



ASHDENE PRIMARY
SCHOOL

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER



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Empathy

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	-
RG	-
1HS	Sonny M-M
1G	Gwyneth A
2C	George B
2L	Walt G
3B	Ophelia O'D
3N	Zoe H
4C	Anna B
4EM	Asya D
5AS	Elsie L-H
5M	Hettie D
6HG	Grace W
6R	Harry M



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Great news for Ashdene!

We were delighted to see Ashdene featured in the Knutsford Guardian as Knutsford and Wilmslow's most oversubscribed primary school!

This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of school staff, who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities for our children, and the continued support of our families, who play such an important part in our school community.

We're incredibly proud that so many families choose Ashdene for their children. A huge thank you to our staff, families and wider community for everything you do to make Ashdene the school it is. This is something we can all be proud of!

Read the full article here:

[Knutsford and Wilmslow's most oversubscribed primary schools -Knutsford Guardian](#)

Personal Development



Reading World Record Attempt

On Thursday 8 October, children across Ashdene joined in an exciting online reading event as part of an attempt to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most people reading online in 12 hours!

Our younger children enjoyed Super Uma by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, followed by a fun draw-along with illustrator Nakul P. Older pupils joined author Frank Cottrell-Boyce for a reading from The Blockbusters! and explored the world of cinema and culture.

It was a lovely way to celebrate reading, enjoy some fantastic stories and be part of a record-breaking challenge.



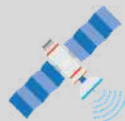
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Year 5 Jodrell Bank

Year 5 had an unforgettable day exploring Jodrell Bank as part of their space science topic. The excitement began as soon as they arrived, with the towering Lovell Telescope capturing everyone's attention. The children were eager to learn more about how it helps scientists study the universe.

Throughout the day, the pupils took part in interactive workshops and hands-on activities. They learned about planets, stars, and radio waves! The mix of fun and learning kept everyone engaged, and there were plenty of "wow" moments as they discovered just how vast and fascinating our universe really is.

By the end of the trip, Year 5 were buzzing with new knowledge and inspiration. The visit not only deepened their understanding of space but also sparked a sense of curiosity that will stay with them long after their topic ends. Well done Year 5!



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Pupil Leadership

Finance Team

Back by popular demand, the Finance Team will be running a Spooky Spud and Spooky Spoon Competition next week! The children had so much fun last year and we were amazed by the creativity, effort and spooky designs that they came up with.

We're looking forward to seeing even more fantastic entries this year with the addition of Spooky Spoons too! Entries cost £1 each, with all proceeds going into the Finance Team's school fundraising pot. Simply dress up your potato or spoon in the spookiest way possible and bring it into school (to class and clearly name each entry) from 19th October, with the final deadline for entries being the morning of Thursday 22nd October.

The Finance Team will judge all entries and award some spooky prizes before we break up for half term.

Good luck, and we can't wait to see your creepy creations!



Spooky Spuds & Spooky Spoons !



Lilliwisp Potatoes

Class and staff Spooky Spud or Spoon Competition!

£1 entry per decorated Spud/Spoon.

Bring in your entry to school on 19th to 22nd October (name and class on bottom)

Finance Team to judge entries with a Spooky prize per class and a staff winner!



BOO



Daisy Mae



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Eco Warriors

On Friday, the Eco Warriors had their first meeting! We were very excited to receive our badges and learn about our new, exciting competition. The Eco Warriors have been asked to design a poster to put in classrooms to encourage people to turn the lights off when they're not being used, as well as other electronics such as the interactive whiteboard screen.

From our Eco Warrior team, there will be a KS1 winner and a KS2 winner. The deadline for handing these into Miss Berry or Miss Eavers is next Friday, the last day of half term.

After the break, we will be asking Miss Gerrity to choose two winners out of the Eco Warriors entries and their poster will be displayed in classroom!



Mental Health Ambassadors

What a fantastic Hello Yellow Day we had! Our school was filled with sunshine as children and staff came dressed in yellow to show their support for YoungMinds and raise awareness of children and young people's mental health.

During our special assembly, children explored feelings, belonging and equity, alongside the importance of kindness, empathy and self-awareness, linking beautifully with our RESPECT values.



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At lunchtime, our wonderful Mental Health Ambassadors helped to continue the fun by leading activities for the children to enjoy.

We are also thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £374 for YoungMinds!

A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity and support. By coming together for Hello Yellow, we sent an important message to our children:

How we feel matters, talking about our feelings is important, and nobody should feel alone.



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Sports Ambassadors



Well done to 5M for being the KS2 Active Classes of the Week with 58 extra active minutes.

Sport

Girls Football League

On Thursday, the Year 5/6 girls football team took part in League Night 2 and what a night it was. Firstly, the girls were an absolute delight and showed fantastic team spirit and empathy by encouraging each other throughout.

The girls won all of their six games with a combined goal tally of 20! As well as this, they didn't concede a single goal. What a way to finish the fixtures for 2026. Well done all of you!



GOALS!



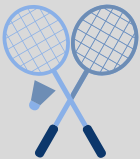
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Little Champions Minisports

Some of our Year 2 children had a fantastic time taking part in Little Champions Mini Sports.

The session focused on developing speed, agility, balance and coordination through a fun range of activities. The children enjoyed balancing, throwing, catching and kicking, as well as trying their hand at football, badminton, boules and bean bag throwing.

The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the session and, most importantly, demonstrated all of our RESPECT values. Well done!



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Attend. Achieve. Succeed.



Monday 5th- Friday 9th October



RB	96%
RG	98.7%
1G	99%
1HS	98.7%
2C	99.3%
2L	99.4%
3B	97.4%
3N	97.6%
4C	100%
4EM	100%
5AS	98.4%
5M	99%
6HG	96.8%
6R	98.7%

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

98 %

Our attendance for the year is

98 %



Well done **4C** and **4EM** on their perfect attendance last week!



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This Week In Pictures

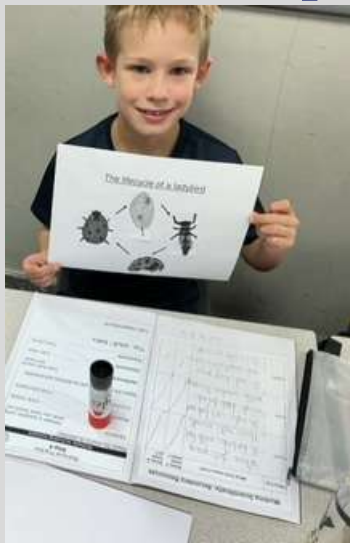
Reception



Year 1



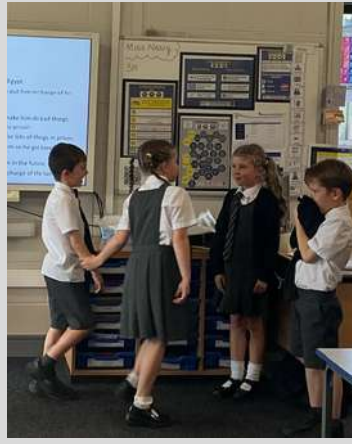
Year 2



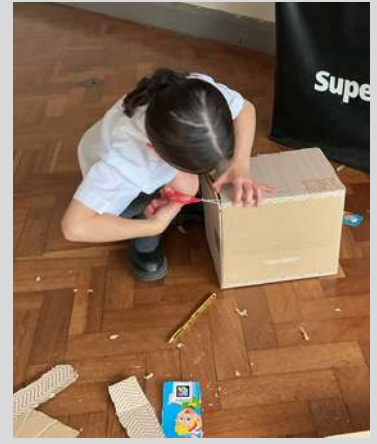
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This Week In Pictures

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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PE Days Learning Block B

Please see below for the PE days for Learning Block B. Learning Block B will commence on Monday 19th October.

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

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

Parents' Evening Reminder

A reminder that the booking system for Parents' Evening will close tomorrow at 9.00am, so please ensure you book your appointment before this deadline.

Children's interim reports will be shared on Friday, and children will also bring their books home. We hope that having the opportunity to look through your child's books ahead of Parents' Evening will help you to review their learning and progress and support meaningful conversations with teachers at your meeting next week.

Please ensure that all books are returned to school on Monday 19th October, as children will need them for their lessons. If you would prefer your child's books not to be sent home, please let your child's class teacher know.



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Year 4 Parent Lunch

If you would like to attend the Year 4 parent lunch on **Thursday 19th** November at 11.30am, please complete the booking form using the link below.



Year 4 Parent Lunch Thursday 19th November- Fill in form

(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 11th November** 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.

School Uniform and Hairstyles

A little reminder that our school uniform policy helps us maintain a smart, consistent appearance and a sense of pride in our school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform, including their school tie and school shoes rather than trainers.

We also ask parents to ensure that hairstyles follow our school policy, which does not permit patterns or designs shaved into the hair.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our school expectations and ensuring all children look smart and ready to learn.



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AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL WFA 20 YEARS

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.

NOV - DEC 2024

SCHOOL	SCHOOL YEARS	DAY & TIME	DATES	PRICE
ASHDENE	Reception to Year 6	MON 3.30 - 4.30	2nd Nov to 14th Dec	£63.00
GORSEY BANK	Year 1 to Year 6	TUES 3.30 - 4.30	3rd Nov to 15th Dec	£63.00
MCBERLEY	Year 1 to Year 6	TUES 5.30 - 6.30	3rd Nov to 15th Dec	£63.00
UNDOWN	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	WED 8.00 - 9.00 am	4th Nov to 16th Dec	£63.00
ASHDENE GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	WED 3.30 - 4.30	4th Nov to 16th Dec	£63.00
WILKINSON ACADEMY	Reception to Year 6	WED 3.30 - 4.30	4th Nov to 16th Dec	£63.00
LACEY GREEN GIRLS	Year 1 to 6 Girls	WED 3.30 - 4.30	4th Nov to 16th Dec	£34.00
GORSEY BANK GIRLS	Year 2 to 6 Girls Only	THU 8.00 - 9.00 am	5th Nov to 17th Dec	£63.00
UNDOWN	Reception to Year 6	THU 5.30 - 6.30	5th Nov to 17th Dec	£63.00
LACEY GREEN	Year 1 to Year 6	FRI 3.30 - 4.30	6th Nov to 18th Dec	£34.00

erikacademyfootball.co.uk 07792 791 362

WFA 20 YEARS

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 term sessions!

Discover more and book your place now at:

WWW.ACADEMYFOOTBALL.CO.UK/PLAY-FOOTBALL/AFTER-SCHOOL-CLUBS

Can you believe that we are heading toward Christmas already? With the October school holidays just around the corner, we're excited to start planning a fun-filled and energetic November and December at WFA!

To prepare, we are now opening registration for our Sunrise and Afterschool Football Clubs for the next half term (November -December). These popular sessions are open to both boys and girls and are a brilliant way for children to start or end their school day staying active, building confidence, and having fun with friends.

 **What's on offer?**

Sunrise Football Sessions-For Girls Only

Afterschool Football Sessions-For Boys and girls of all ages

Fun, structured coaching in a safe and positive environment

All session details are attached for your reference.

 **How to sign up:**

Simply click the link below, visit the WFA website, and follow the registration instructions:

[WFA Afterschool Football Booking Link](#)

Spaces are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. We can't wait to welcome the children back on the pitch for another fantastic half term of football fun which will take them up to Christmas!



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Midday Assistant Vacancy

Midday Assistant (Primary) - AAAD5003 - Permanent - 1.5 hours per day

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (3 days, with the option of 5 days)

**Grade: 2 - £24,796 pro rata, per annum, £12.85 per hour - Primary Schools -
Ashdene Primary School**

The Governors at Ashdene Primary School wish to recruit a number of Midday Assistants working 12pm to 1.30pm, 3 days during term time only.

We are seeking someone who will build positive relationships with our pupils and facilitate games on the playground, creating a positive lunch time break for all pupils.

The successful applicant will possess the knowledge and skills required to ensure the safety and supervision of pupils during the lunchtime period.

To apply, please call in to the school office to collect an application form.

Ashdene Primary School, Thoresway Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 6LJ or email to: admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk.

The closing date for this post is Monday 19th October. For an informal discussion, please contact Marie Slater on 01625 917335

Ashdene Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children within our care.

Suitable candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check as part of the selection process.



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Picture News

TAKEHOME

12th - 18th October

Do we need AI wherever we go?



In the news this week

Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring. The Charm uses Muse, Meta's artificial intelligence (AI), so people can talk to it, ask it questions, and show it what is happening around them. It is designed for adults over the age of 18, and Meta aims to have the new device ready to buy by December.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you use any AI at home or school at the moment?
- > When do you think technology can be helpful in our everyday lives?
- > What rules might help people use an AI companion safely?
- > Talk to someone older at home about what it was like to find information out before the internet, AI and other similar technologies.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates

Thursday 15th October - Year 5 Parent Lunch

Wednesday 21st October - Parents' Evening F2F

Thursday 22nd October - Parents' Evening F2F

Friday 23rd October - School closes for Half Term

Monday 2nd November - School reopens for HT2

Monday 9th November - Parent open session

Thursday 19th November - Year 4 Parent Lunch

Tuesday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 15th December - KS2 Christmas Performance

Friday 18th December - School closes for Christmas



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Community News



SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) bookable appointments for parents for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub

Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub

Thurs 26th November 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub

Tuesday 27th November 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Thurs 3rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub

Friday 4th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre

Monday 7th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub

Thurs 10th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Friday 11th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub

Friday 15th December 9.30am-11.30am Oakencloough Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakencloough :

Email startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or

Email startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU

Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB

Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakencloough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

Transition Wilmslow

Working Together on Climate Action

Clothes Swap

Bring up to 6 pre-loved clothing items to swap!

Fast Fashion Exhibition

Made by local young people

Slow Fashion Event

Local, Sustainable Market Stalls

Including:

- upcycled jewellery
- handsewn, one-of-a-kind pieces
- pre-loved formalwear to rent or buy
- vintage

Scan here for more details:



Save the planet and your pocket!

6.30-9pm

Friday 16th October
United Reform Church,
Chapel Lane, SK9 1PR



www.transitionwilmslow.org
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WHERE?

Wilmslow Prep,
Wilmslow
Ashdene Primary

WHEN?

Wilmslow Prep
19th-23rd Oct
Ashdene Primary
26th-30th Oct

HALLOWEEN PARTY

30th Oct
(Fancy dress optional)
CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

COSTS

£36.50 FULL DAY
8am-6pm
We accept childcare vouchers

WHAT'S ON

SPOOKY GAMES,
SPOOKY FOREST SCHOOL,
SPOOKY SCIENCE,
PUMPKIN CARVING
AND HALLOWEEN DISCO!

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Family Hubs

Bringing services together for every stage of family life.

cheshireeast.gov.uk/familyhubs





Information Session
Tuesday 20th October 9.00 - 9.30am
KS1 Hall, Ashdene Primary School



Come and discover what's on offer for families at Oakencloough Family Hub! The **Start for Life Team** will be sharing information about playgroups, courses, expert drop-ins and the support available for you and your family.

Just pop over to the **Key Stage 1 Hall** after school or pre-school drop-off, grab a cuppa and take a seat. Younger children are very welcome to join you!

We warmly invite all families to join us for a relaxed drop-in session at 9am on Tuesday 20th October to find out more about the support and activities available for families with children aged 0-19 at Oakencloough Family Hub.

The Start for Life Team will be sharing information about playgroups, after-school activities and opportunities to drop in and speak with professionals including the school nursing team, educational psychologists, sleep experts and speech and language therapists.

Tea and coffee will be provided, and younger children are very welcome. We hope you can join us!

10th Wilmslow Brownies has a few spaces available!

We meet on Mondays, 6-7.15pm at St Anne's Church Hall for games, crafts, cooking, badges, trips out and lots of fun.

Open to girls aged 7-10, and girls are very welcome to come along for a trial meeting to see if they enjoy it.

Register your interest here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>



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