



TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Empathy

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	George L
RG	Oliver G
1D	Megan L
1S	Myles M
2C	Harlow K
2G	Elsie H
3B	Jack B
3W	Sebastian M
4C	Jude L
4EM	Stella J
5B	Felix C
5AC	Annabelle H
6HG	Laura L
6R	Gabriella L



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Ashdene Exceptional Achievement

I am delighted to share that Ashdene Primary School has been ranked 10th best primary school in the North West based on the 2025 End of Key Stage 2 outcomes, and 110th nationally. This is an exceptional achievement, and I am incredibly proud of our pupils, staff and wider school community.

This also marks the third consecutive year that Ashdene has been included in the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide – a testament to the consistency, dedication and passion that underpin everything we do.

Importantly, these outcomes have been achieved without narrowing our curriculum or placing a sole emphasis on reading, writing, maths or exam preparation. We remain deeply committed to offering a rich, broad and balanced curriculum, full of meaningful experiences that help our children flourish both academically and personally. This commitment was recognised once again during our Ofsted inspection in March, where we retained our Outstanding judgement – something we value just as highly as our national ranking. Our pupils' outcomes are truly a product of everything we do, not just what is measured in tests.

This year, we have also been delighted to welcome an unprecedented number of visitors from far and wide – from Birmingham to Yorkshire – who have travelled to Ashdene to observe our practice. We are always proud and happy to share what we do, supporting others on their own improvement journeys. Contributing positively to the wider educational community is something we view as both a privilege and a responsibility.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Achievements like these are only possible when a whole community works together, and Ashdene is a shining example of what that looks like.

Mrs Mather



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Ashdene Exceptional Achievement



Northwest - state primary schools

● Male ▲ Female ■ Mixed

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Regional rank	National rank	School	Town	Reading (averaged scaled score)	Grammar (averaged scaled score)	Maths (averaged scaled score)	Total	Entry gender
2025 ^ v	^ v	^ v	^ v	^ v	^ v	^ v	^ v	
1	3	Nicol Mere School	Wigan	116	116	114	346	● ▲
2	19	Yarlside Academy	Barrow-in-Furness	111	117	111	339	● ▲
3	33	St Wilfrid's CofE Primary Academy	Wigan	111	114	112	337	● ▲
4	35	Lacey Green Primary Academy	Wilmslow	112	114	111	337	● ▲
5	65	Altrincham CofE Primary School	Altrincham	111	113	112	336	● ▲
6	94=	Lower Peover CofE Primary School	Knutsford	111	113	111	335	● ▲
7	96=	Garstang St Thomas CofE Primary School	Preston	109	114	112	335	● ▲
8	100	Delamere CofE Primary Academy	Tarporley	111	113	111	335	● ▲
9	106	Brooklands Primary School	Sale	110	112	112	334	● ▲
10	110	Ashdene Primary School	Wilmslow	111	113	110	334	● ▲



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School Attendance

We are pleased that the vast majority of parents have made the most of the long weekend to enjoy exciting Christmas activities or short breaks away without impacting school attendance.

Every day at school counts.

If your child is absent, even for one day, they miss vital learning, which can create gaps in their understanding. It also impacts the learning of others when your child returns, as the teacher must work hard to address missed content while ensuring the class continues to progress through the curriculum.

However, we are disappointed that a small number of families have chosen to take additional time off for weekends away or day trips (for example, visits to Lapland UK) during term time. This is not acceptable and will always be recorded as unauthorised.

We appreciate that many children become unwell at this time of year. For this reason, it is especially important to prioritise attendance wherever absences can be avoided. Weekends and school holidays must be used for trips, activities and special events.

Thank you once again to all families who continue to prioritise their child's education and support high attendance across the school.



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Christmas Fair

Despite the windy and wet weather last Friday, nothing could dampen the festive spirit at our Christmas Fair!

A huge thank you to all the PTA (John and all his elf helpers) parents, families, and friends who came along to support the event – your enthusiasm made it truly special.

Our hall was buzzing with fantastic stalls, delicious food, and brilliant prizes, and we're incredibly grateful for all the generous donations that made it possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed Jolly Jam Jars, and items for the bottle and chocolate tombola's.

And of course, a special mention goes to Santa, who had a wonderful time meeting all the children and to our KS2 Choir spreading Christmas cheer!

Thank you once again for helping make this year's Christmas Fair such a joyful success!



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Pupil Leadership

Finance Team

The Team ran a successful stall at the school Christmas fair selling jigsaw's, light up toys and co-ordinating a name the Panda competition raising £358 for our fund raising total.

Our Pupil Leader, Nora randomly picked out the winner, Eva Turnbull in 4EM, confirming the panda's name as Cooper!



Mental Health Ambassadors

Mental Health Ambassadors will be visiting The Hawthorns Care Home again in the last week of term to help spread some Ashdene festive cheer.

In assembly on Monday, children across the school were invited to make Christmas cards for residents and given an example of what to write:

Hello,
My name is Amy and I go to Ashdene Primary School.
This year, I've asked Santa for some roller skates.
I hope you have a lovely Christmas.
From Amy



Children can go wild with their own designs or simply write out a shop-bought card; what matters is the message inside. Cards need to be handed to class teachers no later than 17th December.



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Sport

Netball Competition

Well done to the Netball team who won the Inspire Tournament at Wilmslow High School last week. The team played 5 games and won them all convincingly.

The blistering attack was led by captain Georgia S-P who frequently left the opposition standing. The win means the team will now progress to the County Finals - date to be confirmed.

Special mentions to Frannie - who was voted Players' Player - and to Millie as Coaches Player who rarely missed a shot and demonstrated excellent defending when needed too.



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Boys Football Competition

On 13th November, Ashdene sent a Year 5/6 football team to Wilmslow High School to compete in an inter-school competition. It was a close affair and Ashdene remained undefeated throughout.

The only way to find a winner however was through penalties at the end of the final which Ashdene unfortunately lost to Gorsey Bank.

Well done to everyone who participated, you demonstrated all of Ashdene's RESPECT values.



Active Ambassadors



Well done to 5AC for being the KS2 Active Classes of the Week with 90 extra active minutes.



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Attendance	
RB	97.1%
RG	88.8%
★ 1D	99.6%
1S	96.1%
2C	97.3%
2G	96.3%
3B	96%
3W	96.8%
4C	90.4%
4EM	98.3%
★ 5AC	99.6%
5B	95.7%
6R	91.7%
★ 6HG	99.6%

Equates to:	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS	90%	CONCERNS
30 SCHOOL DAYS	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS

Attendance

Update

Our attendance target is 97%. We all need to work together on ensuring children are in school EVERY day and not missing any learning.

Our attendance for the week is:

96%

Our attendance for the year to date is

97%

Well done **1D**, **5AC** and **6HG**
on their impressive attendance
last week!



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This Week In Pictures

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



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This Week In Pictures

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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Reading Leaderboard

			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Asya D	Emily B	Edward A	Maddie A
Renzo H	Hari C	Violet F	Connie L
Daniel S	Ella L	Dario B	Olivia B
Cooper B	Neve M	Felix C	Florence E
Harry H	Phoebe McG	Teddy G	Emily H
Isobel M	Ava P	Oliver E-C	Georgia L
Jacob McG	Nia R	George G	Zac G
Max M	Theo S	Francesca M-S	Libby K
Alara W	Ella W	Rose E	Austin S
Douglas A	Leonard C	Ralph M	Jasmine G
Seb B	Rosie D	Reeva P	Mia H
Rory C	Sophia D	Henry D	Fox T-G
Oscar F	Percy O	Darcié B	Lia T
Saskia G	Sophia P	Morgan S	Marco W
Alice K	Ruby R	Nathan H	Lucia F
Phoebe L	Alice	Oliver R	Arselia D
Daniel S	Daisy	Huw W	Robin H
Dexter VDB		Sophia B	Nicolas S
Poppy S			
Hendrix S			
Nia B			
Daniel T			

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 12th December, pupils and staff are invited to wear their festive Christmas jumpers to school!

Children should wear their normal school uniform and replace their school jumper with a Christmas jumper. If it is a PE day, pupils should wear their PE kit and can add a Christmas jumper on top.

We're supporting Save the Children, and optional donations can be made here:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

Thank you for helping us spread joy and make a difference!



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KS2 Panto

Children in KS2 are looking forward to their visit to Stockport Plaza this week to watch Aladdin. Coaches will leave at 9am on Thursday morning, so please ensure your child arrives at school promptly.

All children should come to school wearing full school uniform, even if it is their usual PE day.

Christmas Performances at Wilmslow Leisure Centre

KS1

Children in KS1 will be performing at Wilmslow Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th December at 11am. They will travel to and from the Leisure Centre by coach. Please ensure that consent has been given via School Gateway. If you have purchased tickets, these will be sent home with your child this week. Children should come to school on Tuesday wearing full school uniform.

KS2

Children in KS2 will be performing at Wilmslow Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th December at 4pm. We will walk to the Leisure Centre at 1:30pm for an afternoon rehearsal. Children will remain at the Leisure Centre until the performance and do not need to be collected from school at 3:30pm.

The performance is expected to finish at 5pm, after which children should be collected from the following locations:

Years 3 and 4: Sports hall doors leading into the Leisure Centre foyer

Years 5 and 6: External fire doors leading to the car park

Children should come to school on Tuesday wearing full school uniform.

If you have purchased tickets for the performance, these will be sent home with your child this week.



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Year 3 Parent Lunch

If you would like to attend the Year 3 parent lunch on **Thursday 22nd January** at 11.30am, please complete the booking form using the link below.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/gGKcF4K6t4>



(Please note this is an invite for parents to experience the new school meal provision; there is no charge).

The deadline for booking a place (1 parent per pupil) is **Wednesday 7th January 2026 4pm** - no orders can be accepted after this date.

As detailed seating plans are arranged in advance, please do not attend without a booking ,even if you're not dining.

HT3/HT4 Club Bookings

The bookings for Clubs HT3/HT4 is now open. The bookings will close on Monday 15th December at 9am.

This is an immediate booking on a first come first serve basis. A confirmation email will be sent if your child has successfully received a place. Teacher Led Clubs will start the week commencing Monday 12th January and will subsequently not run in the first and the last week of each half term. To make a booking follow the below link.

Do not book a space if your child is unable to attend every session. Please do not be solely reliant upon clubs for childcare as these are subject to cancellation should a staff member be unable to attend or due to poor weather.

<https://ashdeneschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

To book a club run by an external provider, please contact them directly. Parents should refer to external clubs information for dates for external providers.



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MiniSports

Ashdene Spring Term 25/26

Reception Only Club

A unique programme, Outstanding coaches, Different themes & games every week.

Teamwork, resilience, agility, balance, coordination, fundamental movements, ball skills, hand eye coordination & motor skills and more!

Mondays 3.30- 4.30pm

<https://multisports-coaching.classforkids.io/info/376>

MoreThanSport Years 1 and 2

A unique sports experience suitable for each and every child! Prepare for a club like no other... just like the name, this sports based club works on so much more than just sport skills; resilience, confidence, teamwork, education and an entire range of life skills.

More than sports sessions are structured, age specific and are based on transferable sporting skills. The programme provides children with everything they need to enjoy, develop & love sport!

Highly qualified coaches deliver our school approved programme to small groups using our unrivalled programme.

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

<https://multisports-coaching.classforkids.io/info/377>



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At WFA we have to prepare for January - February half term so we are putting together our register now for Afterschool Football.

Online registration for WFA's Afterschool and Sunrise Football Sessions for next half term (January - February) is now open for boys and girls.

Please click on this link to register on the WFA website and follow the instructions.

<https://www.academyfootball.co.uk/play-football/after-school-clubs/>

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL
REGISTRATION FORM

BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITY WELCOME!

Players will need to wear kit suitable for all weather with shin pads, football boots and trainers. To book your child onto the relevant course, complete the form below and return it to the school office with correct payment. Please note all groups are mixed apart from our girls only training groups highlighted below.

JAN - FEB 2026

SCHOOL	SCHOOL YEARS	DAY & TIME	DATES	PRICE
ASHDENE	Reception to Year 6	MON 3.20 - 4.30	5th Jan to 9th Feb	£51.00
FULSHAW ST. ANNE'S	Year 1 to Year 6	MON 3.20 - 4.30	5th Jan to 9th Feb	£51.00
GORSEY BANK	Year 1 to Year 6	TUES 3.20 - 4.30	6th Jan to 10th Feb	£51.00
MOBBERLEY	Year 1 to Year 6	TUES 3.20 - 4.30	6th Jan to 10th Feb	£51.00
LINDOW GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	WED 8.00 - 8.45 am	7th Jan to 11th Feb	£45.00
ASHDENE GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	WED 3.20 - 4.30	7th Jan to 11th Feb	£51.00
WILMSLOW ACADEMY	Reception to Year 6	WED 3.20 - 4.30	7th Jan to 11th Feb	£51.00
LACEY GREEN GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	WED 3.20 - 4.30	7th Jan to 11th Feb	£51.00
GORSEY BANK GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	THU 8.00 - 8.45 am	8th Jan to 12th Feb	£51.00
LINDOW	Reception to Year 6	THU 3.20 - 4.30	8th Jan to 12th Feb	£51.00
LACEY GREEN	Year 1 to Year 6	FRI 3.20 - 4.30	9th Jan to 13th Feb	£51.00

e: erik@academyfootball.co.uk t: 07792 791 382

ALL BOOKINGS ARE NOW MADE ONLINE

To sign up to one of our after school clubs simply complete the online form with payment and your child will automatically be added to our register for this terms sessions!

Discover more and book your place now at:

[WWW.ACADEMYFOOTBALL.CO.UK/PLAY-FOOTBALL/AFTER-SCHOOL-CLUBS](https://www.academyfootball.co.uk/play-football/after-school-clubs/)



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FACE Timetable



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm

Would you like some support with any of the above issues?

FACE aims to support regular parents with commonly faced issues.

In this age of long waiting lists and over-loaded services, FACE is offering you practical and accessible advice and information.

Each talk includes easy to apply interventions and the opportunity to ask questions.

The sessions are delivered online via zoom by Jane Keyworth,

Lead Facilitator at FACE

7pm - 8:30pm £24 each



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Picture News

TAKEHOME 8th - 14th December

How might challenges help us grow?



In the news this week

An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Key Dates

Thursday 11th December - KS2 Panto Stockport Plaza

Friday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Christmas Performance 11am

Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Christmas Performance 4pm

Wednesday 17th December - Reception Nativity 9:15am

Wednesday 17th December - EYFS/KS1 Panto Lowry

Friday 19th December - School closes for Christmas

Thursday 22nd January - Year 3 Parent Lunch

Thursday 5th February - Year 2 Parent Lunch

Friday 13th February - School closed for Half Term

Monday 23rd February - School reopens HT4



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Community News

CHYPS
Award winning pantos

SNOW WHITE

30th Dec 2025
2nd - 4th Jan 2026



chypspanto.com
Wilmslow Leisure Centre

SNOW WHITE

SHOWTIMES AND PRICES

Tuesday 30th December - 1:30 pm
Tuesday 30th December - 7:00 pm
Friday 2nd January - 7:00 pm
Saturday 3rd January - 1:30 pm
Saturday 3rd January - 7:00 pm
Sunday 4th January - 1:30 pm

All tickets £20
NO BOOKING FEES!

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PLANNED**

**22nd
December
JOURNEY TO
THE NORTH
POLE**

**23rd
December**

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

**2nd - 5th
January**

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2026!**

**JOIN THE FESTIVE FUN AT OUR
CHRISTMAS
CAMP**

Get ready for festive fun, laughter, and adventure! Our Christmas Holiday Camp is packed with exciting activities, games, and themed activities. Don't miss our two magical festive days — Journey to the North Pole on 22nd December and our spectacular Christmas Party on 23rd December. Join us for the ultimate holiday experience where every day feels like Christmas!

17TH DECEMBER - 5TH JANUARY



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