ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER



NEWSLETTER

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Communication

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	-
RG	-
1HS	George L
1G	William D
2C	Ivy C
2L	Megan L
3B	Poppi B
3N	Hazel R
4C	Sebastian B
4EM	Sienna D
5AS	Arlo J
5M	Sophia B
6HG	Teddy G
6R	Edward A

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Head Teacher Update

After half term, Mrs Mather will begin a phased return to work. This means that, initially, she will not be in school every day or for the full school day, allowing her to continue her recovery and gradually build up her working hours.

Mrs Mather will also undergo a second operation during the spring term. Following her operation, she will take the necessary time to recover before returning to school when she is fit and ready to do so.

To ensure continuity and stability for the school community, Miss Gerrity will remain in post as Acting Headteacher throughout this period and until Mrs Mather returns to school following her second operation.

We are very grateful for your continued support and understanding during this period.
David Felton
Chair of Governors

Data Collection Sheets – Parents' Evening

During Parents' Evening, parents and carers will have the opportunity to check their child's data collection sheet to ensure that all the information we hold is accurate and up to date.

If any details need amending, please email the updated information to admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk so that our school records can be updated accordingly.

Important GDPR Notice: To protect the personal information of our pupils and their families, data collection sheets must remain on school premises and must not be taken home.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our records accurate and ensuring that personal information is handled securely.



Personal Development

Year 1 Lowry Visit

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to The Lowry last week! They visited the gallery, where they saw many of L.S. Lowry's paintings. It was wonderful to see the children recognising some of the artwork they have been studying in history and art during this learning block.

They thoroughly enjoyed the Lowry 360 experience, which brought Lowry's famous painting 'Going to the Match' to life. It was incredible! The children also took part in an art workshop, where they created their own portraits in the style of Lowry's portraits.



We were incredibly proud of all the children for demonstrating our school values throughout the visit. Well done, Year 1!







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Reception Fire and Rescue Service

Reception had a very exciting visit from a firefighter as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic!

The children loved having the chance to sit inside a real fire engine and explore the different equipment and parts of the vehicle.

They also learnt about the special clothing and equipment firefighters need to wear to help keep them safe.



What an exciting way to bring our learning to life!















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Pupil Leadership

Finance Team



Mental Health Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following children who have this week been chosen for showing exceptional kindness, manners and respect at lunchtime. Well done!

- Grace W
- Jasper A
- William C
- Penelope R

Kindness

Respect

Manners

Sports Ambassadors



Well done to 6R for being the KS2 Active Classes of the Week with 64 extra active minutes.

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Junior Safety Officers

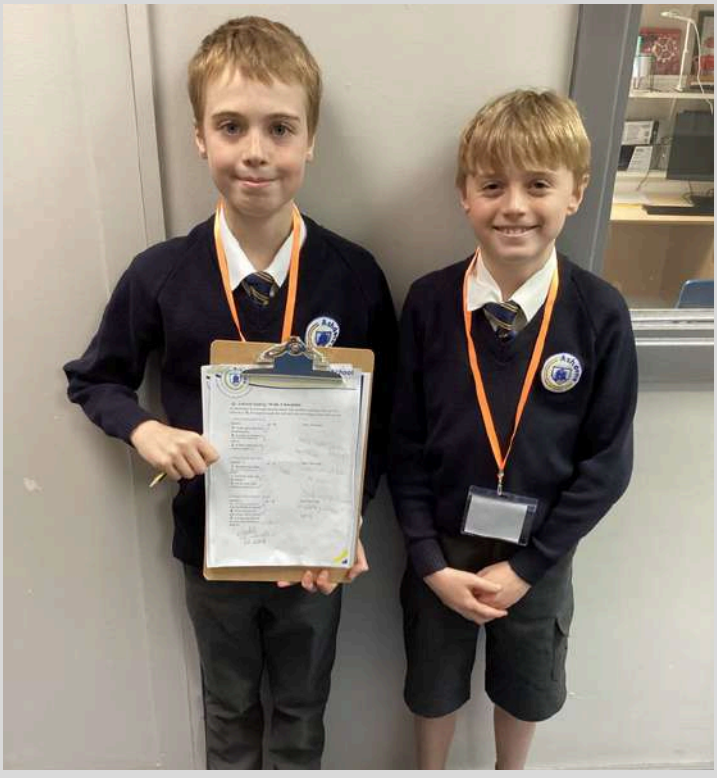
This week, George, our Lead Junior Safety Officer, and Ernest from the Eco Warriors completed a safety site walk around the school. They identified many excellent safety practices, including secure gates, tidy classrooms and strong fire safety measures.

They also highlighted a small number of areas for improvement and, most impressively, suggested practical solutions for each one. These included sharing concerns about iPad cabinet wiring with the Digital Leaders, planning road safety activities during Road Safety Week, and discussing site-related issues with our Site Manager and School Business Manager.

George and Ernest presented their findings thoughtfully and professionally, showing excellent observation, leadership and problem-solving skills. After half term, George will report back to the Junior Safety Officer team and review the progress made on the agreed actions.

Well done, George and Ernest, for helping to make our school an even safer place for everyone!





Sport

Multisports Festival

Last Thursday, some of our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an action-packed afternoon at Wilmslow High School, joining children from two other schools for a multisports event. The pupils got involved in football, basketball and dodgeball, with everyone having a go and enjoying the activities together.

Jude, who had never played basketball before, loved it so much that he now wants to take it up! It's lovely to see our pupils trying something new, discovering new interests and having fun along the way.

Our Ashdene pupils were also praised by the Wilmslow High representatives for their excellent manners and politeness, well done Year 5!



Boys Football League

Last Thursday, our boys' football team took to Alderley Edge School for two fantastic matches. They kicked things off with a brilliant 4–1 win against Alderley Edge, followed by another hard-fought victory, beating St Anne's 2–1 after scoring twice in the second half!

The boys showed great teamwork, determination and resilience throughout both games. Well done boys!



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Monday 12th- Friday 16th October

RB	99%
RG	98.7%
1G	98%
1HS	99%
2C	98.6%
2L	99.4%
3B	93.2%
3N	99%
4C	99.4%
4EM	98.1%
5AS	98.1%
5M	100%
6HG	96.3%
6R	95.5%



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 **5M** 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





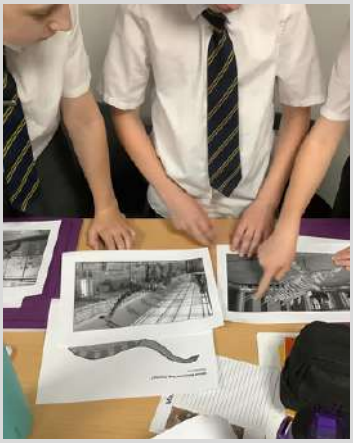


Year 5





Year 6



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Parent Open Session - Writing

We would like to invite parents/carers to our next parent open session on Monday 9th November, from 9:00am to 10:00am.

This session will be a wonderful opportunity to see how children learn to write and to gain a greater understanding of the approaches and strategies used in the classroom to develop their writing skills.

If you would like to attend, please book your place by completing the Survey Monkey link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPDF3Q5

On arrival, please enter the school through the KS1 hall doors, where you will need to sign in. You will then be able to go straight to your child's classroom and join in with the lesson.

If you have more than one child at our school, you are very welcome to move between their classrooms during the session so that you can see the learning taking place in each class.

At 10:00am, we kindly ask all parents and carers to leave the school via the main school office, where you will need to sign out.

Please note: This open session is for parents and carers only - younger siblings should not attend.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing this opportunity to celebrate and explore how our children learn to write.



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School Milk

Please check with your child that they still want milk at break time. We're experiencing quite a bit of milk wastage, so please only order it if your child is happy to drink it.

If you need to change or cancel your child's milk order, please do this directly through Cool Milk. www.coolmilk.com



Thank you for helping us reduce waste!

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent, parents/carers must contact the school each day of the absence. Please use one of the following methods:
Phone: 01625 917 335
Email: admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk

Important:
Class email accounts must not be used to report absences.
Please provide specific details of the illness and an expected return date.
Simply stating your child is "unwell" is not sufficient.

All absences will be recorded as either authorised or unauthorised, in line with school policy.

Sporting Event Invitations

Please provide consent promptly via School Gateway for any sporting events. If your child is unable to attend, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

We need enough time to invite other pupils and arrange for them to take part, so early notice is really appreciated.



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Family Hub Session

This morning, we welcomed two representatives from Oakenclough Family Hub to Ashdene for a coffee morning with parents and carers. During the session, they shared information about the wide range of support, advice and services available to families across Cheshire East, including both face-to-face and online sessions.

Parents heard about support covering a variety of areas including SEND, sleep, behaviour, emotional wellbeing, speech and language development, parenting programmes, educational psychology advice and courses designed to support children's development and family wellbeing. Many of these services are free and are available through local Family Hubs, online learning platforms, workshops and drop-in sessions.

We would like to thank Oakenclough Family Hub for taking the time to share this valuable information with our families. We will continue to advertise upcoming Family Hub sessions, workshops and events through our school newsletter throughout the year.

To find out more about the support available, please visit our school's information page: Information & Advice for Parents and Families.

You can also access further information and the latest Family Hub news through the Cheshire East Family Hubs Partner Newsletter.

If you are unsure which service would be most appropriate for your family, you can contact Oakenclough Family Hub directly at Oakencloughfamilyhub@cheshireeast.gov.uk, where staff will be happy to offer advice and signpost you to the most suitable support.





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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.

SEND Tours

Wilmslow High School are offering additional school tours for parents and carers of children with SEND on the following dates:

Thursday 19th November 9.00-10.00am
Thursday 21st January 9.00-10.00am
Thursday 18th March 9.00-10.00am
Thursday 6th May 9.00-10.00am

If you are interested and would like to book a tour, please email their SEND officer

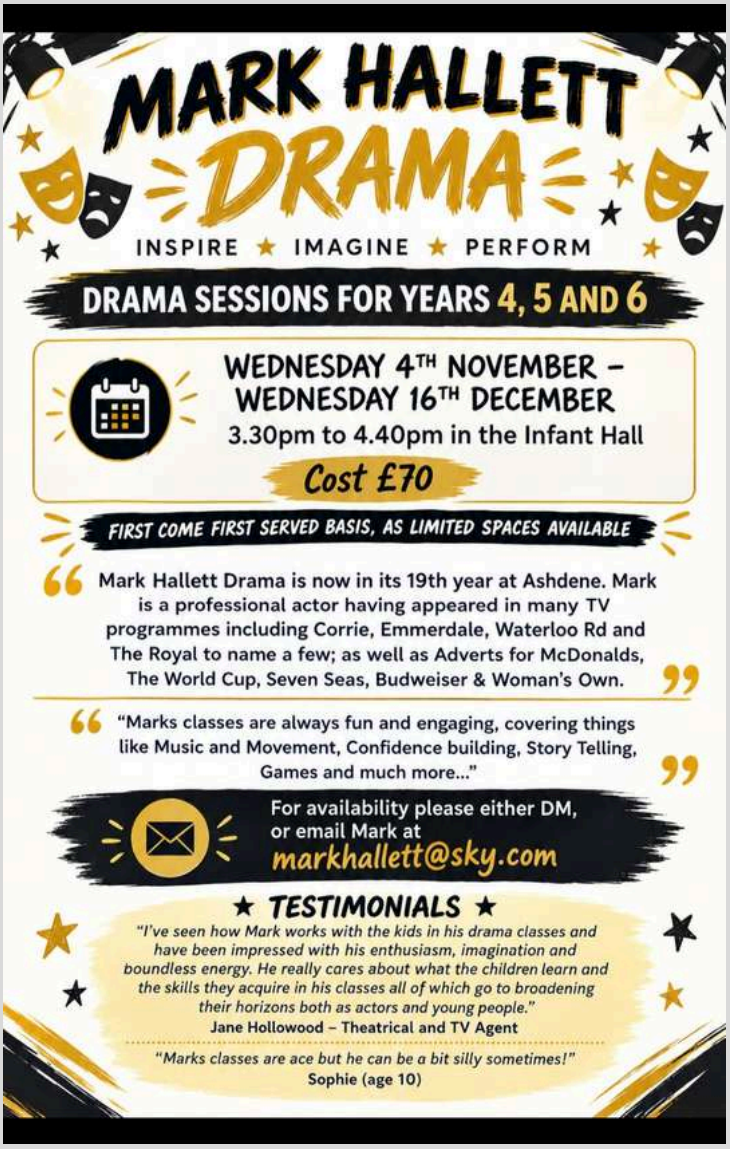
Mrs Morris at CMorris@wilmslowhigh.com



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Drama



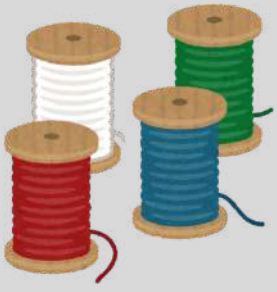


Sewing

Sewing Club will run from Wednesday 4th November until Wednesday 16th December 3.30-4.30pm for the Autumn term.

Please use the link below to sign up.

https://forms.gle/eU6yUoiYeaojjH4RA



Places are limited so please make sure to sign up if your child want to attend.

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Sports Coaching Group

SPORTS COACHING GROUP

After School Clubs

Ashdene Primary School

Tag Rugby
Wednesday
Rec - Yr 2
04.11.26 - 16.12.26
3:30 - 4:30
£42 (7 weeks)

Dodgeball
Thursday
Yr 3-6
05.11.26 - 17.12.26
3:30 - 4:30
£42 (7 weeks)

Dodgeball
Friday
Rec - Yr 2
06.11.26 - 18.12.26
3:30 - 4:30
£42 (7 weeks)







sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

01270 449770

info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

Click here to book!

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WFA

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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Picture News

TAKEHOME 19th - 25th October



In the news this week

Eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bodhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think adults might feel competing against someone much younger than them?
- What could you teach someone older than you?
- Should age decide what we're allowed to do?
- When might an age limit be fair?

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

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

0-19 With you all the way | NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust | Cheshire East Council

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.

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

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakenclough :

Email startforlifenorth@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

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





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October 2026 Junior Tennis Camp

Monday 26th October
to
Friday 30th October 2026

Limited Places

EXTENDED HOURS

£20 per junior member per session

£25 per junior non member per session

FROM 9am-1pm

Book online at:
https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CroftsideTennisClub
Go to Coaching - Calendar & Select Dates

For more info & to reserve a place call
Tom Hunt 07506 756589



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

FREE!

www.transitionwilmslow.org
Reg Charity: 1201884

Sponsored by Love the Lane

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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Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust

MFCCST OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP
A full week of Fun, Games and spookiness on the final day.

£16 per child
£80 for the full week

Additional early drop and later pick up offers for £3 each (8:30am & 4:30pm).

Boys and girls from 4 to 12 with 3 year olds taken with an older sibling only.

To book, email lee.mfc-cst@outlook.com or WhatsApp 07889 404573

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