Real news
Big conversations
Happier minds

A space to read, talk and feel good!



What's involved?

- Read weekly articles from The Happy Newspaper
- Discuss ideas and share thoughts
- Well-being activities to support your mental and emotional health

Max 10 spaces

Be informed
Be kind
Be you

Every Friday
3.20 - 4pm

Good news can make a big difference!

With Miss Cook