



## Message from the Head Teacher

As we come to the end of a very long month, we have been adamant that the cold, wet weather will not dampen our spirits! We have so much to look forward to this term such as Safer Internet Week, Children's Mental Health Week and RE Week, Scholastic Book Fair, as well as various class trips and WOW days!

Year 5 have begun their swimming lessons at Arnos Pool and despite the walk there and back each week, the children continue to be focused and a credit to our school.

Well done to all the children in Year 5 Vesper Class for settling into class with their new teachers-Mrs Charalambous and Mrs Shah. We would like to invite the parents and carers of Year 5 Vesper Class to meet the new teachers on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am.

Pupils in Year 6 have been busy preparing for their SATs assessments that are due to take place in May 2025. Thank you to those of you that were able to attend the SATs meeting last week. If you have any questions regarding the SATs, please speak to Mr Evaghoras or Mr Bonallo directly. Year 6 will continue to receive booster sessions which will further enhance their knowledge for their upcoming SATs.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who attended the recent APPTA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening. I am delighted to announce that Mr Dale Wightman has been appointed the new Chair of the committee as well as several new committee members. Thank you to Mai, who has now stepped down as Chair of the Committee, for her commitment and dedication to the PTA this year. The PTA will be announcing various fundraising and community opportunities in the coming weeks and we thank you for your support with this. All money raised by the PTA, goes straight back to the children by supporting projects for the school.

Thank you to the Reception parents and carers that attended this morning's Phonics Workshop. Parents and carers were given the opportunity to see how we teach phonics skills using our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' which we hope will give you greater confidence in supporting your child's reading journey at home.

Parent Consultations will take place in March and Mid-Year Reports will be sent out to parents and carers also in March. If you have any issues regarding your child and it can't wait until then, please speak to their class teacher. It is really important that any issues are dealt with quickly so they can be resolved as swiftly as possible.

Wishing you all a very relaxing weekend.

Best wishes  
Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had in Reception! In Phonics, we have nearly learned all of our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. The children are developing their confidence in recognising these sounds when reading and using them when segmenting to write. We have started writing an 'I can see' sentence each morning when we come in to the classroom. The children are becoming superstars at beginning to use these sounds independently in their reading and their writing. We have loved participating in 'pen disco' where we get busy drawing different sized circles whilst developing our core strength, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination! In Maths, we have explored addition and subtraction and enjoyed using resources to find more and less. Lots of us can even write number sentences independently! We are now beginning to explore length and have been using measuring worms, cubes and rulers to find out how long or short an object is. We have particularly enjoyed comparing our heights with our peers! This term, our topic is 'food'. We have been learning about how to live a healthy lifestyle and about the different food groups! Well done Orion and Calypso for having a great start back to the new year!



## Year 1

Year 1 have worked exceptionally hard this month in all our subjects. We have started our new History topic in which we are learning about Christopher Columbus. All the children have been very interested in this topic and have enjoyed finding out new things and making comparisons between the past and the present. In Literacy, we have been reading the story Oliver's Vegetables and wrote a fantastic character description using lots of adjectives, alliterations and similes. We will be retelling the story and acting out scenes from the book, developing our vocabulary and understanding of fictional books. In Maths, we have carried on extending our knowledge of place value using dienes and answering reasoning problem solving questions. We have also recapped use of number lines using different manipulatives to solve number sentences in addition and subtraction. We have also really enjoyed exploring The Luna New Year. We were so grateful for the parents that came in to teach us about the food and festivities celebrated. The children really enjoyed all the amazing activities; making lanterns and using Chinese quills to practice their writing. Well done Year 1, you have all worked so hard and we are all very proud of everything you have done and the progress you are all making.





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## Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a wonderful start to 2025!

In Literacy we have been learning all about traditional tales with a key focus on Jack and the Beanstalk! They have been exploring the features of these stories and used descriptive language to retell these stories. In Maths, we revisited money and worked on solving problems relating to this. The children have used their knowledge of addition and subtraction to work out the change and solve two-step problems. During our Art lessons, we explored 'Pop Art' and learnt all about Andy Warhol and other artists. We even created our very own artworks in this style! In our History lessons we have been learning all about world mapping and learnt about female explorers such as Amelia Earhart, the children are learning all about aviation and how transport has changed.

The highlight of this month has been learning the glockenspiels, in which the children are learning to play a variety of songs and all about different musical notes!

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the year ahead.

Best wishes

Mrs Joyce, Mrs Bennett, Miss Sudo and the Year 2 Team



## Year 3

January has been a very exciting month for Year 3 as we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt.

In Literacy, we researched and designed our own leaflets using emotive language to persuade readers to visit this enchanting land. We are currently reading Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx in guided reading and we are going to write our own mystery stories.

In Maths we have been learning about division and multiplication and now we are starting a new topic about perimeter. In Science, we had great fun making solar powered ovens and we learnt how to draw graphs to represent our data. In Art, we have been designing our own hieroglyphs so that we can do some block printing. We are really looking forward to our visit from Mr Egypt in February when we will learn even more fascinating facts!





## Year 4

This month has been action packed and full of fun on the return to school after the holiday season- we have been so happy to have Year 4 back again! We have been learning about Measure and Fractions in Maths and learning all about numerators, denominators, improper fractions and mixed numbers; the children have done so well. We have also been writing letters in Literacy and exploring the features we need in order to be successful. Year 4 have also done a fantastic job at gymnastics and successfully used body tension to make flowing movements on different levels. Well done Year 4!



## Year 5

What a fantastic start to the Spring term! We are so proud of how the children have embraced their swimming lessons at Arnos Pool. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have been excellent role models, making a brilliant impression both in and out of the pool.

In Art, we have been inspired by the incredible works of Henri Rousseau. The children have been exploring the use of acrylic paints, practicing techniques like overlapping and mixing colours to create stunning rainforest-inspired masterpieces. Science lessons have been full of excitement as we have dived into our new topic on forces. The children have loved investigating gravity through hands-on experiments, testing the weight of mass and exploring different variables when creating their parachute designs. Well Done Year 5!





## Year 6

January started, of course, with a massive welcome back to all the children after our Christmas break, and it was great to see them all so engaged with their learning for the new year.

In Maths, we have started and finished (woohoo) our topic on algebra. The children excelled at all things 'x' and 'y' related and really impressed us with their algebraic formulas and expressions.

In Literacy, we looked closely at debating and writing balanced arguments. The children even had the chance to take on the aura of Trump (just for a few seconds we promise!!) where they stood behind the podium to deliver their own arguments for and against several topics, like "should school be only four days a week?". What do you think about this proposal?

Our book focus has been on *Goodnight, Mr. Tom*, a particularly emotive book describing the events of an evacuee from London moving to the countryside to escape the Blitz. Which links to our Humanities topic that has truly sparked the children's imagination and interest - World War II!!

The children created beautiful scenes from the Blitz using chalk on black paper in Art and the buzz about visiting the RAF Museum at the end of next month is already mounting.

We also welcomed a visitor from TfL who talked to the children about safe independent travel when they start Year 7 in September (eek!).

We look forward to the month ahead as the focus turns noticeably towards SATS preparation.

Year 6 Team



## Sport

On Wednesday 22nd January, our A netball team played against Church Hill Primary School. It was a fantastic match, with excellent play. The score was 3-1 to Churchill. Well done to our netball team! We have one final match to play in our league.

On Friday 17th January, our girls football team played against St John's in the Girls Cup. This was another great match played, with excellent sportsmanship. Well done to the girls!





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# Breakfast and After School Club

January may feel like the longest month of the year, but in BASC, we're brightening up the winter blues with beautiful paintings, drawings and fun craft activities inspired by the season. Though outdoor play is limited, the children are enjoying board games, puzzles and staying active with fun dance sessions. Creativity and movement will keep our spirits high this term!

We have just purchased a new snooker table, table football, table tennis and air hockey for the club! We hope the children enjoy these new games this term.

Finally, if you are able to donate boxes of tissues to the club, we would be very grateful ☺

Thank you  
Mrs Urso-Baiarda





## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that they can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents and carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

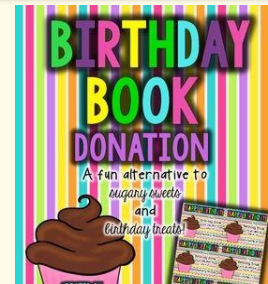
Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over




## Birthday Treats

As we work to keep all of our pupils safe and healthy, we kindly ask that birthday treats not be brought into school due to potential allergies in school. We greatly appreciate your understanding in this matter. However, if you would like to celebrate your child's special day in a meaningful way, we invite you to consider donating a book to our school library in honour of their birthday. This is a wonderful way to contribute to our school library and share the joy of reading with all pupils. We appreciate your continued support in this matter.



## Promoting a Healthy School Environment

At Ashmole Primary, we are committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment for all our pupils, staff, and families. To support this, we kindly remind parents and carers that smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes and vapes, should not take place near the school gates. Secondhand smoke and vape emissions can have harmful effects, especially on young children and we want to ensure that our school remains a clean, smoke-free space for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation in setting a positive example for our pupils and helping us maintain a healthy school community. Thank you for your support!



## Poster Competition



**No muddy  
footwear**

A big thank you to all the pupils who took part in our Muddy Poster Competition! We were amazed by the creativity and effort that went into designing such fantastic posters, all promoting the importance of keeping our school clean, tidy and mud free! Our winners received a £10 voucher as well as a special sticker from Mr Tofallis; our runners up also received a special sticker from Mr Tofallis. Your messages were clear, eye-catching and full of brilliant ideas—well done to everyone who entered! The winners are:

**Winners:**

Elida - Year 2 Carina Class

Artemis - Year 3 Astra Class

**Runners-up:**

Freya - Year 2 Carina Class

Sophia - Year 2 Carina Class

Alexa - Year 4 Apollo Class

Arianna - Year 4 Cosmo Class



A special mention also to our wonderful Year 6 helpers, Mason and Alexander, who have been fantastic role models this week in encouraging a cleaner school environment. Your dedication and leadership in helping to keep our school grounds tidy are truly inspiring. Thank you for setting such a great example for the younger children in school. Let's continue working together to keep our school looking its best!

## Attendance

Every term the school measures pupil attendance which helps us ensure that our students keep within government attendance guidelines of 96% or higher.

Parents and Carers should be aware that there is a direct link between school attendance and academic success at all levels.

Ashmole Primary strongly recommends to all parents and carers to avoid any unnecessary absences, especially with regard to holidays during term time. Students should only miss school when it is absolutely essential if they are to get the most out of their education.

School starts at 8.50am and it is paramount that all children are on time for registration at 8.50am and collected promptly at the end of the day.

## Medical and Dental Appointments

We understand that medical and dental appointments are necessary to maintain your child's health and well-being. However, we kindly request that, where possible, all **routine medical and dental appointments** be scheduled outside of school hours, such as during half-term breaks, weekends, or after school.

In the case of an emergency or urgent situation, we fully understand that attending an appointment during the school day may be unavoidable. However, for all non-urgent or routine check-ups, scheduling outside of the school day will help minimise disruption to your child's education and ensure they do not miss valuable learning time.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.



## New Year, New Committee 😊

This week we had our AGM for Ashmole Primary Parent's & Teachers Association (APPTA). The PTA plays a really important role and we would like to quote from ParentKind:

***"As our research has shown, there is a correlation between an active PTA and a happy and successful school. Plus, educational research on the involvement of parents in schools shows that children achieve higher levels when parents and teachers work together."***

Our new team consists of some familiar faces, and we welcome on board some new ones too!!! We have also this year introduced co-opted members. Co-opted members will also share their knowledge, skills, and experience. Whilst not elected, they can contribute to decision-making. So here are the details of parents elected and their associated positions.

Chair – Dale  
Vice Chair – AJ Patel  
Secretary – Lucas  
Vice Secretary – Sonal  
Treasurer – Alvee  
Vice Treasurer – Sally  
Elected Trusted – Teodora  
Elected Trusted – Roza  
Our co-opted members are: Onkar, Sam and Trupti

As a registered charity, we recognise the importance of being open and transparent so will be following up with our former, Chair Mai, the Annual Chair and Treasury Financial Report to share with parents and teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Core Committee members which also included Andria, Rahul, Vinnie, Valerie and Ruksana.

We are very much looking forward to hosting more events and initiatives this year for both our Parents & Teachers as well as our children. We want to offer a more inclusive and social list of activities to get as many families involved as possible, building on the community spirit here at Ashmole Primary.

We are keen to change things up a bit and are looking for new ideas and wish to get the parents involved more. There are lots of great things coming for the year, especially as we enter the 10th anniversary of Ashmole Primary as a school. Please email [ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) if you have something in mind and look out for some town hall sessions where you can meet the team and share some thoughts.

Thank you.  
APPTA



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# **NEW YEAR NEW TEAM**

**INTRODUCING THE 2025 PTA TEAM**

**CHAIR - DALE  
VICE CHAIR - AJ  
SECRETARY - LUCAS  
VICE SECRETARY - SONAL  
TREASURER - ALVEE  
VICE TREASURER - SALLY  
ELECTED TRUSTEE - TEODORA  
ELECTED TRUSTEE - ROZA**

**OUR CO-OPTED MEMBERS ARE:  
ONKAR, SAM AND TRUPTI**

**(PHOTOS TO FOLLOW SOON)**

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# Celebrating Achievement

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

Year 1 Luna Class	Year 1 Nova Class	Year 2 Lyra Class	Year 2 Carina Class
Megan Ahmed Azad Leila Chelsey-Louise Evan	Harley Reya Zayn Andy Dina Kabir	Arun Matia Sophia Vincent Iliyas Daniel Ellis Kyra Yoana George Simona Anthony	Freya Ilyas Rowan Mahhir Gabriel Alborz

Year 3 Astra	Year 3 Lynx	Year 4 Apollo	Year 4 Cosmo	Year 5 Vesper	Year 5 Aquila	Year 6 Andromeda	Year 6 Pavo
Aiden Artemis Christine Gabriel Jay Kerim Leyna Nate	Tiana, George Rory Alex Hayes Andrei Ares Jasmine George	Rheya Amelie Alexis Oliver Anna Marco Maxime Maria	Callie Mya Kvaan Fia Max o suendam	Azra Daniyal Deniz Karim Oly Orla	Cara Emily Olanna Milo Flo Mira Ayda Amelia Mia Arjun	Martha Kieran Alexandra Hazal Jansu Arya Kayden Skye Michael	Ashok Ria Lewis Nora Johan Almira Bella Denis Seb Ayla Ayaan Amani

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



## Monthly Attendance Figures

Reception - Calypso Class 98%	Reception - Orion Class 94%
Year 1 - Luna Class 96%	Year 1 - Nova Class 93%
Year 2 - Lyra Class 95%	Year 2 - Carina Class 96%
Year 3 - Astra Class 97%	Year 3 - Lynx Class 95%
Year 4 - Apollo Class 97%	Year 4 - Cosmo Class 94%
Year 5 - Vesper Class 92%	Year 5 - Aquila Class 97%
Year 6 - Andromeda Class 97%	Year 6 - Pavo Class 95%



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## Diary Dates - February 2025

Date	Time	Event
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All week	RE Week Children's Mental Health Week
5 <sup>th</sup> February	PM	Netball match v Brunswick (at home)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Year 6 Holocaust Memorial trip - Wightman Road Mosque
7 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Non-uniform Day & Wear your Scarf - <b>£1.00 cash donations please</b> (money raised will go towards play equipment)
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> February	All week	Online Safety week
10 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Year 3 - Mr Egypt WOW Day!
11 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30am	Chairs Committee Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Year 5 Vesper Class - Meet the Teachers in the Hall
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	All Week	HALF TERM
24 <sup>th</sup> February		First Day of new Half Term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Cross Country Competition - Years 4,5 and 6
27 <sup>th</sup> February	2 weeks	Scholastic Book Fair begins
28 <sup>th</sup> February	All day 9.00am	Year 6 trip to RAF Museum Hendon Year 4 Multiplication Check parent/carer meeting in the Hall

Diary Dates for February 2025

## 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 January was Positivity and the winner is Ilyas in Year 2 Carina Class. There is a £5 book token for the winners each month and our Value for February is Determination.



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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  
Dr Bowry - Safeguarding Governor  
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.