



Welcome to Year 1

Year 1

Class teachers

1HS

Mrs Hesketh and Mrs Speedie

1G

Miss Gorton

Specialist Teachers

PE

Mrs Prior/sports coaches

Art

Mrs Speedie

Music

Miss Marsden

Cover teachers

Mrs Horton

Mrs Cottey

Learning Blocks

- ▶ Following success this year, learning will continue to be organised in fixed six-week blocks, ensuring that all areas of the curriculum are given the time they need for children to fully embed their learning. Block overviews and knowledge jigsaws will be shared with families at the beginning of each block.
- ▶ Please remember that topics may now begin or end part-way through a half term rather than aligning with the half-term break.

Routines

- ▶ Lunch time is from 12:00 to 12:55.
- ▶ The children need a water bottle, lunch (if not having a school dinner), reading book and spelling book every day.
- ▶ Prescribed medicines to be taken to the office.
- ▶ For Block A, PE will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days.
- ▶ Please ensure you inform the class teacher/ office if your child is being collected by someone else. We are unable to release your child to another adult without this communication.

Communication

You can communicate with your child's class teacher through the class email accounts. These are not checked whilst teaching. Please allow 48 hours for a response.

For any urgent messages, please call or email the office.

1HS@ashdeneschool.net

1G@ashdeneschool.net

Communication

- ▶ Your child's class teacher is your first port of call – please direct all enquires to them. If needed, they can then consult with other members of staff within school.
- ▶ Communication policy is on the website.
- ▶ Ensure all communication is respectful.



Excellence:
everyone, everywhere, every day

Our school values: RESPECT

Our core values of RESPECT underpin everything we do.



Please model respectful communications

- School events, sporting events, face to face conversations and emails

Respectful Communications

- ▶ We encourage open, respectful and effective communication between school and home. To help ensure your enquiry is directed appropriately and responded to efficiently, please refer to our **Parent Communication Policy**, available on the school website
- ▶ At Ashdene, we aim to create a happy, stimulating learning environment, and we value the partnership we have with our families in supporting each child's development and success.
- ▶ If you have any **questions or concerns**, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher to **arrange an appointment**.

Respectful Communications

- ▶ Please ensure all communications are respectful, including at school events and sporting fixtures
- ▶ We ask that all parents and spectators model the same high standards of behaviour and respect that we expect from our pupils. This includes showing respect towards all children, staff, volunteers, officials, referees and event organisers.
- ▶ Decisions made by school staff, officials or event organisers are final and should not be challenged or disputed by spectators during or after the event.
- ▶ We expect all parents to support events in a positive and encouraging manner, helping to create an environment in which all children can participate confidently, enjoy their experiences and represent the school with pride.

Communication

Subject: Absolutely unacceptable behaviour!!!

Dear [Teacher],

I am disgusted to hear what happened to my child today. I cannot believe you have allowed other children to treat my child in this way. It is totally unacceptable that [Child's Name] was left upset because you clearly did nothing to stop this. I have heard everything from my child and it is obvious you have failed to protect them.

You need to sort out these children who are being mean and putting my child through this, and make sure this NEVER happens again. I want to know exactly what you are going to do about this immediately because I will not stand for my child being bullied and ignored.

I don't see why my child should have to put up with this behaviour — clearly your staff are not dealing with things properly. I expect a reply today telling me what punishment these other children are getting.

Very unhappy,
[Parent Name]

Subject: Concern About Friendship Incident

Dear [Teacher],

I hope you are well. I am writing because [Child's Name] came home today feeling quite upset about an incident with some other children. From what [he/she/they] told me, there seems to have been a disagreement, and [Child's Name] was left feeling hurt.

I understand there are often different sides to these situations, and I would really appreciate it if you could help me understand what happened from the school's perspective. I am keen to support [Child's Name] in managing friendships and resolving any difficulties in a positive way.

Please could you let me know when would be a good time to discuss this further, or if you have any information you can share in the meantime?

Thank you so much for your help.

Kind regards,
[Parent Name]

Communication

Subject: Another week with no certificate — outrageous

I cannot believe you haven't given [Child's Name] a certificate AGAIN. Clearly you have favourites and don't care about children like mine. I'm sick of this unfair treatment. It's disgraceful and I expect this to be sorted out immediately.

[Parent Name]

Subject: Question about reward certificates

Dear [Teacher],

I hope you are well. [Child's Name] was a bit disappointed not to receive a certificate recently, and I wondered how the awards are decided each week.

I completely understand there are many children to consider, but I'd appreciate any feedback on how [Child's Name] is doing and what [he/she/they] might focus on to work towards earning a certificate in the future.

Many thanks for your time and support.

Kind regards,

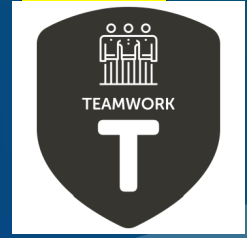
[Parent Name]

Celebrating our values

- Each Monday, we celebrate children who have shown the RESPECT values from each class.
- Each week we have a different RESPECT focus
- If your child has won an award, you will be invited in (in person or via teams) to celebrate with them during this assembly

						
						
This certificate is awarded to						
In recognition of						
Signed			Date			

Attendance



1HS to enter through the classroom door between 8:45 and 8:55am.

1G to enter through the door at the end of the carpark on the right between 8:45 and 8:55am.

If children are late, they should enter through the school office, with an adult to sign them in. If our child arrives after 9am they will receive a late mark. If your child arrives after 9:20, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

The afternoon register will be completed by 3:15pm.

Children will be dismissed at 3:20pm from the doors they entered.

- Regular and punctual attendance in school is essential
- When a child misses school, this disrupts their learning
- If children are missing school due to unauthorised absences, the learning lost cannot be caught up

Attendance

All children should be aiming to achieve a minimum of 97% attendance, apart from those with chronic health issues.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow children to fulfil their potential!

Every Minute Counts

Lateness = Lost Learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

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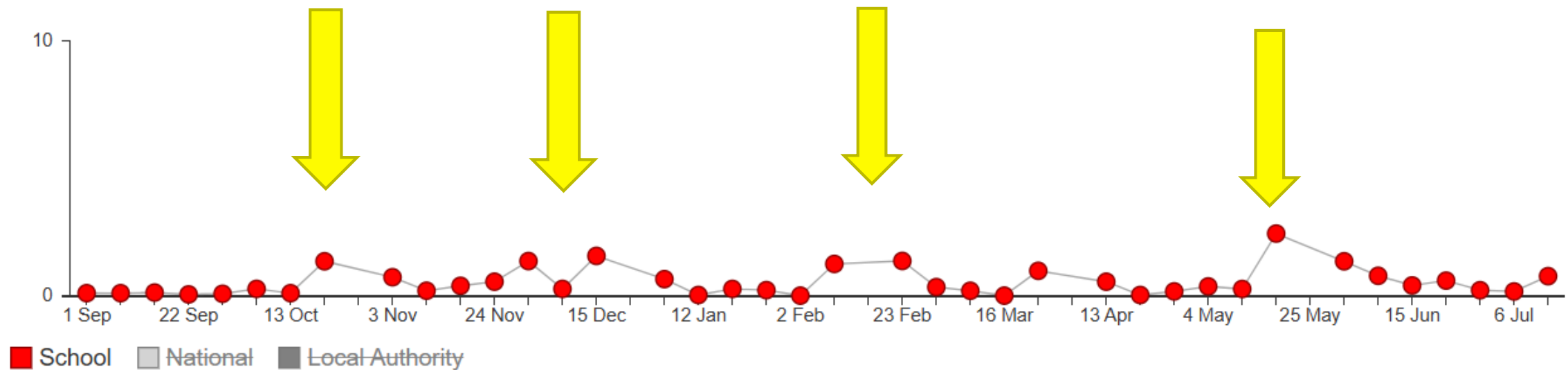
Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 DAYS ABSENCE 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 DAYS ABSENCE (A TERM MISSED) 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 DAYS ABSENCE 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 DAYS ABSENCE 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child	

► Unauthorised absences!

Holidays during term time...

Weekly Absences



READING	↑ 90% att	↓ 90% att
% EXC	56%	20%
% WA ↑	96%	60%
% WT	4%	40%



Attendance impacts attainment!

WRITING	↑ 90% att	↓ 90% att
% EXC	31%	20%
% WA ↑	94%	60%
% WT	6%	40%

Beyond the academic realm, poor attendance also has detrimental effects on students' social and emotional development.

MATHS	↑ 90% att	↓ 90% att
% EXC	51%	20%
% WA ↑	96%	60%
% WT	4%	40%

School is a place for interaction with peers, fostering social skills, teamwork, and an environment that provides emotional wellbeing support.

Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained
schools, academies, independent
schools and local authorities

Please note that the issuing of Penalty Notices is a statutory requirement set by the Government and the Local Authority. Schools are legally required to follow this guidance and do not have discretion over whether a Penalty Notice is issued when the criteria are met

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

Uniform



- Our school uniform is supplied by Express Uniform. The school uniform policy can be found on the school website along with a link to our online shop. High expectations of presentation for all pupils
- Children should come to school in their PE kit on allocated PE days.
- Please see the uniform policy for details on what is the Ashdene PE kit: **wearing own sports clothes is not acceptable.**
- **The PE uniform is navy bottoms: mid-thigh length navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms. Cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted.**

- If your child cannot meet uniform expectations (i.e. they have grown out of their school shoes) please inform your class teacher by email, including when this will be resolved
- If children are wearing incorrect uniform or P.E kit, parents will be contacted. Children can be sent home.
- If families are struggling with the purchase of uniform, please contact school.

Expectations, rewards and behaviour

- ▶ Expectations of pupils are the same in all classes – this is known to the children and there are reminders around classrooms
- ▶ Celebration assembly for exceptional work and/or attitudes



Expectations, rewards and behaviour

Walking in the corridors



**Silence unless
talking to an adult.**



Walk on the left.



Walk in single file.



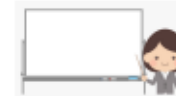
Ready for Learning



Direct Teaching

Face forwards, hands together

Always sit up straight



Never interrupt

Track the speaker

Independent Practice

Equipment ready

**Work at an appropriate volume as set out by
the teacher.**

Stay focused – do not distract others.

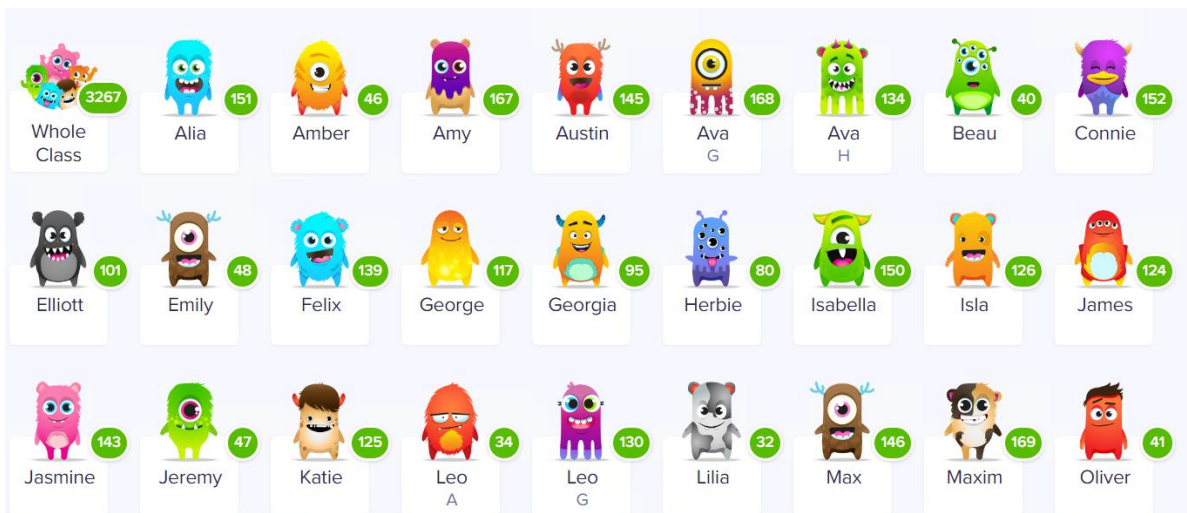


**Hands up if you need to talk to an adult in
the room.**



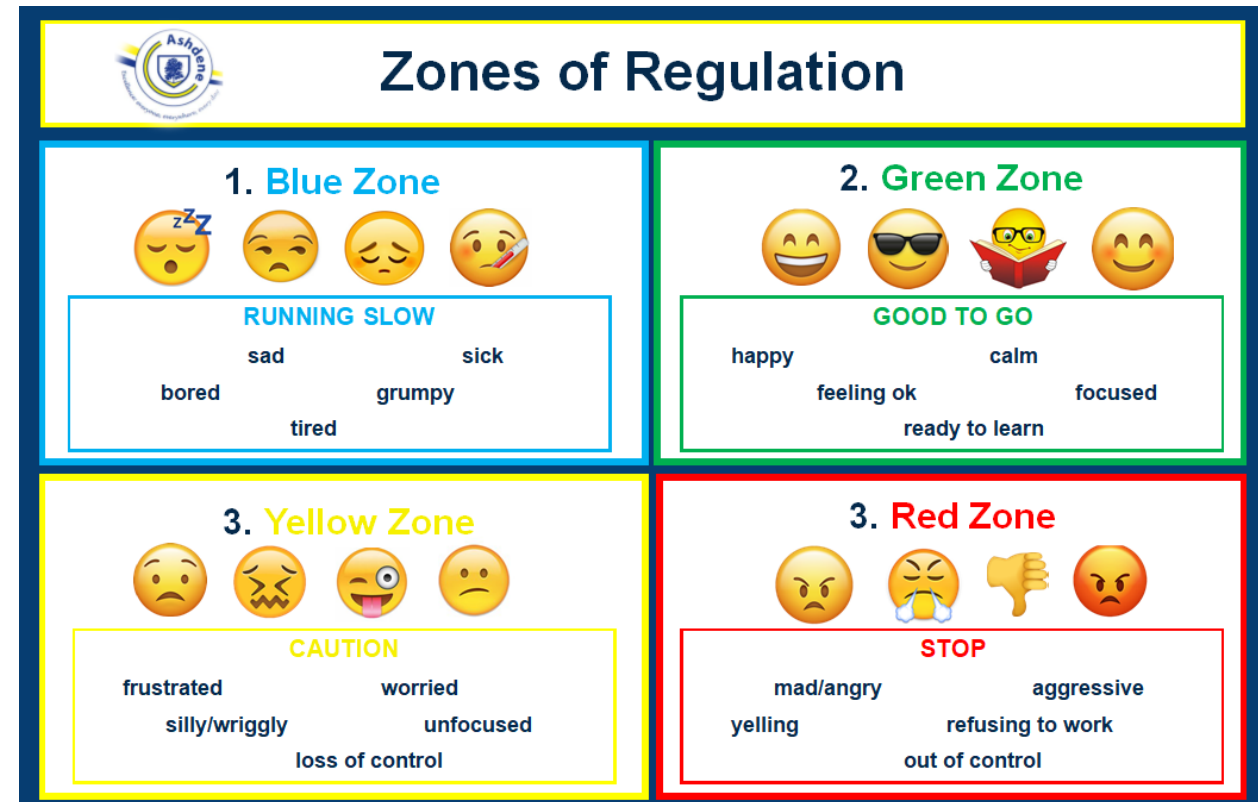
Expectations, rewards and behaviour

- ▶ Merits awarded for demonstrations of the RESPECT values
- ▶ Merit shop at the end of each half term
- ▶ Consequences – known by the children
- ▶ Focus on reflection, restoration and resolution



ZONES of regulation

- ▶ Zones of Regulation is an internationally renowned curriculum aimed to develop the children's self-regulation and emotional control
- ▶ From time to time, all of us (including adults!) find it hard to manage strong feelings such as worry, anger, restlessness and this stops us from getting on with our day effectively.
- ▶ Using the 4 zones, we will teach and support the children to develop self-regulation strategies to help them cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn



Curriculum



Year 1 Curriculum Block C

PSHE What helps us stay healthy?

English Inspirational Texts

Maths Numbers to 20

Personal Development Wider Curriculum Clubs Available

Trips and Visits Christmas Theatre Trip 17.12.25

Online-safety Health and Wellbeing

Science The Year 1 science topic this half term is materials and their properties.

Computing Year 1 will be continuing their learning of systems and networks.

Phonics Children will learn the following alternate sounds:

History During Block C, the children will learn about Queen Victoria and why she was an important Queen during the Victorian Era.

Art This half term, the children will focus on painting and will be studying the artist J.M.W. Turner.

PE The children will be doing gymnastics and target games in their PE sessions.

RE How do people celebrate special times?

What we already know

We know that things happened in the past. We have looked at the difference between past and present and know that things happen in chronological order.

We know that J.M.W. was a painter in the industrial revolution.

We know what life was like for children in the industrial revolution.

Step 1

The United Kingdom has a King called King Charles III.

Queen Victoria became queen in the early 19th Century (before 1900 was born).

When a King or Queen dies, there will be a new King or Queen.

Step 2

Queen Victoria was a very important queen.

She was queen in the 19th Century.

She was queen for 63 years.

When she was Queen it was called the Victorian Era.

Historians use evidence to find out about people.

Step 3

Queen Victoria wanted things to be fairer for people.

Queen Victoria made important changes to Britain.

Step 4

Life was different for poor and rich children during the Victorian Era.

There were things that were the same for children and things that were different for children during the Victorian Era.

Step 5

Children's lives are better today than they were during the Victorian Era.

Children's lives have changed over time.

- Shared with parents at the start of each block to give you an overview of your child's learning
- What is listed on the 'knowledge jigsaws' is the **key learning** for each step of a topic which we want children to know and remember
- Our curriculum is still challenging and lessons remain knowledge and discussion rich

Personal Development



Within the curriculum

- Weekly 'Vote for schools' and 'Picture News' assemblies
- Pupil voice voting
- Music performance for families
- Weekly PSHE lessons
- No Outsiders lessons
- Opportunities for roles within Pupil Leadership teams
- Safety workshops
- Enrichment days

Specific to Year 1

- Lowry Museum (HT1)
- Lowry Christmas show (HT2)

Year 2 Curriculum Block C				
Online Safety Online Reputations and Online Bullying	RESPECT What jobs do people do?	Personal Development Wider Curriculum Clubs Available Mini Sports, NHS, Red Cross, Toy Rights, Dodge ball, Swimming, Chess, Tennis	PSHE What jobs do people do?	Key Days 12/10 - 14/10 National Day 12/10 - 14/10 Remembrance Day 12/10 - 14/10 Christmas Jumper Day 12/10 - 14/10 Christmas Jumper Day 12/10 - 14/10 Christmas Jumper Day 12/10 - 14/10 Christmas Jumper Day 12/10 - 14/10 Christmas Jumper Day
English Inspirational Text The Ship Genres: Narrative Recount Letter Non-chronological report Class Story The poem Year 2 are studying and learning to recite this half term is 'How Doth The Little Crocodile' by Lewis Carroll	Maths Recognise and use common measures (length, mass, volume, capacity and temperature) in everyday contexts. Read different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money. Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising and using the inverse relationship. Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (x), division (÷) and equals (=) signs. Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot. Solve problems involving multiplication and division, using mental, array, repeated addition, mental, methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. Measure and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length (height) in any direction (vertical), mass (kg/g), temperature (°C), capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using scales, rulers, thermometers and measuring vessels. Compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using >, < and =. Mental Maths Year 2 will be practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	Science The Year 2 science topic this half term is 'Materials'. Children will investigate the properties of different materials, focusing on the strength and if a material is waterproof. This will help us with our STEM project. History Year 2 will be completing a short study of King Fawkes and Bonfire Night. The children will explore the events leading up to the gunpowder plot, why King Fawkes wanted to blow up the House of Parliament and what happened after the plot was discovered. The children will explore why the plot was an important historical event and how/why it is still celebrated today. Computing The children will be learning to code using Scratch. They will create simple instructions for their Scratch to follow.	STEM The Year 2 science topic this half term is 'Materials'. Children will investigate the properties of different materials, focusing on the strength and if a material is waterproof. This will help us with our STEM project. To design, make and evaluate a pirate ship for pirates to use to hold a treasure chest in water for three minutes. Music Year 2 will be composing graphic scores and exploring tempo, structure and the timbre of different instruments. PE The children will be taught gymnastics and net and wall by the class teacher.	Opening Words where 'c' makes a /s/ sound before 'e', 'i' and 'y' Words ending in '-le' Words ending in '-al' Words ending in '-al' Words where '-es' is added to words ending 'y' Why do children believe God gave man to the world? RE Ashdean

Homework



Online homework tasks are set each Friday

Maths	English
MyMaths.com (weekly)	SPaG.com (fortnightly) Practise spellings Read for at least 20 minutes each day

- Online homework (Maths and SPaG) will be checked by teachers.
- Spelling test each Friday starting week 3
- We expect parents to support us and ensure homework is completed. If children are not completing all their homework tasks, including spelling and reading, parents will be contacted.

Logins



- ▶ All children will bring home their logins for these platforms, which will be inside their spelling book. They will bring these on Friday 11th September.

How to help at home



How to help at home documents are available on class page of school website.

Repeated practice of fundamentals (i.e. x tables) helps secure depth of understanding.

Year 1 Expectations

- Children should be able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s by the end of Year 1.
- Read for 30 minutes each day (at least 20 at home)
- Re-read books, practising reading fluently, aloud
- Spellings are practised regularly
- Homework is completed, with care and focus, on-time

How to help at home: Year 6

Maths			
We would like the children to continue to practice and develop their skills of using fractions. Below are a number of different strategies we have used and links to online games and other resources you can use to practice these skills.			
<u>Simplifying fractions</u> You can simplify a fraction if the numerator (top number) and denominator (bottom number) can both be divided by the same number. Six twelfths can be simplified to one half, or 1 over 2 because both numbers are divisible by 6. 6 goes into 6 once and 6 goes into 12 twice. In order to simplify a fraction into its simplest form, it is simply a case of dividing the numerator/ denominator by the highest common factor.	<u>Converting from improper fractions to mixed numbers and then the other way</u> Converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers is an essential skill. The following website gives a clear guide on how to do this. Mixed Numbers & Improper Fractions (solutions, examples, videos) (onlinemathlearning.com)		
<u>Equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages</u> It is essential that children are fluent when converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. See the website below to read further and for some activities for the children to have a go at. Order and compare fractions, decimals and percentages by converting them - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize	<u>Finding a fraction or a percentage of a number</u> To find a fraction of a number, divide that number by the denominator and multiply the result by the numerator. $\frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 18 = \frac{2}{5} \times 18 = \frac{36}{5} = 7 \text{ and } \frac{2}{5} = 7 \text{ and } \frac{2}{5}$ To find percentages, knowing key facts will really help with our understanding: - To find 50%, half the number - To find 25%, divide the number by 4 (half and half again) - To find 10%, divide the number by 10 - To find 1%, divide the number by 100 Find 45% of 400 $40\% = 20\% + 20\%$ By finding up 45% as seen above we can calculate the smaller percentages and add them together: $25\% \text{ of } 400 = 400 \div 4 = 100$ $10\% \text{ of } 400 = 400 \div 10 = 40$ So, $45\% = 25\% + 10\% + 10\% = 100 + 40 + 40 = 180$		
<u>Adding Fractions</u> Follow these 2 steps: 1. Make sure the denominators are the same by finding an equivalent fraction 2. When the denominators are the same add the numerators	<u>Subtracting Fractions</u> Follow these 2 steps: 1. Make sure the denominators are the same by finding an equivalent fraction 2. Subtract the numerators	<u>Multiplying Fractions</u> Follow these 2 steps: 1. Multiply the numerators 2. Multiply the denominators	<u>Dividing Fractions</u> Follow these 4 steps: 1. Multiply the denominator by the number you are dividing into. 2. Check to see if your fraction converts into a whole number

Reading

- ▶ We want all children to be **fluent readers and develop a love for reading**.
- ▶ Fluency is reading with pace, expression, intonation and reading for meaning.
- ▶ Children are exposed to reading every day in school.
- ▶ They should all have a reading book which they bring in each day and take home each evening.
- ▶ All children are expected to read for at least **20 minutes at home**, every day – shared and/or independently.

Reading books



- ▶ On a Friday, your child will bring home a phonics book that they have been reading during their reading sessions through the week.
- ▶ These books complete a set and any that are lost or damaged will need to be replaced at the cost of the parents.
- ▶ Children also have the opportunity to choose a book for reading for pleasure. These books are not decodable so you may need to read this one with or to your child. They will be able to change these books on a Wednesday and Friday.



Little Wandle Phonics

- ▶ Following the successful implementation of the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics programme in Reception last year, we will be extending the scheme across Key Stage 1, including Years 1 and 2.
- ▶ Little Wandle is a systematic, evidence-based approach to teaching phonics that helps children develop the reading skills they need to become confident and fluent readers. The programme provides clear progression, consistent teaching methods and regular opportunities for practice and assessment.
- ▶ For our Year 1 children, this means that phonics teaching will continue to build on previous learning while ensuring that any gaps in knowledge are identified and addressed. Children will take part in daily phonics sessions and targeted reading practice designed to strengthen their decoding skills, fluency and confidence. This will support them as they move towards becoming independent readers and will complement their wider reading and writing learning.
- ▶ By using the same approach across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we can ensure consistency for children as they progress through the school, helping them to consolidate their phonics knowledge and achieve success in reading.

Parent engagement

What	Why	When
Curriculum overviews and knowledge jigsaws shared for each learning block	You know what your children are learning	At the end of each learning block
Weekly school newsletter	Information about events, important information, personal development of our pupils and photos of what each year group have been up to	Weekly
Interim reports and books shared	Sent home prior to parents' evenings so you are informed about your child's academic progress An opportunity to talk through learning with your child and celebrate the pride they have in their work	16 th October 26 th February
Parents' evenings	An opportunity to discuss progress and personal development	21 st -22 nd October 3 rd - 4 th March
Parent lunches	An opportunity to join your child's year group for lunch and engage in discussion	Thursday 18 th March 2027
Parent Open Sessions	An opportunity to walk around school and see learning in action. Each session will have a different subject focus.	Throughout the year
Invitations to celebration assemblies	An opportunity to celebrate with your child when they receive an award	Individual invites will be sent to families of weekly winners
Support with visits out	To support the school with safeguarding and enjoy new experiences together	Throughout the year

Trips and visits

- ▶ We have reviewed our programme of educational visits and trips in response to feedback from parents regarding the overall cost of school experiences and requests to reduce the number of activities for which we ask for voluntary financial contributions. We have also carefully planned the timing of visits throughout the academic year to help spread costs more evenly, making them more manageable for families yet maintaining those which enrich our children's experiences and learning.
- ▶ We have developed a rolling programme for Christmas experiences, where every child will experience the Lowry, the REX and Stockport Plaza throughout their time at Ashdene.

Year 1 Key Dates

Whole-school dates		Year group specific dates	
Parents' evenings	21 st -22 nd October 2026 3 rd - 4 th March 2027	Trips and Visits	Lowry Museum 13th October 2026 The Lowry - Christmas TBC – December
Individual photos	Monday 16 th November 2026		
Christmas performance	Tuesday 15 th December 2026		
Sports Day	Friday 14 th May 2027	Year 1 music performance	Tuesday 29 th June 2027 9am
		Parent lunch	Thursday 18 th March 2027