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**RESPECT      RESPONSIBILITY      CREATIVITY      KINDNESS      ASPIRATION      EQUALITY**

**Diary Dates**

- 11 December 2024 - Christmas Pantomime
- 12 December 2024 - Christmas Performance
- 13 December 2024 - Christmas Performance
- 18 December 2024 - Christmas Dinner
- 19 December 2024 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 19 December 2024 - Reading celebration Assembly
- 20 December 2024 - Last Day of Term
- 6 January 2025 - Return to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic, busy week we have had. Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair, it was a great success in raising funds for school. The children had a great time running stalls and selling the items that they made during the Christmas Craft morning.

Next week see's another busy week with our Christmas performances and the school's pantomime performance in school by Out of the Box Production Company, who will putting on a performance of Dick Whittington.

Thank you again for your continued support through this very busy period in school.

**Pants for Christmas**

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our Pants for Christmas campaign with ShareWear.

As a school we managed to collect an amazing 36 packets of pants and raise £85.00. The money raised will be used to buy more packs of pants to donate to Sharewear to distribute then across the region to those living in clothing poverty.

Thank you for your support, this event has been a huge success.



**Christmas Performance**

Our Christmas Performances this year will take place on :

- \*Thursday 12 December 2024 - Year 3/4 from 2pm, Year 5/6 from 9:30am
- \* Friday 13 December 2024 - Year 3/4 from 9:30am, Year 5/6 from 2pm

All tickets are charged at £1. If you would like tickets for any of these performances, please send the money in a named envelope, with your child's name, class and what date you would like to attend the performance.

Due to Health and Safety reasons and the hall capacity, tickets will be limited to 2 adults per family. You are more than welcome to purchase tickets for both performance days for your child.

The last day to pay for tickets will be Wednesday 11 December 2024.

**Thank you**

A massive thank you to Mrs Whitham, for once again making a magnificent Santa's Grotto. I am sure you will all agree it looked brilliant.

Thank you to Collyers Garden Centre for the beautiful Christmas tree that looks lovely in our school hall and our final thank you goes to the Oakash Trust for all their donations for items to be used on our stalls for the Christmas Fair.



### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Wilson class** who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 06 December 2024.



### Well Done

We are very proud to share that one of our Year 4 pupils, Alfie, was invited to participate in football matches at both Crystal Palace and Arsenal recently.

Alfie has shared that he thoroughly enjoyed visiting and playing football at these venues and felt privileged to be invited to participate.

We may well have a future England Captain in our midst!



### Christmas Fair

Thank you for your continued support with our Christmas Fair on Thursday 5 December 2024, as a school we managed to raise £867!! This has allowed us to give a generous donation to the Church Wilne Rotary Club for our Santa Visit, which we must say, look's like the real Santa!

A big Thank you to the class teachers for making crafts to be sold, the office staff for organising the fair, members of the Midday Team for giving up their time to run stalls and to the children for being so creative and helpful, it really does mean a lot.



### Living our School Values

Well done to the following children : Leo D, Dylan E, Isabelle C, Lewis M, Alice B, Emily C, Elyzza-Rose H, Max T, Jenson Y, Sophie F, Jack F, Mia P.

*Congratulations*

### Rockin Robins Drum Lessons

We are delighted to announce that as Rockin Robins continues into their second year at Ashbrook junior School, they have had some super limited spaces become available for lessons with them!

Taster sessions are also available too!

You can find out more information and sign your child up for lessons at [www.rockin-robins.co.u/schoolsignup](http://www.rockin-robins.co.u/schoolsignup). Spaces are limited so act fast and invoices will be sent **AFTER CHRISTMAS** for a January start!

No equipment is necessary and no experience needed.

For more information, please see the attached posters.



### Vacancy

Catering Assistant based at Ashbrook Junior School.

There is currently a vacancy within Aspens Catering Service for a Catering Assistant.

The position is for 30 hours per week to work Term Time only, you will be required to work Inset Days.

Driving License desirable.

For further information please follow the attached link;

<https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=b3aad99d3b82a496&from=serp&vjs=3>

All applications are to be made through Indeed.

Thank you

**Aspens**





## 2 to 5 December 2024

As we race towards the end of 2024, we thought we'd take a moment to share important headline data with you regarding our school's attendance.

Whole school attendance for the year to date remains at 96%.

Of the 349 schools in **Derbyshire** we are ranked as 141<sup>st</sup>. Previously we have sat in the top 20% of these schools for attendance.

**UK average for attendance** in schools sits at 94%. Previously we have been able to share that we sat in the top 10% of schools for attendance across the UK. We have now dropped to being in the top 40% of schools across the UK for attendance.

### Areas we need our families support with ....

#### Lateness

Lateness continues to be an issue within Ashbrook Junior school. To date our school has lost a total of 1,768 minutes of learning due to children arriving late for school. Lateness is classed as absence.

**Children should be in class before registers close at 8.55 am.**

#### Unauthorised Absences

We continue to see absences for reasons which school are unable to authorise. For example, headlice, holidays, birthday outings, shopping days and families opting to keep their child at home for no apparent reason. Whilst individually as a family you may see this as a small impact on your child's attendance; when combined as a school we have lost 152 days of learning due to unauthorised absences.

Please help us to address unauthorised absences and come to school every day that you are well enough to do so.

**ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

# LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 3

Autumn Winter  
2024-25:  
16/9, 7/10,  
28/10, 18/11,  
9/12, 30/12,  
20/1, 10/2

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



American Style  
Mac Cheese

Sausage  
Casserole and  
Mash

Roast Chicken,  
Stuffing,  
Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Meatballs in  
Tomato Sauce with  
Rice

Golden Fish  
Fingers  
and Chips



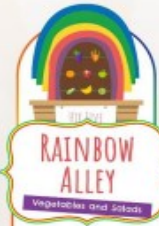
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Vegetable Pot  
Pie  
and Mash

Carrot and  
Stuffing Pastry  
Plait

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Chilli Loaded  
Wedges with  
Cheese

Vegetable Fingers  
and Chips



Carrots

Roast Root  
Veggies

Peas and  
Sweetcorn

Broccoli

Baked  
Beans



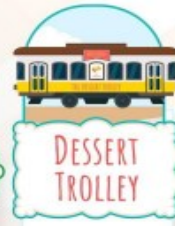
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Marble  
Cake

Apple,  
Cinnamon  
Raisin  
Flapjacks

Orange and  
Mango Jelly

Banana Bread  
Muffins

Gingerbread  
Cookies

DAILY SALAD BOWL,  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGURT'S AND  
CUT FRUIT  
AVAILABLE DAILY

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese

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*Child*  
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Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.


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