



Ashbrook Junior School

May Newsletter

What's been happening at Ashbrook?

This month, we have been busy with many exciting events and activities across school.

We recently held a fantastic *Feed the Family* event hosted by Aspens, where children from both the Infant and Junior schools, alongside their families, worked together to make a healthy, low-cost chorizo paella to take home and enjoy together.



We were also delighted to welcome our Artist in Residence, Shamila, back into school. She has been working with classes and individual pupils to help create artwork for an upcoming school gallery, which will be displayed over the coming weeks.



In addition, we have started work on improving our outdoor environment through tidying, gardening, and developing plans to reinstate a Forest School area. Although the project is still in its early stages, we are really excited about what is to come. If you are interested in



supporting this project, enjoy gardening, or would simply like to help out, please join us at our Community Action Event — details can be found below.



We were also kindly invited to run the community café at the Ockash Trust Bargain Trail. It was wonderful to be part of the community and raise money for our school. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello or donated cakes for us to sell.

Transform Trust Spotlight Review

We recently welcomed Transform Trust into school for our annual Spotlight Review. We are incredibly proud of the positive feedback received and would like to share some highlights with you:

- *The significant progress made in just over two terms was recognised, particularly in strengthening teaching and learning, behaviour systems, reading provision, and subject knowledge development.*
- *There was strong praise for the clarity of the school's vision, the proactive leadership at all levels, and the clear direction for continued improvement.*
- *Reading was highlighted as a real strength, with consistent routines, and fluency strategies embedded effectively across classrooms.*
- *Improvements to classroom environments, vocabulary development, writing sequences, and adaptive practice were also recognised positively, alongside the strong relationships staff have with pupils and the inclusive support provided across the school.*
- *Overall, reviewers recognised the strong trajectory of improvement across the school, the commitment of staff and leaders, and the positive culture being established for pupils.*



Community Action Week.

We will be holding a **Community Action Event on Thursday 4th June** to help improve our school environment.

Activities will include:

- Litter picking
- Weeding and planting
- Raking
- Moving equipment
- Painting

Whether you can spare a whole day or just half an hour, your support would make a huge difference and would be greatly appreciated.

To sign up, please speak to Mrs Dell or Mr Collins, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the office.





Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 22nd May – Half Term (school closed for the week)
- Monday 1 June – INSET Day (school closed)
- Tuesday 2 June – School reopens (Summer Term 2)
- From 2 June (over two weeks) – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Monday 8 June – Ashbrook Arts week
- Week beginning 15th June – Years 3, 4 & 5 Assessment Week
- Thursday 18 June – Sports Day (PM) and family picnic
- Friday 19 June – Sports Day reserve date (PM)
- 25th–26th June – Year 6 Friesland Transition days
- 1 July – Y2-Y5 Transition Day at Ashbrook
- 7–9th July – Year 6 West Park Transition days
- 9th July – Y2-Y5 Additional Transition Day at Ashbrook
- Tuesday 14th July – Ashbrook Summer Reading Festival
- 15th–17th July – Year 6 Residential (Lee Green)
- 20th July – Reports sent to parents
- Thursday 23 July – INSET Day (school closed)

School reopens for 2026/7 Monday 7 September 2026



Transition Support at Ashbrook

As we are nearing the end of this academic year, we are thinking about how we can best support pupils to be ready for 2026/27. Here is our transition programme of support this year:

Week beginning 8th June

Staff Transition Meeting 10/6/26

All Junior and Infant teachers will meet to discuss children's needs, provision, and learning plans for the next academic year. This includes reviewing EHCPs and planning appropriate support, including DSL-led interventions.

Week beginning 15th June

Building Relationships 15/6/26

Year 3 teachers will visit the Infant school in the afternoon to read a story, spend time with pupils, and experience the Infant setting. This helps children feel confident and familiar with their new teachers.

Week beginning 22nd June



Transition Activities 23/6/26

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will take part in a potted sports session with key Junior school staff. Secondary school transition activities will begin for Year 6 pupils with Friesland transition days starting on 24/6/26.

Week beginning 29th June

Parent & Whole School Transition

Parents and carers are invited to visit the school and meet staff.

-  29/6/26 4:00pm – Y2 Parent/carer meeting with a short presentation by leadership team and visit to classrooms.
-  1/7/26 9:30am- 11:45 Transition Morning – All children (including Y2) spend the day with their new class and teacher



9/7/26 Second Transition Day

All pupils (including Y2) will spend the day with their new class and teacher. Secondary transition continues for Year 6 pupils with West Park transition days starting on 8th July.

☀ Week beginning 20th July

Final Preparation Week

Final week of school. 23/7/26 is our ending well inset day (closed to pupils) where teachers will ensure new classroom environments are ready for September!

Sports Clubs – May

	Before School	After school
Monday	Benchball	Gymnastics
Tuesday	Dodgeball	-
Wednesday	Paceball	-
Thursday	Basketball	Choir Cricket
Friday	Hockey	Football

Staff News

Finally, we would like to let families know that our school counsellor, Jo, will be taking a break from Ashbrook to pursue some travelling opportunities.

We have been incredibly lucky to have Jo’s support over the years, and the positive impact she has had on our children, families, and wider community has been truly valued.

We are pleased to welcome our new counsellor, Sarah, who will be joining us from next week. Over the coming weeks, Sarah will gradually be introduced to the children alongside Jo to help ensure a smooth transition.

We would like to thank Jo for everything she has contributed to Ashbrook and wish her all the very best for the future. We hope our paths cross again soon.

Warm regards,

The Ashbrook Junior School Team