



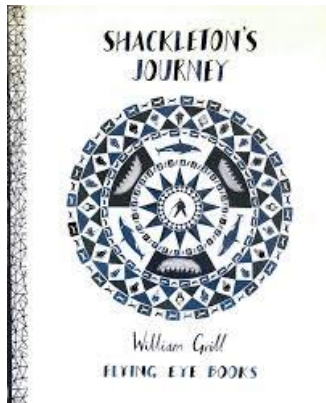
Ashbrook Junior School

June Newsletter

Welcome to the final half term of the academic year!

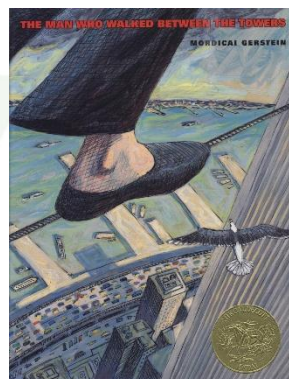
Curriculum News

This term, our enquiry projects continue to inspire curiosity and deepen children's understanding of the world around them. Here is a summary of our enquiry projects along side some books the children will be studying in English.



In Years 3 and 4, children are exploring the geographical regions of the Peak District and the Alps. Through their studies, they will investigate the similarities and differences between these landscapes, considering the physical features of each region and examining the opportunities and challenges faced by people who live there.

Year 5 pupils are learning about trade and the Ancient Kingdom of Benin. They will discover how trade networks connected communities, explore the routes used to exchange goods, and consider the importance of fair trade in the modern world. Through the study of artefacts, children will also learn how historical objects can tell us stories about the past and help us understand different cultures and societies.



In Year 6, children are focusing on a local history enquiry centred on Elvaston Castle. They will investigate its significance within our local area, exploring how the castle and its grounds have changed over time and what they can tell us about the history and heritage of our community.



What else has been Happening in School?

Last half term, we worked with our Artist in Residence, Shamila, to create some beautiful artwork inspired by nature, our local environment, and our school values.

We also had a very successful Community Action Week, during which we developed our growing garden project. Each class now has its own growing bed, and we look forward to continuing to develop these areas over the coming months.



We have continued to offer Bikeability sessions for children who needed to catch up, as well as for those who are beginning to use a bike for the first time in Year 5.

Our Year 6 SATs and Year 4 Multiplication Check were both very successful from what we could see. Children approached these assessments with confidence and determination, and we look forward to sharing outcomes when they become available. Their success reflects the impact of consistent daily practice and hard work. Year 6 are continuing to work hard on their writing assessments as they prepare for the end of their primary school journey.

Looking ahead and Staff News

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be beginning our transition programme to support pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their learning.

We are also sharing some staffing news. At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sansom and Mrs Boden, who will both be leaving Ashbrook.

Mrs Sansom has been a valued member of our team for a number of years, serving as English Leader and teaching many children across the school. She has been offered an exciting opportunity to join another school as English Lead and a Year 6 teacher. Mrs Boden joined us this year as the Year 3/4 teacher and has successfully completed her first year of



teaching. She will continue her teaching journey at a new school, where we are sure she will flourish.

We thank both Mrs Sansom and Mrs Boden for their hard work, commitment and dedication to our school community, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

We are delighted to welcome our new School Counsellor, Sarah Hulme, who joined Ashbrook on 8th June and has already begun getting to know our children and families.

We are also excited to welcome two new teachers to our staff team: Mr Tinsley and Mrs Thompson. We will share class lists and further information shortly, ahead of our transition days.

Finally, we are delighted to congratulate Mr Huntingdon on his successful appointment as part time Deputy Headteacher. From September, he will join Mrs Johnstone in the leadership role, serving alongside her as Deputy Headteacher at Ashbrook. We look forward to the strengths, experience and leadership they will bring to the school as they work together to support our pupils, staff and wider community.

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 a reminder of 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

 **Week beginning 6th July**

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!



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 8th June – Ashbrook Arts Week including opening the gallery to parents and art theme work in class
- Friday 12th June – World Cup Day (children may wear football kits)
- Week Beginning 15th June – Years 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week
- Thursday 18th June – Transform Trust Choir Event
- Friday 19th June – Sports Day and Family Picnic
- 25th–26th June – Year 6 Friesland Transition Days
- 29th June – Class letters shared for the next academic year
- 1st July – Year 2–Year 5 Transition morning at Ashbrook (new classes for the morning)
- 7th–9th July – Year 6 West Park Transition Days
- 9th July – Additional Transition Day at Ashbrook (new classes for the day)
- Tuesday 14th July – Ashbrook Summer Reading Festival and Transform Trust Children's Celebration Event
- 15th–17th July – Year 6 Residential Visit (Lea Green)
- 20th July – Reports sent to parents and carers
- 20th July – Reading Rocks Assembly
- 20th July – Disco after school and end-of-term celebration activities
- Thursday 23rd July – INSET Day (School Closed)

School reopens for 2026/7 Monday 7 September 2026

I have also enclosed the term dates for 2026/27 at the end of this newsletter.

This will be the final newsletter of the year. I look forward to sharing an end-of-year celebration newsletter in July, highlighting all that we have achieved together and outlining our priorities for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Warm regards,

The Ashbrook Junior School Team



Derbyshire County Council
School Calendar 2026/27

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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September 2026 (19)							
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December 2026 (14)							
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June 2027 (18)							
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July 2027 (18)							
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Denotes Bank holidays **Denotes** School holiday dates

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as INSET days



TERM DATES 2026-2027

From

Monday 7 September 2026

Monday 2 November 2026

Tuesday 5 January 2027

Monday 22 February 2027

Monday 12 April 2027

Tuesday 8 June 2027

To

Friday 23 October 2026

Friday 18 December 2026

Friday 12 February 2027

Wednesday 24 March 2027

Friday 28 May 2027

Friday 23 July 2027

INSET DAYS

Friday 4 September 2026

Friday 27 November 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Thursday 25 March 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

Monday 26 July 2027

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 31 August 2026

Friday 25 December 2026

Monday 28 December 2026

Friday 1 January 2027

Friday 26 March 2027

Monday 29 March 2027

Monday 3 May 2027

Monday 31 May 2027



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Warm regards,

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