

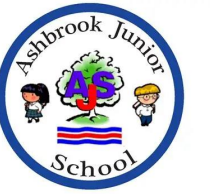
Ashbrook Junior School

Parents' Open Morning





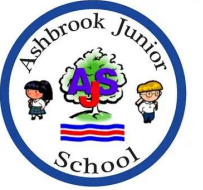
Why choose Ashbrook Junior School?



- **Ashbrook is a place for everyone. Everyone belongs, everyone is valued, everyone achieves.**
- **A small school** where each child is known and valued
- **Smooth transitions** from Ashbrook Infant School
- **Strong digital infrastructure** for future-ready learners
- **Wraparound care** that supports families
- **Partnerships** with specialist providers to enrich every child's experience



Ofsted



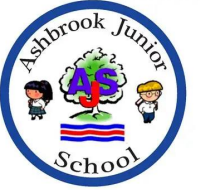
June 2023 Ashbrook Junior School graded a good school.

What Ofsted says about us.

- **A happy, caring school** where pupils feel safe, valued, and have a strong sense of belonging.
- **High expectations for every child**, with rich opportunities to learn, lead, and grow — including pupils with SEND and disadvantaged pupils.
- **Respectful, well-mannered learners** who focus well in lessons and take pride in their school.
- **Strong support for all pupils**, with close partnerships between teachers, support staff, and families to help every child succeed.

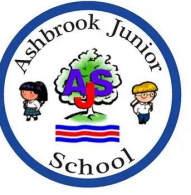


What do our children say?



"Staff here are kind – whether I am upset about something or struggling with some work, they will always help me to figure it out."

They celebrate difference and have a strong understanding of equality and diversity. As one pupil explained, 'We are all unique. It is not fair to judge people on their differences.'

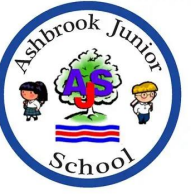


Values and Ethos

Our school's values are:

- Kindness
- Equity
- Aspiration
- Respect
- Creativity
- Responsibility

We follow the Ashbrook Way. We are kind, responsible and respectful.



Year Three Team

- Miss Booth Y3 teacher



- Mrs Boden and Mrs Corcoran Year 3 and 4 teachers



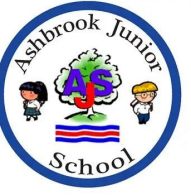
- Mrs Morecroft, Mrs Mallinson and Mrs Delay Year 3 and 4 Teaching Assistants



Curriculum Overview



- The curriculum at Ashbrook is ambitious and is not limited to the National Curriculum.
- The curriculum is designed so that pupils learn about what is important to them as a citizen of Borrowash and the wider world. Learning is well-sequenced so pupils know more and remember more and lessons are personalised to meet all pupils' needs.
- Reading and quality texts underpin the curriculum so that pupils continue to develop a love of reading and are exposed to a variety of quality books.



Enrichment Opportunities

At Ashbrook, we believe in **developing the whole child** through a wide range of exciting experiences that inspire confidence, creativity, and teamwork.

Our opportunities include:

- **Ashbrook Art Gallery** celebrating pupils' creativity
- **Year 4 and Year 6 residentials** that build independence and resilience
- **Pupil Parliament** and **leadership roles** that give every child a voice
- **Curriculum enrichment**, with specialist visitors bringing learning to life
- **Sports events** such as the Winter Festival, football, and multi-sports
- **Performances** including our uplifting **Transform Choir**



Opportunities to shine beyond the classroom



- We believe learning extends beyond the classroom — giving every child the chance to explore their interests, develop new skills, and have fun with friends.
- Our offer includes:
- **After-school sports clubs** such as Paceball, football, basketball, hockey, and dodgeball (in partnership with CSSS)
- **Lunchtime sports** three times a week, including **girls' football**
- A variety of **interesting clubs** — including chess, newspaper, iPad, and drawing — led by teachers and pupil leaders
- **Choir**, open to all who love to sing and perform



Growing readers at Ashbrook



At Ashbrook, we nurture a love of reading in every child — helping them grow as confident, curious, and joyful readers.

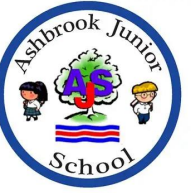
- Our approach includes:
- **Daily whole-class reading lessons**
- **A library open every day** to inspire reading for pleasure
- **1:1 reading** with adults and **reading buddies**
- **Monster Phonics** in Year 3
- **Targeted phonics and reading interventions** for additional support
- **Class novels** that spark imagination and discussion
- **Reading for Pleasure time** to develop lifelong habits
- **Reading Rocks Assemblies** and themed reading weeks celebrating books and stories



Caring for the whole child

At Ashbrook, we place the wellbeing of every child at the heart of all we do.

- A **dedicated pastoral team**, including our Attendance and Safeguarding Officer, **ELSA practitioner**, and **school counsellor**
- **Positive behaviour strategies** rooted in warm relationships and **restorative approaches**
- A strong sense of **belonging and community** for all children and families, supported through **Transform Trust** and everyday school life
- **Open communication** between staff, children, and families to build trust, safety, and a network of support



Communication between home and school

We value strong partnerships with our families and believe that open, regular communication helps every child thrive.

- **Monthly School Bulletins** – keeping parents up to date with news, events, and celebrations
- **Senior leader** on the gate every morning.
- **Meet the Teacher** – an opportunity at the start of the year to build positive relationships
- **Class Dojo** – daily communication between teachers and parents, celebrating children's achievements at school and at home
- **School Calendar** – published to help families plan ahead
- **Other ways we connect:** parents' evenings, informal chats with staff, family events, and assemblies



Before and after school care

- Ashbrook Junior School partners with Ashbrook Infant School to provide before and after school care at Ashbrook Tigers which is based at Ashbrook Infant School.

Tigers opens Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 9am and again from 3pm until 6pm, during term time. During the school holidays and INSET days, sessions are from 7.30pm to 6pm

- The provision is very flexible and is a low-cost childcare solution.



What do parents say about our school?

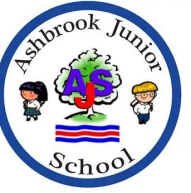
"The teachers are very inspiring and encourage children at all times."

"Children's mental health is extremely important in this school."

"There is a great network of support from all staff."

"The children get to take part in lots of fun activities."

"There is a great community feel to the school."



Admission Process

Admissions Dates Applications open in November for the upcoming academic year and close on the 15th January 2026

Process

Please refer to the School Admissions Hub on the Derbyshire County Council page for full details on school admissions, including the County policy documents.

We encourage you to ask questions during the tour and welcome you to any of the future events.

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