



TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

NEWSLETTER

IN THIS ISSUE

- Personal Development
- This Week in Pictures
- Attend. Achieve. Succeed
- Everyday in School Matters
- Reading Leaderboard
- School Reports
- Parent Open Session
- Absence Request Forms
- Year 1 Parent Lunch
- Governor Donations
- Polite Notices
- FACE Family Advice
- Picture News
- Key Dates
- Community News
- Contact Us



Communication

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	Marlowe Mc
RG	Darcie M
1D	Isla C
1S	Jonas C
2C	Dusan F-R
2G	Xavier S
3B	Max M
3W	Oscar F
4C	Charlie D
4EM	Milo A
5B	Teddy G
5AC	Ernest H
6R	Libby K
6HG	Jasmine G



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.



Year 6 Design and Technology

Before half term, Year 6 completed their food and nutrition Design and Technology project by designing, preparing, cooking and of course eating a Chinese-inspired stir fry.

What better way to celebrate Chinese New Year than with a feast!



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

World Book Day

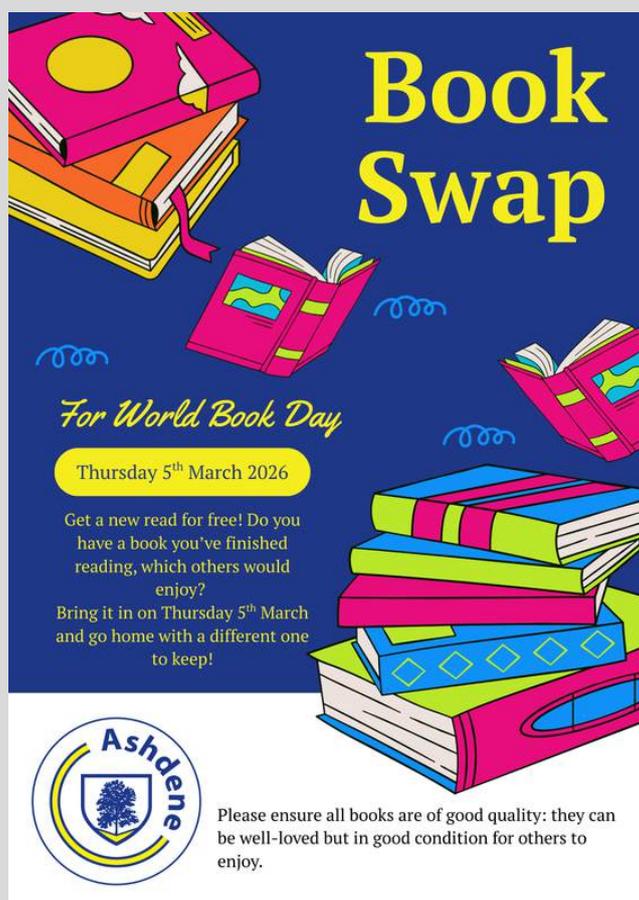
Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. As always, Ashdene will be celebrating by promoting reading across school.

Book Swap - Thursday 5th March

We are excited to be holding a Book Swap this Thursday. All children are invited to bring in a book they have read, enjoyed, and is still in good condition to donate for others to enjoy. Every child who donates a book will be able to choose a different pre-loved book to take home.

Please remind your child that by bringing a book, they are donating it, but they will be able to choose another one to keep. Donations of more than one book are very welcome.

If your child would like to take part, please ensure they bring their book donation to school on Thursday 5th March.



Book Swap

For World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026

Get a new read for free! Do you have a book you've finished reading, which others would enjoy? Bring it in on Thursday 5th March and go home with a different one to keep!

 Please ensure all books are of good quality: they can be well-loved but in good condition for others to enjoy.

The poster features a dark blue background with several stacks of colorful books in shades of pink, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The text is in white and yellow, with the title 'Book Swap' in a large, bold, yellow font. The date 'Thursday 5th March 2026' is highlighted in a yellow oval. The Ashdene logo is a circular emblem with a tree in the center and the word 'Ashdene' around the perimeter.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

World Book Day - Shared Reading

On World Book Day, we love to celebrate reading across the whole school. This year, classes will once again be pairing up to read together. It is always a joy to see our older children sharing stories with our younger pupils and inspiring a love of reading.

Keep an eye on our X account for photos capturing the magic!



Design a National Book Token Competition

The sponsors of World Book Day, National Book Tokens, are inviting all children to design a national book token for their annual competition. This year's theme is "Go All In", which celebrates diving deeper into the things you already love - whether that's football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history, music, or humour - and exploring them further through reading.

Prizes include book tokens for both the winning pupils and the school.

Designs must be completed on the official competition template. These will be handed out to children on World Book Day, and are also available to download from the World Book Day website.

Please return all completed entries to Mrs Roberts by Friday 13th March so they can be posted in time.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Pupil Leadership

Culture Team

Just before half term, the Culture Team led assemblies for the whole school to tell them about Chinese New Year which took place over half term.

The children also led craft activities for Key Stage 1 at lunch times. Everyone had lots of fun celebrating the year of the horse.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

This month, our Junior Safety Officers are focusing on dog safety as their Safety Tip of the Month. With many children encountering dogs at home and in the community, it is important that they understand how to interact with them safely, confidently, and respectfully.

To support this focus, the children will be learning about safe dog behaviour through **BarkSmart**, which teaches children how to understand dog body language, approach dogs safely, and build positive relationships with animals. See below for further information about the BarkSmart workshops which will be taking place this week.



BarkSmart Workshops – Important Information for Parents

This Wednesday and Thursday, children in **Years 1 to 6** will be taking part in BarkSmart workshops, each lasting **1 hour and 30 minutes**. BarkSmart is an educational programme designed to teach children how to interact with dogs safely and responsibly. Its mission is to equip children with lifelong knowledge about dog behaviour, safety, and respectful interaction, supporting them to understand how to approach and respond to dogs appropriately.

During the workshops, children will learn how to recognise dog body language, how to behave safely around dogs, and how to develop positive and empathetic attitudes toward animals – key principles at the heart of the BarkSmart approach.

Please see their website for more information: www.barksmart.co.uk

At the end of each workshop, there will be an **optional opportunity for children to meet a BarkSmart dog**.

Important

If your child has **any allergies to dogs, or a fear of dogs**, please inform their class teacher **before Wednesday**, so we can ensure they feel comfortable and safe during the session.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Finance Team

The Finance Team are excited to announce two fantastic Easter competitions to help raise funds for our school.

Firstly, meet Ashdene Bunny! This lovely big fluffy bunny is looking for a new name and a new home.

We will be running a “Name the Bunny” competition from 23rd–27th March.



The Finance Team will visit classrooms on Friday 27th March to collect entries. However, entries can also be handed to the class teacher or dropped off at the school office anytime from 23rd March throughout the week.

Each entry costs £1. Please include a small note with the pupil’s name, class, and their suggested bunny name. Pupils may enter as many times as they like at £1 per entry to increase their chances of winning.

The winning bunny name will be drawn from a hat by the Finance Team on Friday 27th March, and Ashdene Bunny will go home with the lucky winner just in time for Easter.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Finance Team

Our second Easter event is the Ashdene Eggstravaganza. Pupils are invited to decorate an egg for the chance to win a tasty prize for the best decorated egg per each class.

Each entry costs £1, and pupils are welcome to submit more than one decorated egg.

All decorated eggs should be brought to class by Friday 27 March, although they can be brought in earlier and displayed in class from Monday 23 March.

The Finance Team will judge all entries and award prizes on Friday 27 March 2026.



Ashdene Eggstravaganza

Ashdene Eggstravaganza Competition!

£1 entry per decorated egg.

Bring in your entry to school on **23rd March** (entry clearly labelled name and class)

Finance Team to judge entries with a taste treat prize per class

The poster features three images of decorated Easter eggs: one with cartoon faces, one with colorful patterns, and one with a bunny and chicks.

Sport

Active Ambassadors



Well done to 6HG for being the KS2 Active Classes of the Week with 80 extra active minutes.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Attend. Achieve. Succeed.



Attendance	
RB	96.3%
RG	97%
1D	96.1%
1S	100%
2C	95.8%
2G	93.7%
3B	98.1%
3W	94.2%
4C	99.3%
4EM	94.5%
5AC	98.1%
5B	95%
6R	99%
6HG	96%

Equates to:	Percentage	Quality
100% School Days	100%	PERFECTION
98% School Days	98%	IMPRESSIVE
96% School Days	96%	GOOD
95% School Days	95%	NEARLY THERE
94% School Days	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
90% School Days	90%	CONCERNS
85% 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 **1S** on their perfect attendance last week!



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Everyday in School Matters

Good attendance isn't just a number – it directly affects learning, confidence, and future achievement. Even small amounts of absence can add up quickly.

90% attendance = 19 days missed over the school year.

80% attendance = 38 days missed, which is nearly eight full school weeks.

27% of primary pupils miss 10 or more days of school each year.

Children who miss significant learning often struggle to keep up later – gaps widen over time.

Just 6 days of absence can lead to a drop in reading and maths outcomes.



Everyday Impact

Children may feel out of the loop socially and academically after time away. Small absences add up quickly – a day here and there leads to lost continuity in learning.

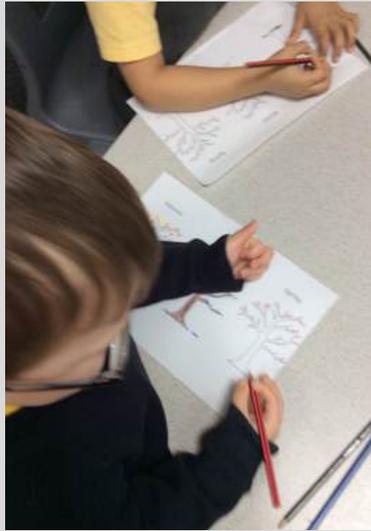
More days in school lead to more learning and more opportunities.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

This Week In Pictures

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

This Week In Pictures

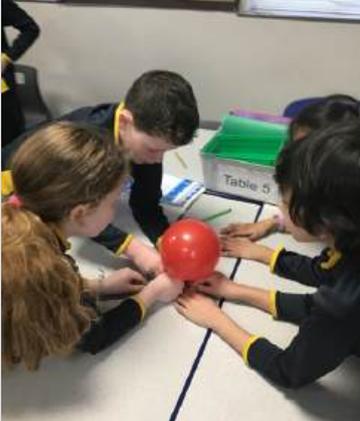
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Reading Leaderboard



School Reports

Please be advised that once school reports are issued, they will be available to access and download for 30 days only. After this time, the reports will no longer be accessible through the system.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to download and save a copy of their child's report as soon as it becomes available.

You may wish to store it securely on your computer, cloud storage, or print a hard copy for your records.

If you experience any difficulties accessing or downloading the report, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can assist you.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Parent Open Session

We would like to invite parents and carers to our next **Parent Open Session on Friday 13th March from 9:00–9:45am**. This session will focus on Personal Development.

What is Personal Development?

Personal Development is a key part of the curriculum and underpins everything we do in school. It supports children to:

Understand themselves and others

Build positive and respectful relationships

Understand how to stay physically and mentally healthy

Keep safe, including online

Appreciate diversity and show respect for others

Develop resilience, empathy, positivity, excellence, communication and teamwork

Prepare for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life

A central part of this learning takes place in our weekly PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) lessons. These sessions are discussion-focused and carefully planned around age-appropriate themes from the curriculum. They provide a safe space for children to ask questions, share ideas and reflect on important topics.

During this open session, we invite parents to join in with a live lesson alongside the children. This will give you the opportunity to experience first-hand how these discussions are facilitated, the types of questions we explore, and how we create a supportive and respectful environment for all pupils.

If you would like to attend the Parent Open Session, please confirm your attendance by completing the SurveyMonkey form using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FF9J8G>

On the day, please enter the school through the external doors to the KS1 hall, where there will be registers for you to sign in. You will then be free to join lessons for the 45-minute session. At the end of the session, we kindly ask that you exit the school building and sign out via the main office. Please note that younger siblings should not attend the session, as this can disrupt the learning of the children in school.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Absence Request Forms

If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, please remember to complete an Absence Request Form **before the start of the absence**.

Ideally, this should be submitted at least two weeks in advance so the school office can ensure the absence is properly documented.

A paper copy of the form can be collected from the school office, or we can send you a link via email for you to complete and return.

Year 1 Parent Lunch

If you would like to attend the Year 1 parent lunch on **Thursday 19th March** at 11.30am, please complete the booking form using the link below.



<https://forms.office.com/e/3QAX8CFbp7>

(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 4th March** at **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.

For allergy and safety reasons, parents must not bring their own food into the school dinner hall.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Governor Donations

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Chair of Governors, David, for organising a generous donation from the company he works for.

The school has received Apple MacBooks, screens (which we are hoping to install in waterproof casings for use in the playground), and some fantastic dinosaurs for the library!



Polite Notices

Lost Property

Named items will be returned to the relevant class by our site manager.
Un-named items will be placed in the Lost Property boxes located in KS1 and KS2.
No lost property will be kept at the school office.

School Meals (Dolce)

Please ensure your child has a credit balance for school meals at all times.

Alternative Pick-Up Arrangements

If someone else is collecting your child, please inform the school office before lunchtime, where possible, by phone or email and not the class teacher email.
admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk

Sporting Event Invitations

Please provide consent promptly via School Gateway for any sporting events.
This allows us to offer places to other pupils if spaces become available.



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

FACE Timetable



March 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)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm

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



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Picture News

TAKEHOME 2nd - 8th March



In the news this week

Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



© Picture News 2025

Key Dates

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

Thursday 23rd April - Reception Parent Lunch

Tuesday 28th - Wednesday 29th April - Year 2 Anderton Residential Trip

Friday 15th May - KS1/KS2 Sports Day

Monday 18th May - Class Photographs

Tuesday 19th May - 5B Music Concert

Wednesday 20th May - 5AC Music Concert

Friday 22nd May - Inset Day

Friday 22nd May - School Closes for Half Term



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Community News



CAMPS 2026 INFORMATION

EASTER CAMPS

WEEK 1: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
 Lancaster Chaplaincy, LA1 4YW
 AKS Prep School, Lytham, FY8 1DT
 St Pius X Catholic Prep School, Preston, PR2 8RD

WEEK 2: Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
 Alderley Edge School for Girls, SK9 7QE
 Liverpool College Prep School, L18 8BU
 The King's School, Chester, CH4 7QL

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS & TAX FREE CHILD CARE ACCEPTED

SUMMER CAMPS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BOOK NOW!

ALL VENUES
 3.30am - 5pm each day
 Suitable for all primary school children
 £200 for 4 days
 £220 after 15th March (end of early bird)

BOOK ONLINE NOW!!
 at northengland.madscience.org
 Call 01772 628844 Email help@madsciencenw.com

Google

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR PACKED LUNCH!

FULLY INSURED HIGHLY TRAINED DBS CHECKED PRESENTERS



EASTER CAMPS 2026

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL 15TH MARCH

BOOK NOW! northengland.madscience.org

PAYMENT AVAILABLE VIA VOUCHERS OR INSTALLMENTS

FUN PACKED DAYS OF SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND GAMES

SPARKING IMAGINATIVE LEARNING!

INTERESTS — **FRIENDSHIP**
HOBBIES — **VOLUNTEERING** — **SKILLS**

THE #CONNECTEDWILMSLOW COMMUNITY GROUP FAIR

SUN 8TH MARCH, 3PM - 5PM.

WILMSLOW UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALLS.

PURPOSE, PASSION, PEOPLE. FIND YOURS HERE IN WILMSLOW.

A fun and welcoming afternoon offering a chance to explore the many hobbies, interests and activities available in Wilmslow.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WILMSLOWTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK OR SCAN THE QR CODE

A FREE EVENT BY WILMSLOW TOWN COUNCIL.

WILMSLOW COMMUNITY AWARDS 2026



NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Nominate using the QR code - or visit www.wilmslowtowncouncil.gov.uk. Paper forms available at Wilmslow Library or outside Wilmslow Parish Hall.

Nominees must live, volunteer or work / have a business in Wilmslow. Nominations must be received by 31st March '26

ORGANISED BY WILMSLOW TOWN COUNCIL



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.

Contact Us



Ashdene Primary School,
Thoresway Road,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 6LJ

Tel: 01625 917 335

Email: admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk



Excellence: everyone, everywhere, every day.