



ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL



TUESDAY 29TH APRIL

NEWSLETTER

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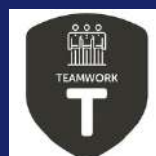
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Positivity

This week's RESPECT value champions are:

RB	Myles P
RG	Matilda M
1H	Matilda R
1SH	Rose R
2C	Rory C
2G	Yaman B
3B	Benjamin B
3H	Eleanor B
4C	Ella-Daisy R
4I	Jessica S
5B	Charlie C
6R	Niamh Mc
6RG	Iman K



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Personal Development



An Inspiring Visit from David Ornstein

Just before the Easter break, we were delighted to welcome renowned football correspondent David Ornstein (and parent to Dennis and Percy) to school for a special talk with our Key Stage Two pupils. David, best known for his insightful coverage of football news and his work with The Athletic and BBC Sport, generously took the time to share his professional journey and personal experiences with our children.

During his engaging talk, David offered a fascinating glimpse into the world of sports journalism, describing how his passion for storytelling and football led him to pursue a career in media. He spoke candidly about the hard work, perseverance, and dedication required to reach his goals—and the many challenges he faced along the way.



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What truly resonated with both children and staff was David's message about resilience. He emphasised that setbacks are a natural part of any journey and that it is our response to those setbacks that ultimately shapes our success. His honest reflections helped the children understand that not achieving a goal straight away doesn't mean failure—it can be a powerful learning experience and a stepping stone to future accomplishments.

The visit left a lasting impression on everyone in the room. It was not only informative but also deeply inspiring. We are incredibly grateful to David for taking the time to visit our school and for encouraging our children to dream big, work hard, and stay determined—even when the road gets tough.

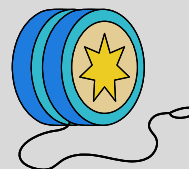
Thank you, David, for such a motivational and memorable visit!



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Merit Shop

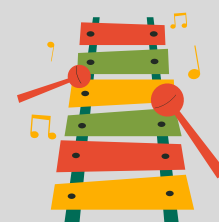
On the final day of last term, all children had the opportunity to visit the merit shop and spend (or save) their well-earned merits. An enormous thank you to Mrs Simmons and the Year 6 Pupil Leaders for running the merit shop and helping us all celebrate our success.



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Year 4 Music Performance

Year 4 showcased their recorder and chime bar skills at their music performance today. Well done, the parents enjoyed a wonderful performance by both classes.



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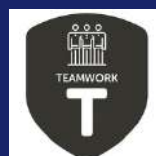
Pupil Leadership

Finance Team

Did anyone spot our Ashdene Easter Art competition winners drawings on the packing trollies at Tesco Handforth Dean? All 18 winning artwork pieces were displayed around the store all through the Easter period.

Winner, Ada Jones (RG) was excited to spot her own art work in the store. She even managed to find other Ashdene winning masterpieces elsewhere in the store.

Well done again to all competition winners.



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Sport

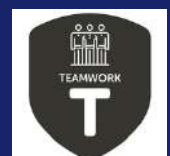
Active Ambassadors



Well done to 4I for being the KS2 Active Class of the Week with 91 extra active minutes.

Cross Country Trials

On the last day of HT4, children across KS2 competed against each other in the cross country trials. Every child who participated showed excellent resilience, self-awareness and excellence. Those who qualified will represent Ashdene in the Wilmslow schools annual cross country competition which will be held on Wednesday 8th May. Well done to everyone who participated.



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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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Attend. Achieve. Succeed.



Attendance	
RB	99.2%
 RG	100%
1H	97.5%
15H	99.6%
2C	96.7%
2G	94.6%
3B	97.9%
3H	99.2%
4C	96.1%
4I	98.5%
5AG	96.1%
5B	96%
6R	94.5%
6RG	91.5%

Equates to:	100%	>> PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS	98%	>> IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS	96%	>> GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS	95%	>> NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS	94%	>> NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS	90%	>> CONCERNS
30 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:

97%

Our attendance for the year to date is

97%



Well done **RG** on their impressive attendance last week!



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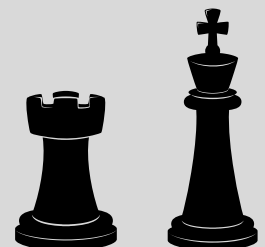
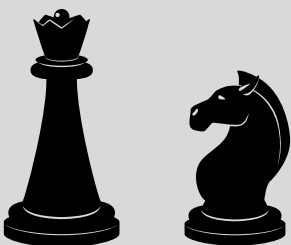
Reading Leaderboard

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
James F Freddy G Luke M Nateh B Neva M Leonard C Sophia B Henry G Rosie D Ruby R Cole W Emily B Hettie D Bodhi K Maggie M-S Willow M-W Pippa McD Ava P Henry W Alice S Hari C	Nia R Henry W Sophia D Dario B Reeva P Oliver E Violet F George G Francesca M-S Ralph M Isia T Felix C Teddy G Darcie B William C Ernest H Jessica S Edward A Kingston H Natalya W Elias Z Rose E Niall McK Hannah M Henry D Renz E	Marcy C Annabelle H Harry M Jasper O Henry W Floss C Jasper F Harry H Nathan H Lucas McC Rupert M Elta-Daisy R Rajveer S Huw V Elsie W Seb A Thomas H Scarlett R Morgan S Ashdene Oliver R Harvey M Michael M	Olivia B Clara C Mia H Fox T-G Lia T Edward W Georgina K Edward W Harry B Jasmine G Austin S Georgia L Marco W Bibi W Maddie A Theo K Harry T Arselia D Daniel J Lucy J Connie L Megan F Elliot S Lucy C Francis C Amy M Emily B Henry E Leon H Oliver R Emilia B Jack C Isaac M Anna P Baxter S Imogen S Sophia G Maya R Seb S Thea McG Sophia B Levi R Jacob G

Chess Champions

George Gibson, Teddy Goodburn and Leo Clapham travelled to Reading at the weekend to represent Cheshire and North Wales in the U9 National English Primary School Chess Final.

The competition was tough but the lads were resilient. They had some fantastic wins and helped their team to come 6th out of 12 and to be the best team in the North.



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Grace's Bike Riding Challenge

Grace (4C) loves bike riding with her Dad, who was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer 2 years ago.

She has decided she wants to raise money to help children fighting cancer get the same joy her dad does from riding his bike with her.

So far, Grace has raised over £1200 and already raised her target twice. To complete the challenge, she will be doing bike rides of between 10 and 15 miles , 2 to 3 times a week.

If you would like to support Grace with her challenge and give to this great cause please click the Just Giving link below



https://www.justgiving.com/page/grace-watts-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

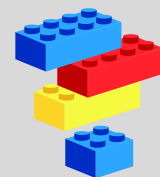
Reception Toy Donations

We're looking to renew and refresh some of the much-loved resources in our Reception classrooms. If you happen to have any of the following items at home and no longer need them, we would be incredibly grateful for your donation:

Mobilo

K'Nex

LEGO



These toys are always hugely appreciated by our Reception children and help support their creativity, fine motor skills, and collaborative play.

Please drop off any donations at the school office.

Thank you so much for your support!



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PTA Break The Rules Day



Get ready for some fun!

As the children have been so good at following school rules this year, Mrs Mather has given us permission to do a crazy “Break The Rules Day” **THIS FRIDAY**. So pick an outfit, crack open the coloured hair spray, wear a fun hat and kids might get dessert **BEFORE** their lunch!

More details will be sent via your Class WhatsApp groups. The cost is £2.50 paid on the PTA website, and, as always, all proceeds will go straight towards enriching the children’s education.

Follow the link to make your donation today. The PTA will also be at the gates at drop off with donation buckets for any loose change you may have!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ashdeneprimaryschoolpta/index.cfm?event=shop>



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Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

But did you know, your child may be eligible for Income Related Free School Meals at any age?

To qualify you must be receipt of one of these benefits:

Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67

Income Support

Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income related Employment & Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

If you qualify your child's school will receive extra money, called Pupil Premium from the Government to help with extra resources.

At Cheshire East, we want to make sure every eligible child gets a free school meal

It's easy to apply – go to www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm

Simply log in or register on the Parent Portal, add your details and your child's details and that's it!

We will let you know if you qualify

If you need help, you can call us on 0300 123 5012



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Breakfast Club Half Term 6 Booking

Booking Information

To ensure we can staff the club appropriately and meet safeguarding requirements, **all children must be pre-booked online**. If your child is not booked in, they will not be able to attend.

Each child must be booked separately using the links below. Booking closes **four school weeks before the session starts**.

Example: For the week of April 22-25, bookings close at 9 AM on Tuesday, March 11.

Late bookings will not be accepted, as we need time to arrange staffing and order food. We want to ensure that we **only staff the club for the number of children actually attending**, as the school receives just 60p per child per day to cover all staffing and food costs.

Cancellations

To help us manage numbers effectively, we require at least one full week's notice for cancellations.

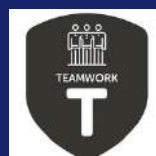
Cancellations must be emailed to admin@ashdene.cheshire.sch.uk.

If your child does not attend or if you cancel with less than a week's notice three times in a term (except for non-attendance at school due to illness), they will lose their place for the rest of the term.

Children Attending Holiday Zone Breakfast Club

We have worked with Holiday Zone to ensure a 60p per day discount for children attending this provision. This will be applied as a credit to future bookings, and Holiday Zone will contact families directly.

Holiday Zone's standard drop-off from 7.30AM remains available at an additional charge.



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Drop-off

To ensure a smooth and structured start to the day:

Drop-off is only between 8:25 – 8:35 AM so breakfast can be served before class. If you arrive after 8:35 AM, your child will not be admitted and must wait with you until the regular school doors open.

An adult dropping children off will be required to sign in each child.

Breakfast Menu

The booking form will ask if your child requires breakfast, helping us reduce food waste.

Initially, breakfast will include buttered toast and fruit.

Any allergies or medical needs will be catered for based on existing school records.

Children must bring their own water bottles (refill station available).

Passing Messages to Teachers

To ensure a quick and efficient drop-off, staff will not be able to pass messages to class teachers during Breakfast Club. Instead, please use:

Your child's class email (noting response times)

The admin email

The school office

Trial Period & Future Funding

This is a new initiative, and we are trialling different approaches to make sure we can deliver the service effectively within the funding limits. We appreciate your patience as we adjust where needed.

Please note, funding for the club is only confirmed for the summer term. Please do not make long-term plans relying on this free place beyond July 2025, as funding may not continue.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to welcoming your children to the Breakfast Club!



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Booking Links

HT6 Week 2 Monday 9th June – Friday 13th July

Booking opens Wed 2nd April at 9am

Booking closes Monday 5th May at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/JqyQufNi2W>

HT6 Week 3 Monday 16th June – Friday 20th June

Booking opens Wed 2nd April at 9am

Booking closes Monday 12th May at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/PBihgdgCUz>

HT6 Week 4 Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June

Booking opens Wed 2nd April 9am

Booking closes Monday 19th May at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/sqBV9CGtN6>

HT6 Week 5 Monday 20th June – Friday 4th July

Booking opens Wed 2nd April 9am

Booking Closes Monday 2nd June at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/S8d2pnHfVb>

HT6 Week 6 Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July

Booking opens Wed 2nd April at 9am

Booking closes Monday 9th June at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/icYfccBkRV>

HT6 Week 7 Monday 14th July – Friday 18th July

Booking opens Wed 2nd April at 9am

Booking closes Monday 16th June at 9am

<https://forms.office.com/e/08KP7df2aR>



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Polite Notices

Sunscreen

While the sun is shining, please ensure your child comes in to school suitably prepared with sunscreen applied, a hat and a water bottle.



MUGA

For everyone's safety, please ensure that children do not enter the MUGA after school hours. Playground equipment should not be used while waiting to pick up siblings.



Lateness

We would like to kindly remind all parents and guardians about the importance of picking up your child on time at the end of the school day. Timely pickups help maintain a smooth and organised school environment, ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students.

When children are not collected on time, they may feel anxious or unsettled, and our staff members are required to stay beyond their scheduled hours, which can affect other commitments. While we understand that occasional delays can happen, we ask for your co-operation in ensuring that your child is picked up promptly.



Bikes and Scooters

For the safety and well-being of everyone, we request that children refrain from riding bikes and scooters, while on school property, both before and after school hours to help prevent accidents and ensure a safe environment for all.



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Music Squad

Ready for a **confidence** boost?
Join Music squad this term.



Scan me!

Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups)

We believe every child deserves to feel great about themselves - and music is one of the most powerful ways to make that happen.

Our unique after-school keyboard club is a fantastic way for your child to discover the joy of learning an instrument - and making music with friends!

- 1 hour club every Wednesday, until 4.30pm KS1 Only
- 1 hour club every Thursday, until 4.30pm KS2 Only
- Small group (10 max) with musical games, activities and pop song performances as a rock band!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for only £9.95 per week

As well as watching your child's confidence flourish, you can expect:

- Learn to read music properly - without the stuffy!
- Weekly lesson updates with pics and videos, sent straight to your phone
- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate and fun musicians
- Optional recognised exam support (but no pressure)
- Easy online sign-up and flexible monthly payments - cancel anytime.

Scan the QR code or visit www.musicsquad.co.uk and click 'Register now'.

Spaces are limited so don't leave it too long... let's get silly!

From,
Hannah Donkin
Chief Squadder (AKA Founder & Director)

Term 3 just got better: get
10% off the whole term
when you join by 9th May
Mention 'TERMS' when you register

Why Music Squad?

The benefits of properly good music lessons are truly immense.

At Music Squad, we help children feel genuinely good about themselves through music. And we do it by making our piano lessons as fun, silly, and joyful as we believe all music learning should be.

Watch your child's confidence, self-esteem, and well-being flourish - and give them a passion that could last a lifetime. Join the 98% of families who rate Music Squad ★★★★★ and change your child's life today.



By far the best after school club



Amazing, super and silly!



Music Squad is absolutely fantastic



Brilliant lesson, fantastic outcomes!



My son is loving Music Squad



Positive, in every way!



Hi, I'm Hannah,
your local
Squad Leader!

★ Trustpilot



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Picture News

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Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- > Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Key Dates

Thursday 8th May - Reception Parent Lunch 11.30am

Thursday 22nd May - Sports Day (KS2 - 9.30am / KS1 - 1.30pm)

Thursday 22nd May - School Closes for Half Term

Friday 23rd May - Inset Day

Monday 2nd June - School reopens HT6

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th June - Year 6 Lakeside residential

Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th June - Year 4 Llandudno Residential

Tuesday 17th June - Year 2 Music Performance 3pm

Tuesday 24th June - Year 1 Music Performance 9am

Tuesday 1st July - Reception Music Performance 9am

Wednesday 2nd July - Year 6 Express Uniform Pop-Up Shop 3pm

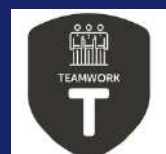
Thursday 10th July - Year 6 Performance 6pm

Friday 11th July - Year 6 Performance 3pm

Wednesday 16th July New Reception Starters Express Uniform Pop-Up Shop

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 18th July - School closes for Summer



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Community News

Cricket Coaching for Boys and Girls in Alderley Edge this summer

ALL STARS CRICKET
Boys & Girls | 5-8 Years Old
Friday from 9th May | 5.30pm - 8.45pm

ALL STARS CRICKET provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development.

The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack.

REGISTER TODAY
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
bit.ly/learn-all-stars

DYNAMOS CRICKET
Boys & Girls | 9-11 Years Old
Friday from 9th May | 6.45pm - 8.55pm

DYNAMOS CRICKET provides a fantastic introduction for all 9-11 year-olds new to the sport, and those younger who are ready for the next step.

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.

Every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

REGISTER TODAY
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
bit.ly/learn-dynamos

**TAKING PLACE AT ALDERLEY EDGE CRICKET CLUB
STARTS FRIDAY 9TH MAY - RUNNING FOR 8 WEEKS**

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Alderley Edge Cricket Club, Moss Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7HN | aec.org.uk

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Allstars and Dynamos Taster Sessions

Alderley Edge Cricket Club is running the flagship ECB junior beginner programmes for both boys and girls for the first time in 2025 and this starts on Friday 9th May – see attached fliers if you are interested to sign-up.

If you are not sure whether this is the right programme for your child, we are offering a free trial taster session the week before the main programme starts. Simply just turn up and see if your child likes it – if they want to continue for the 8 week programme you can sign up as per the links and QR codes in the attached fliers.

Date – Friday 2nd May

Venue – Alderley Edge Cricket Club, Moss Lane, SK9 7HN

Allstars – 5-8 year olds – Arrive at 5.15pm – Free taster session from 5.30-6.30pm

Dynamos – 9-11 year olds – Arrive at 6.30pm – Free taster session from 6.45-7.45pm

The bar will be open and there will be hot food available



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WELCOME TO WELLNESS

in partnership with



**Sunday 11th May | 10.30am-12.30pm | Harefield House,
Alderley Road, Wilmslow SK9 1RA**

Invest in your Mind
Invest in your Body
Invest in your Wellbeing

Healthy Habits & Effects of
Stress on the Body, with Jennie



Gut Health, Talk & Tips,
with Jen



Breathwork and Guided
Meditation, with Hannah



Join us for a morning of wellness and discover ways to create positive change and transformation in your mind and body. Plus, enjoy a restorative guided meditation session by Hannah Gregan designed to uplift and inspire. Sample Arbonne's nutrition products and learn more about their wellness programmes designed to support you to live a healthier lifestyle and thrive both in your mind and body.

Enjoy a morning of Wellness

What to Expect: Immerse yourself in holistic wellness, meditation, and healthy living practices. Connect with like-minded individuals and embark on a journey to wellness.

Key Highlights: Discover ways to create positive change and transformation in your mind and body. Plus, enjoy a restorative guided meditation session by Hannah Gregan designed to uplift and inspire. Sample Arbonne's nutrition products and learn more about their wellness programmes designed to support you to live a healthier lifestyle and thrive both in your mind and body.

Who Should Attend: Whether you're a seasoned wellness enthusiast or just starting your journey, this event is perfect for anyone looking to prioritise self-care.

We can't wait to welcome you to this uplifting and inspiring experience.

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