

Ashbrook Junior School

October Newsletter



It has been wonderful to get to know more of our families over the past month. We have celebrated some fantastic learning across all subjects and launched our Autumn Term with the Ashbrook Art Gallery.

During October, we are well into our Autumn learning and supporting our local foodbank through our Harvest collection. Towards the end of the month, we will also be learning about influential figures from the past as part of **Black History Month**.



Thank you to all parents who joined us for the **Behaviour and Communication Meeting** in September. We received lots of positive feedback about how the year has started, and we are keen to continue building on this success. One area for improvement was the inclusion of a calendar to share key dates. As we continue to develop our website, I will work to include this feature. For now, I've listed as many upcoming dates as possible below.

Key Dates for Your Diary

October

- **Friday 10th October** – *Wear Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day.*
- **Monday 20th October** – Installation of the *Art Gallery*. Parents will be able to view the exhibition after school on **Monday 20th** or **Tuesday 21st October** – exact dates to be confirmed.
- **Monday 20th October** – *Black History Week* learning focus in class.
- **Thursday 23rd October** – *Halloween Disco* (4:15–5:45 pm). Tickets available from the school office or via class teachers (please send money in an envelope labelled with your child's name).
- **Friday 24th October** – Last day of half term. Reading Rocks assembly at 9:05 am- parents invited.

November

- **Monday 3rd November** – School reopens for Autumn Term 2.
- **Thursday 6th November** – *Guardians Network Meeting and Coffee Morning* with Compass at 9:00 am.
- **Monday 10th November** – *Anti-Bullying Week*.
- **Thursday 13th November** – *Year 2 Open Day* (for prospective Year 3 parents and children).
- **Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th November** – *Parents' Evenings* (details to follow).
- **Monday 24th November** – *Year 3, 4, and 5 Assessment Week*.

December

- **Monday 1st December** – *Year 6 Practice SATs Week*.
- **Thursday 4th December** – *Guardians Network Meeting and Coffee Morning* with Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Thompson.
- **Thursday 11th December** – *Christmas Jumper Day, Reindeer Dash, and Pantomime Visit*.
- **Thursday 18th December (2:00 pm)** – *Year 5/6 Christmas Songs and Carols* – parents invited.
- **Friday 12th December**- Reading Rocks assembly- parents invited
- **Friday 19th December** – *Year 3/4 Nativity*:
 - 9:15 am – Morning performance
 - 2:00 pm – Afternoon performance

Friday 19th December- school closes for Christmas break.

Please note: We have an additional INSET Day set by Transform Trust on **Thursday 23rd July 2026**, and school will be closed on this day.

Clubs

When we return after the half-term break, our morning and after-school clubs (provided by CSSS Sports) will be updated from **Monday 3rd October**.

Morning Clubs:

- Tuesday – Dodgeball
- Wednesday – Paceball
- Thursday – Basketball
- Friday – Hockey

After-School Clubs:

- Thursday – Multisport
- Friday – Football

Job Opportunities

We currently have a **School Catering Assistant** role advertised through **Aspens**.

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We are looking for a **School Catering Assistant** to join our team at our Ashbrook Nursery and Junior Primary School.

£12.21 ph,

12.5 hours per week,

11:15 am – 1.45 pm, Monday – Friday,

term time only.

Duties will include, counter service, cleaning duties working as a team player.

Full training given. Experience in a similar role is preferred but not essential.

For more information or to apply with a CV email

Traci.battise@aspens-services.com

For the attention of Traci Battise or pop in to have a chat for further information

We look forward to a fantastic end of half term together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
The Ashbrook Junior School Team