

Ashleigh News



Issue 36

19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's incredible how quickly this term is already passing by! The summer term is always a lively and exciting time, and this year has certainly been no exception. With only a few weeks remaining until the end of the academic year, there is still plenty for our children to enjoy and celebrate.

With the World Cup capturing everyone's attention, we are looking forward to getting behind England and joining in the excitement through football-themed activities and special non-uniform days. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to share in the fun and community spirit that such a major sporting event brings.

Our pupils have already enjoyed a range of enriching school trips, with more exciting experiences still to come. Sporting fixtures and events continue to keep us busy, and it has been fantastic to see children demonstrating such enthusiasm, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Looking ahead, our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils are eagerly preparing for their residential visits, which are sure to provide unforgettable memories, new challenges and valuable opportunities for personal growth.

As we begin to look towards the new school year, transition activities and moving-up days are fast approaching. These important experiences help children feel confident and excited about the next stage of their journey, ensuring a positive and successful start in September.

We are looking forward to making the most of these final weeks together and celebrating all that our children have achieved throughout the year.



www.ashleighdarwen.co.uk



01254 703171



Ross Street, Darwen



Ashleigh News



Issue 36

19th June 2026

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

A big thank you to everyone who has returned their completed Break the Rules Day letter and sent in their payment. It looks like lots of fun will be had as we all enjoy breaking the rules for a day!



If you haven't returned your form and payment yet, there's still time. Forms and payments can be returned up to and including the day of the event.

To help keep track of all the rule-breaking, there will be a list showing which children have applied to break which rules. That way, we'll know whether anyone is breaking the rules of Break the Rules Day itself!

We can't wait to see all the fun and creativity on the day.

ASHLEIGH FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT 3rd JULY 6PM

There are still a few tickets available for the Ashleigh Family Quiz Night. If you would like to join us and haven't yet requested your tickets, please send your ticket request in as soon as possible to avoid missing out on what promises to be a fun-filled evening.



www.ashleighdarwen.co.uk



01254 703171



Ross Street, Darwen



Ashleigh News

Issue 36

19th June 2026



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS

What a fantastic afternoon we had at Ashleigh Primary School's Traditional Sports Day yesterday. The event was packed with fun, enthusiasm, and friendly competition as pupils took part in a variety of classic activities, including sprint races, sack races, obstacle courses, and egg-and-spoon challenges.

It was inspiring to watch the children approach each event with such enthusiasm, determination, and resilience. They not only gave their very best efforts but also showed excellent teamwork and encouragement towards their classmates, creating a wonderful atmosphere throughout the afternoon.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers, and family members who came along to support the children. Your cheers, encouragement, and presence helped make the day even more special and memorable for everyone involved.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated staff, whose organisation, preparation, and support ensured the event ran seamlessly. Their commitment behind the scenes played a huge part in making the day such a success.

Well done to every pupil who took part. Your positive attitude, sportsmanship, and willingness to challenge yourselves made us incredibly proud. We look forward to another exciting Sports Day next year!



www.ashleighdarwen.co.uk



01254 703171



Ross Street, Darwen



Ashleigh News



Issue 36

19th June 2026

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government is expanding eligibility for Free School Meals from September 2026. Under the new rules, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.



This change is expected to help many more families access free school meals and ensure that children receive a healthy meal during the school day.

We encourage all parents and carers who receive Universal Credit to check their eligibility and apply if they have not already done so.

Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. However, families are still encouraged to check whether they are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals and apply if they qualify. Registering for Free School Meals may help schools receive additional funding to support pupils.

Please note that pupils who are currently eligible for FSM, or who have been eligible previously, will no longer be protected under transitional arrangements. All families will be required to submit a new application, as transitional protections will cease at the end of the 2025/26 academic year.

Please go to the Blackburn with Darwen website and search "Free school meals"

 www.ashleighdarwen.co.uk

 01254 703171

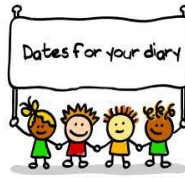
 Ross Street, Darwen



Ashleigh News

Issue 36

19th June 2026



England World Cup Non-Uniform Day	Tuesday 23 rd June	
Outdoor Learning - Reception Bears	Wednesday 24 th June	Am
Outdoor learning - Reception Rabbits	Wednesday 24 th June	Pm
Break the Rules Day	Friday 26 th June	
Year 6 Winmarleigh	Mon 29 th June to Wed 1 st July	
Rabbits visit to Little Lancashire Village	Tuesday 30 th June	
Outdoor Learning - Year 1	Wednesday 1 st July	Am
Outdoor learning - Year 2	Wednesday 1 st July	Pm
Transition Morning	Thursday 2 nd July	
Ashleigh Quiz Night	Friday 3 rd July	6pm
Violin Music Concert	Wednesday 8 th July	2.30pm
Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip - Group 1	Wednesday 8 th July	
Year 1 Blackpool Zoo Trip - Group 2	Thursday 9 th July	
Year 5 and 6 Show - 'Gross Busters'	Wednesday 15 th July	2pm 6pm
Year 4 Residential	Wednesday 15 th and 16 th July	
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Friday 17 th July	9am
School Closes for Summer Holidays	Monday 20 th July	1pm

 www.ashleighdarwen.co.uk

 01254 703171

 Ross Street, Darwen

