



TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Excellence

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	Molly B
RG	Everly D
1D	Olivia W
1S	Eleanor A
2C	Firuze S
2G	Nico P
3B	Anais H
3W	Jackson C
4C	Pippa McD
4EM	Sophia P
5B	Lucas McC
5AC	Isla T
6HG	Jack W
6R	Ahmed H



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A Message We're Proud To Share



Ashdene Primary School has received a letter of congratulations from the Secretary of State for Education, recognising the excellent outcomes achieved by our disadvantaged pupils in 2024/25.

Sharing Our Practice

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome 55 members of staff from two schools within the Batley Multi-Academy Trust, who visited Ashdene as part of their INSET day to see first-hand how we achieve such strong outcomes for our pupils. It was a real privilege to be asked to share our practice and support other schools on their improvement journeys.

Our children were incredible throughout the day, remaining calm, focused and unfazed by having up to 20 visitors in classrooms at times. Visiting staff commented on the impeccable behaviour of our pupils, their strong focus on learning and the consistently high-quality teaching across the school.



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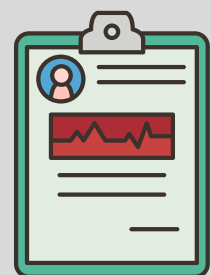
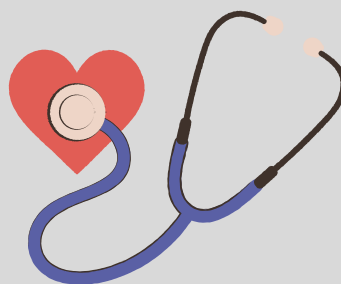
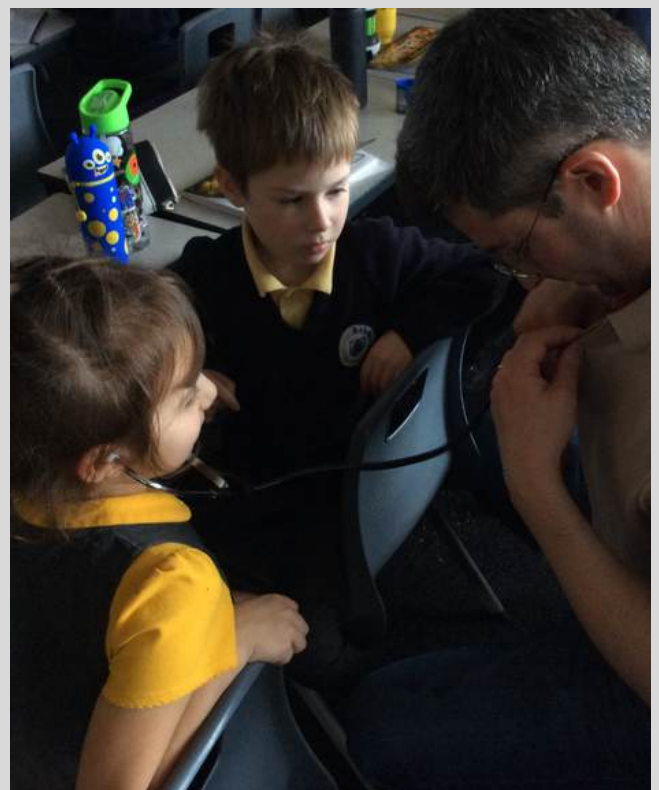
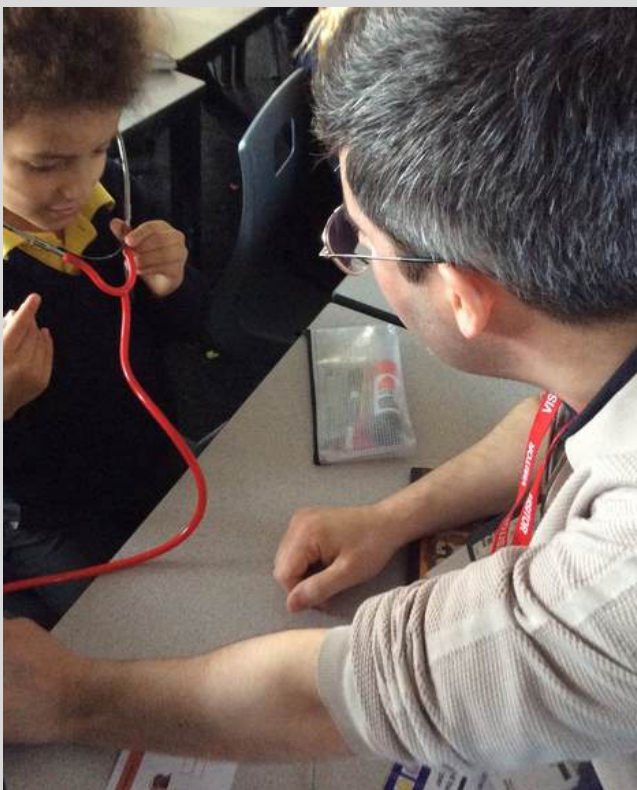
Year 2 Talk

On Tuesday, Olivia's uncle came into talk to Year 2. He is a heart surgeon and told us all about his job and how he helps people.

He told us why he wanted to be a heart surgeon and what steps he took to get there. We even had a chance to use stethoscopes to listen to our own and other people's heart beats!



We were all so interested by his job and had a great time!



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Pupil Leadership

Play Leaders and Reading Ambassadors

The Play Leaders, together with the Reading Ambassadors, have come up with a lovely new idea for our KS1 children.

Every Tuesday lunchtime during Block D, children will have the opportunity to read and relax. Instead of staying outside, children can choose to come into 2C's classroom, settle down and enjoy a good book in a calm and cosy environment.

This is a great chance for children to take some quiet time and develop their love of reading.

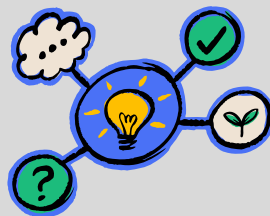
The play leaders look forward to sharing some stories with you all!



Finance Team

Our Finance Team have taken stock of funds we have raised during the first half of the year.

We are delighted at the success of our fund-raising initiatives so far which include: winning a local grant from Tesco; Spooky Spud competition; Christmas light up stall; name the giant panda; and Xmas4Schools incentive.



We will be meeting next week to plan our next fund-raising ideas for the Spring and Summer term, so watch this space!



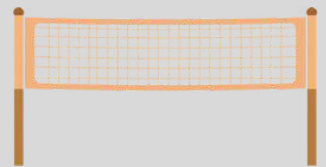
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Sport

Multi Skills Festival

As well as having lots of fun today, the children taking part in the Multiskills Festival at WHS learned a new game called Tchoukball!

A big shout out to all who took part and represented Ashdene so admirably.



Active Ambassadors




Well done to 5AC for being the KS2 Active Classes of the Week with 87 extra active minutes.



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Attendance	
RB	95%
RG	96%
1D	98.1%
1S	97.9%
2C	96.4%
2G	95.7%
3B	95.6%
 3W	99%
4C	98.6%
4EM	95.2%
5AC	94.1%
5B	96.3%
6R	98.3%
6HG	98.3%

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:

97%

Our attendance for the year to date is

97%



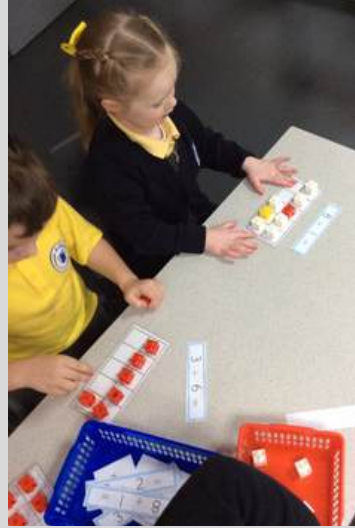
Well done **3W** on their impressive attendance last week!



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This Week In Pictures

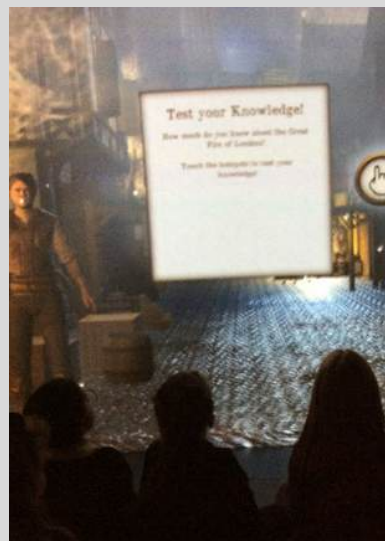
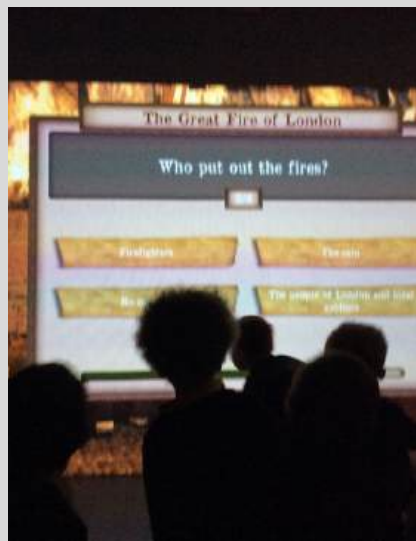
Reception



Year 1



Year 2



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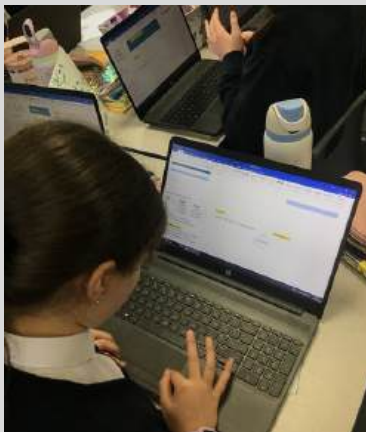
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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Reading Leaderboard



PE Days Learning Block D

Please see below for the PE days for **Learning Block D**. Learning Block D will commence on **Monday 2nd February**.

On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

Year Group	PE days
Reception	Monday and Friday
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Friday



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Guidance for Parents on Sending Children to School when Unwell

We have recently noticed an increase in children telling staff that they have been told they can go home if they remain unwell during the school day. We kindly ask parents to avoid giving this message to children.

If a child is significantly unwell (such as vomiting, or with symptoms that would prevent them from learning comfortably), it is usually best for them to remain at home. Children who are well enough to attend school should come in with the expectation of staying for the full day, rather than anticipating being collected later.

Where children are well enough to attend school but may need pain relief during the day to manage mild symptoms, this can usually be arranged in line with the school's medication procedures.

Music Squad



Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups)

The emotional, wellbeing and confidence benefits children can get from piano lessons are immense. But traditional, stuffy piano lessons don't cut it... which is where we come in. We haven't invented piano lessons, just really good ones!

Our after-school keyboard club is a unique way for your child to discover the joy of music and learn an instrument in a relaxed, group setting:

- 1 hour club every Wednesday (KS1) OR Thursday (KS2), until 4.30pm
- The small group (10 max) will learn to read music, with musical games, activities, regular performances and learn to play pop songs as a band!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience from £10.30 per week

As well as watching your child's confidence flourish, you can expect:


- Your child to learn to read music properly - without any of the stuffy!
- Picture and video progress updates from every lesson, straight to you
- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate, engaging musicians
- Support through recognised exams (but no pressure)
- Easy online sign-up and flexible monthly payments, cancellable anytime.

Scan the QR code or visit www.musicsquad.co.uk and click 'Register now'.

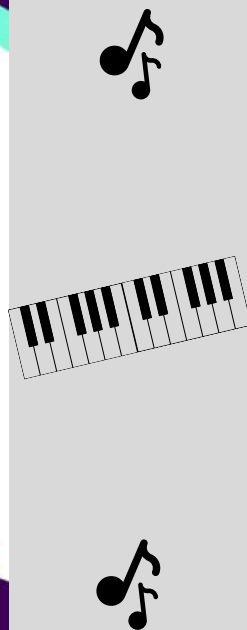
Let's go, Squad!

From,
Hannah Donkin - Music Squad Cheshire, Squad Owner

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 My son is loving Music Squad	 Brilliant in every way



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Join Us for Free Year 2 to 6 Girls Football Taster Sessions!

We're excited to invite your Year 2-6 girls to free taster sessions at our WFA Afterschool Football Club!

Details of the Session

 When: Wednesday's 28th January and 4th and 11th February (3 free trial sessions)

 Time: 3:20 PM – 4:30 PM

 Where: School Field

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience the joy of girls football in a fun, friendly, and supportive environment.

During the session, we'll focus on:

Basic skills and ball mastery.

Team play and tactics.

Building confidence and fostering a love for the game.

Whether your child is new to football or has tried it before, these trial sessions are designed to ensure everyone feels welcome and encouraged.



Why Join?

Play alongside friends and classmates.

Discover the fun and excitement of afterschool football.

Explore the possibility of joining us for next term!

If they like it then they can join one of our Wilmslow Town teams or just enjoy the training.

Spaces are limited, so sign up now to secure your child's spot by clicking on this link:

https://www.academyfootball.co.uk/after-school-club-registration/?club_id=6

Please note: Only registered children will be able to attend these sessions.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us directly. We're here to help!

Looking forward to seeing your child on the field,



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FACE Family Advice

Attached is the FACE Family Advice timetable for February.


FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or click here [Go to PARENTS – Live talks page](#).

Accessing the talks free of charge: the add school name access code is add school code

This can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools.

At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

 FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable <small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long</small> £24 each or FREE with School Membership <small>Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk</small> <small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small>	
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm



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Picture News

TAKEHOME

26th January - 1st February



Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play?

In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- > Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- > Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates

Thursday 5th February - Year 2 Parent Lunch 11.30am

Friday 13th February - School closed for Half Term

Monday 23rd February - School reopens HT4

Wednesday 4th March - Parents' Evening online

Thursday 5th March - Parents' Evening online

Friday 13th March - Parent Open Session

Tuesday 17th March - 3B Music Concert 9am

Thursday 19th March - 4C Music Concert 9am

Thursday 19th March - Year 1 Parent Lunch 11.30am

Tuesday 24th March - 3W Music Concert 9am

Thursday 26th March - 4EM Music Concert 9am

Friday 27th March - School Closes Easter Holidays



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MIND GETTING MESSY
IN, COMFY SHOES & A
WATER BOTTLE

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

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