



## Message from the Head Teacher

I am excited to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that the children are ready for the exciting opportunities and adventures this new school year will bring. As always, we are committed to providing a supportive and inspiring learning environment where every pupil can reach their full potential. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are looking forward to another fantastic year together.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception cohort. I hope that your journey through Ashmole is positive and fun. Thank you to the parents and carers for your support during the staggered start intake. The children have settled into school life really quickly and I look forward to getting to know them all over the coming weeks and months ahead.

It was lovely to see many of our parents and carers during the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings at the beginning of term. Reception meetings will take place in October. Calypso Class parents and carers will meet with the Calypso Class Team at 9am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Orion Class parents and carers will meet the Orion Class Team at 9am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - these meetings will be held in the school hall.

Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations will take place in school this Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 4pm - 8pm and on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.45pm-6.15pm. Meeting your child's class teacher in person is definitely the best way to speak to them and is a great opportunity to learn about your child's targets for the term.

We are very excited to announce that a new Head Boy and Head Girl will be elected over the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for pupils in Year 6. As an elected Head Boy and Head Girl you will demonstrate outstanding behaviour, lead by example and set a great example for other children to follow. There will also be an opportunity to elect a Deputy Head Boy and a Deputy Head Girl. Further information regarding this has been shared with the Year 6 pupils.

I am looking forward to working alongside our wonderful APPTA Committee. They have so many events planned for the coming year as well as some very exciting projects. Thank you once again for supporting our portacabins project - the portacabins have created much needed space for group work as well as music lessons.

A reminder to all our parents and carers that if you drive to school, please park considerately. Please do not obstruct driveways as this can cause unnecessary upset to local residents. Please do not park near or outside the school. The railings are in place to protect your children, but we have noticed that some parents are parking on the pavement just outside the school. We all have a responsibility to keep your children safe so your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Contacting the School with any issue or concern.

We recognise that there may be occasions when you have concerns about your child's education or experience at school and we want to ensure that you know how to address these matters effectively.

To maintain open lines of communication and resolve issues in a timely and fair manner, we have a clear complaints procedure in place. This procedure is designed to help us work together to address any concerns you may have.

### Step 1: Speak to the Class Teacher

The first step in resolving any issue is to speak directly to your child's class teacher. The teacher will often be able to provide insight and clarity or resolve the concern quickly. We encourage parents to schedule a meeting or communicate with the teacher as soon as an issue arises.

### Step 2: Contact the Leadership Team or The Assistant Head Teacher/Deputy Head Teacher

If you feel that the issue has not been satisfactorily resolved after speaking to the class teacher, the next step is to raise your concern with a member of the Leadership Team if needed. For example:

- Miss Powell - EYFS Leader
- Mr Bonallo - English and Year 6 Lead
- Miss Macdonald - English and Year 5 Lead
- Mrs Leo - Maths and Year 4 Lead
- The Assistant Head Teacher and the Deputy Head Teacher can support any matters in EYFS/KS1 or KS2. These members of staff are responsible for overseeing various aspects of the school and are in a position to help further investigate and address your concerns.

### Step 3: Escalate to Mr Tofallis - Head Teacher

If, after speaking with both the class teacher and the Deputy Head/Assistant Head or Leadership Team, you still feel that the matter has not been fully resolved, you may contact Mr Tofallis, Head Teacher. At this stage, Mr Tofallis will review the situation, discuss it with you and work with you to reach a fair and appropriate outcome.

While we understand that concerns and frustrations can arise, it is crucial that these are addressed in a constructive and respectful manner. Effective communication and mutual respect are key to resolving issues and will lead to a satisfactory resolution for all involved.

**All issues or concerns must be emailed to Mrs Andrews (Head Teacher's PA) [office@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org) and marked private and confidential.**

Your full support is very much appreciated.



## Reception

It has been really lovely getting to know the children in Calypso and Orion! They are all beginning to settle in to their new classrooms and school routine. The children have all been super busy getting to know one another, exploring the classroom and outdoor area and trying new foods at lunchtime! The children have particularly loved exploring our small world areas and dressing up! We have started our Maths learning by exploring numbers and 2D shapes and have recently introduced numicon to the children. We have also started our Phase 1 Phonics and the children have particularly enjoyed wearing their big 'listening ears' when exploring sounds in their environment. We look forward to learning letter sounds in the next few weeks. We are super proud of the children for settling in nicely and look forward to a fantastic year ahead! The Reception Team 😊



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to their academic Year, they have all been settling in perfectly and are working very hard. They have been busy learning all about Poole and the seaside. In Literacy, they have been using adjectives to write descriptive sentences about the beach and have sent post cards to Barnaby Bear. In Geography, the children have extended their learning by looking at maps, they have been identifying all the different continents and oceans on earth. The children have been very busy looking at numbers and identifying tens and ones within a number. The children have also been creating some fantastic number lines. The children have started learning the songs for the Barnet Infant Music Festival, the songs will be uploaded to Google Classroom for everyone to practise at home. Well done Year 1 and keep up the hard work!





## Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year in Year 2! We have been so pleased with the way the children have settled into Lyra and Carina Classes, getting to grips with their new classroom routines and jumping feet first into their learning!

We started the year with our camp day experience, where the children sang camp songs and ate toasted marshmallows, accompanied by squeals of delight! We were impressed with the children's written recounts of the day in their letters to their Year 1 teachers, where they were encouraged to use their senses to bring their writing to life. They have continued to be inspired by the camp fire, by writing descriptive poems about colour and fire in our Literacy lessons.

In Maths, our learning has been centred around place value, with the children using a range of apparatus to explore tens and ones, ordering numbers and using their knowledge to estimate.

Our learning in Humanities has been based on our topic of the Great Fire of London and the children have been busy learning about when and where the fire started. They have also drawn maps of London and our local area, complete with compass directions and a key. This has also inspired our Art topic where we will be making a class mural of London using different textiles.

In Science, we are learning about life cycles, focusing on how humans grow and develop.

We are looking forward to continuing our learning next month!

Mrs Joyce, Mrs Bennett and Miss Sudo



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been learning about the Stone Age and in Literacy we have been reading a book about how to wash a Woolly Mammoth in order to write our own set of instructions. We had lots of fun following instructions to make our own Woolly Mammoths! In Maths, we have been learning about the place value of 3-digit numbers and how to partition numbers in different ways. In science, we have been looking at different types of trees and also investigating what happens to plants in different environments. In Humanities, we have been learning about food miles and we had fun using a food miles calculator to work out how far our food has travelled to get on to our plate.





## Year 4

Year 4 have had a marvelous start to the term and we are so proud of all the learning they have been doing so far this year! We have been writing stories using similes and metaphors based on Greek Myths in Literacy and in Maths we have been honing our Place Value skills and this week we have been rounding numbers which they have shown a great proficiency. We have visited the outdoor area to look at leaves and think about what is happening in the Autumn Term in nature. We have been learning gymnastics in PE and looking at how to use body tension whilst staying safe and we have seen excellent partner work! Also, the children are becoming programmers in Computing and starting to learn how to bring characters to life on Scratch and add speech to their games. We are very proud of Year 4 and their excellent attitude to learning right from the start. Well done Apollo and Cosmo Class!



## Year 5

Year 5 have settled in beautifully this term, quickly adapting to new routines and responsibilities. In PE, we have started focusing on netball and gymnastics, where the children are learning teamwork and developing coordination skills. Science lessons have been full of curiosity as we have explored materials and their properties through hands-on experiments. In Art, we have begun an exciting project on Anglo-Saxon pottery, linking this to our History lessons on Anglo-Saxon crafts and culture. We have also been working on our vocal learning with Mrs Pocock singing our harvest songs for the upcoming celebrations in November! We have also been enjoying Literacy and Guided Reading particularly our current book, *Wonderstruck*, and the children have enjoyed engaging in Conscious Alley activities to deepen their understanding of the characters and themes. It has been a busy and rewarding first term, and we are excited for the learning ahead!





## Year 6

The first four weeks of the new academic year have simply whizzed past and it has been so amazing getting to know your children. The children have settled well into the Year 6 routine and we are really impressed with the level of their work, their positive attitudes and their incredible enthusiasm!

In Literacy, we have dived head long into our text Alex Rider: Stormbreaker. The children have loved seeing how this teenage spy thriller unfolds and has provided the spark for their imagination for so many pieces of awesome work. Such as letters of application to MI6 for a job as a spy, designing and drawing a graphic spy novel and writing a setting description for their very own villains lair!!

In Maths, we have started off gently on some topics the children will be familiar with such as place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children have loved revisiting these areas and their maths skills are impressive. We all look forward to elevating their arithmetic and reasoning skills this year.

In Science, we headed out to the school field in search of autumnal animals! The children saw geese, foxes, squirrels, robins, crows and even hedgehogs! They have made clay model hearts and now understand about the circulatory system and its essential role in our bodies.

We look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming parents evening, and the weeks ahead of fun learning!

Wishing you all a super October.

The Year 6 Team





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# Breakfast and After School Club

We hope you all have a wonderful Summer!

September brought us a few really nice, warm days. We used that time to play outside and even managed to cool down with refreshing ice lollies.

In Art, we used Autumn as our topic in painting and drawings. The younger children enjoyed playing with toys, games and puzzles.

We wish all the children a fantastic academic year.

Best wishes  
Mrs Urso-Baiarda



Ashmole Primary Newsletter



## Jeans for Genes and Gene Therapy for Baby Teo

Jeans for Genes is all about raising awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic conditions such as baby Teo, who turned 2 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, AND raising money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of Teo and those affected by genetic conditions. It's about us all coming together to show support and fundraising to help 1 in 10 families across the UK. It's a chance to spread kindness, understanding and compassion and joyfully make a difference. Your generous donations truly do make a difference. The donations received for Jeans for Genes from our Ashmole Community surpassed the target that we set and we raised an incredible £476. Equally, Teo's GoFundMe received over £800! Mrs Chown and her family are truly grateful for your kindness and support, she even came into school to surprise all the children! Below is a message from Teo's family.



Ashmole Primary School Jeans for Genes Day  
Raised £476

Thank you for your kind donations!

<http://www.justgiving.com/jeansforgenesday29979>

"We wanted to say a huge thank you for your generous donations. We cannot express enough how much it means to us to have the support of people like you! Everything we raise goes to research for NKH Gene Therapy which will save Teo's life and other babies born with NKH. We are getting so close to a breakthrough and every penny we raise makes such a difference. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Lots of love, Teo and Family."

<https://gofund.me/a2c6c8da>





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## Diary Dates - 2024/2025

Diary Dates October 2024

| Date                     | Time                    | Event  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October  | 4-8pm                   | Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | 9.30am                  | Prospective Parent Tour  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Before and after school | Scholastic Book Fair   |
|                          | 3.45-6.15pm             | Year 1 - Year 6 Parent Consultations   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  | 9-10am                  | SEN Parent Coffee Meeting  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | 9.30am                  | Prospective Parent Tour  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October | 9am<br>6.15pm           | Calypto Class Meet the Teacher Meeting in the Hall<br>Ashmole Academy Secondary Transfer Evening |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October | 9am                     | Orion Class Meet the Teacher Meeting in the Hall   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October | 9.30am                  | Prospective Parent Tour  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October | 7pm                     | Governors Meeting  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October | 6pm-7.30pm              | Reception Disco  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October | 9.30am                  | Prospective Parent Tour  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October | 8pm                     | PTA Meeting in Community Room  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October | PM                      | Whole School Flu Nasal Spray - further details to follow<br>LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM                |

## Values Competition

Thank you to all our pupils who have followed the value of the month and worked hard to be top role models. Our Value for September was Honesty and the winner is Mason in Year 6 Andromeda Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our value for October is Truth.

## Cycle to School Week

This week we would like to encourage everyone to try and cycle to school for our 'Cycle to School Week' from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October and help encourage the nation's children to use pedal power to get to school.

As a school we will also be giving out monthly badges again to everyone who makes an effort to cycle, scooter or walk to school on a regular basis. If children cycle, scooter or walk at least once a week for a month they will receive a special badge.

We will also be having a special poster competition this month. We would like our pupils to design a colourful A4 poster to highlight the benefits of cycling, scootering or walking to school. There will be two £10 vouchers for the best posters given to the school office by 11.10.24!

Good luck!



# Celebrating Achievement

In recognition of their outstanding work this month, the following pupils have received an achievement award from Mr Tofallis.

| Year 1<br>Luna Class                                   | Year 1<br>Nova Class  | Year 2<br>Lyra Class   | Year 2<br>Carina Class                          |
|--|---|--|---|
| Sonny<br>Evelyn<br>Ariella<br>Emilia<br>Teddy<br>Leona | Harley<br>Afia<br>Ethan<br>Teagan<br>Sujay<br>Reya<br>Laith<br>Lara | Arin<br>Ellis<br>Ayub<br>Estelle<br>Jasper<br>Kyra<br>Anuj<br>Hafsa<br>Nikalas | Evia<br>Max<br>Elida<br>Jivan<br>Rowan<br>Ethan |

| Year 3<br>Astra  | Year 3<br>Lynx  | Year 4<br>Apollo                                   | Year 4<br>Cosmo  | Year 5<br>Vesper                                     | Year 5<br>Aquila   | Year 6<br>Andromeda  | Year 6<br>Pavo  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Alexandros<br>Aria<br>Christine<br>Edwin<br>Kerim<br>Hertha<br>Mya | Aarashi<br>Tiana<br>George<br>Asli<br>Kaiden<br>Sovereign<br>Ares<br>Edward | Sophia<br>Arjan<br>Eleni<br>Noah<br>Demir<br>Maria | Amelia<br>Connor<br>Leo<br>Callie<br>Kvaan<br>Mya<br>Saara<br>Suendam<br>Max | Ollie<br>Mabel<br>Ayham<br>Frankie<br>Arthur<br>Azra | Mira<br>Ibrahim<br>Murat<br>Alexia<br>Kaiden<br>Cara<br>Ella<br>Iklim<br>Arjun | Ben<br>Aron<br>Onekie<br>Maria<br>Georgia<br>Ali<br>Martha<br>Anabelle<br>Mason<br>Anna D<br>Hazel | Ayla<br>Nora<br>Seb<br>Berkin<br>Simeon<br>Lia<br>Reyyan<br>Denis<br>Ashok<br>Amani<br>Mason<br>Melis |

## Monthly Attendance Figures

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reception - Calypso Class 97% | Reception - Orion Class 99% |
| Year 1 - Luna Class 95%       | Year 1 - Nova Class 93%     |
| Year 2 - Lyra Class 97%       | Year 2 - Carina Class 96%   |
| Year 3 - Astra Class 97%      | Year 3 - Lynx Class 96%     |
| Year 4 - Apollo Class 97%     | Year 4 - Cosmo Class 96%    |
| Year 5 - Vesper Class 96%     | Year 5 - Aquila Class 98%   |
| Year 6 - Andromeda Class 95%  | Year 6 - Pavo Class 97%     |

Well done to  
**Orion Class**  
for achieving the highest  
attendance this month!





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## Reminders

### Lost Property

If your child has lost any of their belongings, please speak to their class teacher or take a look through the lost property benches that are located outside the school office.

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

We are a **NUT FREE** school. This also includes Sesame Seeds. Other banned items include, Pesto, Kinder Bueno, Peanut Butter and other nut spreads, including Nutella.

### Keeping Children Safe

For your information, our Designated **Safeguarding** Officers are:

Miss Costas - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Toal - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mr Tofallis - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Our School Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our website:

[www.ashmoleprimary.org](http://www.ashmoleprimary.org)

### School Uniform

Please be reminded that pupils should be wearing uniform as per our Uniform Policy

<https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26> Girls should be wearing appropriate footwear and **not boots**. Pupils should also be wearing the correct Ashmole Primary PE kit. School coats should be black or navy ONLY and hairbands should also be school colours.

### Belongings

Please remind your child to bring all of their belongings with them at the beginning of each school day. It is extremely time consuming for the office staff to distribute belongings such as coats, musical instruments, packed lunches, snacks, after school kits, water bottles etc. Thank you for your support.

## Lettings and Hall Hire

A variety of facilities at Ashmole Trust are available for hire to clubs and organisations, both in the evenings and at weekends. Facilities include a hall, a 5-a-side football/ basketball/ netball/ multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor space. In certain circumstances classrooms may also be let for educational activities. We are also happy to take bookings for birthday parties etc. Please contact [lettings@ashmoletrust.org](mailto:lettings@ashmoletrust.org) for more information. Thank you.