The Astbury Express

"Walk in love as Christ loves you"

Ephesians 5:2

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Astbury St Mary's CofE Primary School *6th November 2026*

This week in school







At Astbury, our Christian distinctiveness is woven into the everyday life of our school, not just our times of worship. We regularly reflect on the fruits of the Spirit that we hold dear: self-control, kindness and peace, and how we can live these out in the way we treat one another and the choices we make each day.

Recently, we have been thinking about how we can WALK in love. As we walk through our corridors, classrooms and playground, we are reminded to walk in love, just as Christ loves us. Whether it is showing kindness to a friend, exercising self-control when things don't go our way or making peace after a disagreement, every day brings opportunities to put our Christian values into practice. Our hope is that these become more than words on a poster, but a way of life for us all as part of the Astbury family.





Welcome to Mrs Proctor

We are delighted to share that Mrs Proctor has been appointed as our new Intervention Lead! Mrs Proctor will officially join the Astbury Family on 19th November. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our school team and know you will join us in giving her a very warm welcome!

Percy Pigeon

You might have heard Percy Pigeon made a brief appearance at Astbury - just to reassure about his pit stop, he has now flown back to his family!

Congratulations Tilly



A HUGE congratulations to Tilly in Year 6!
We are absolutely delighted to share that Tilly has qualified for the Staffordshire County Netball Squad! What a fantastic achievement! We are all incredibly proud of you, Tilly, and can't wait to see you shine on the netball court!

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
97.5%	96.8%	97.8%	95.6%

Playground Improvements

Something's changing on our playground... have you spotted it?
Exciting things are happening at Astbury! With a new traversing wall and hanging ropes, our playground is getting a fantastic makeover!
And the excitement doesn't stop there... there's more to come!
Watch this space! Thank you to PTFA and May Day Community for helping to fund this exciting project.

Sparkling Readers

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

Jonah 50%

Noah 79%

Mary 50%

Jacob 50%

Team Points

Autumn 2 Target: 1000

by Friday 11th December



This Half Term's Reward

Our Head Boy and Head Girl are busy gathering ideas from pupils to help decide on this half term's reward!

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

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

Wednesday 11th November 2026
- KS2 Ability Day - invited pupils

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

Surprise Attendance Day... Coming Soon!

Worship & Wonder

What is like to keep going when we feel like giving up?

Self-control

Kindness

Peace

Community Day

Our Community Day is scheduled for Saturday 14th November. A big thank you to all the families who have kindly volunteered to help! We are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast and will make a decision early next week about whether the event can go ahead as planned. Thank you for your continued support!

Friday Celebrations

	Jonah	Noah	Mary	Jacob
Walk in love:	Sebastian	Tilly	Charlotte	Theo
My Happy Mind:	Holly	Millie	Bernie	Kris

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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

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

Friday 13th November

- Wear Yellow/Spots to school
- Pudsey ears ready!
- Make a donation to Children in Need



PTFA

- Guess the number of Pudsey's balloons in the car!

Win a Pudsey Bear!

