

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community.

This has been a very special first year for me as Head of School at Ashbrook Junior School. I would like to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome, kindness and support you have shown me throughout the year. It has been a privilege to get to know our wonderful children, dedicated staff, supportive families and wider community, and I feel incredibly proud to be part of Ashbrook.

Throughout the year, our pupils have continued to demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Creativity, Aspiration and Equity. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, supporting charities or simply through the way they care for one another each day, they have been outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Looking back, there have been so many memorable moments. Here are just a few of the highlights from a fantastic year at Ashbrook.

- Whole-school art exhibitions, showcasing the creativity and artistic talent of every child along side work with our Artist in Residence.



- Black History Month, where pupils explored the achievements and contributions of significant Black historical figures



- Rich curriculum experiences that brought learning to life across all subjects.
- Year 5 fundraising for the WWF and raising awareness of environmental conservation.
- A powerful Year 6 Alopecia Awareness Day, helping to educate others and celebrate inclusion.
- Our Harvest collection, with families generously donating food to support local food banks.
- Community Action Weeks and Feed the Family events, which helped children make a positive difference in our wider community.



- Educational visits and residentials, including Y4 Drum Hill residential, Y6 Lea Green stay, Elvaston Castle local history project, Perlethorpe, Carsington Water and our whole-school trip to the pantomime.



- A fantastic range of sporting opportunities, including Bikeability, Swimming, Tennis coaching and opportunities to represent Ashbrook at local sporting events.
- Parent Coffee Mornings and pastoral support led by Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Everett, along with support from our school counsellor, helping us strengthen the partnership between school and home.



We are also delighted to have been awarded the Silver Artsmark Award and the Equal Access to Sport Award this year. These achievements recognise our commitment to providing rich creative opportunities and ensuring that every child can participate, develop confidence and enjoy success through sport. They are a reflection of the enthusiasm of our pupils and the dedication of our staff and families.



Statutory Data

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our Year 6 pupils this year. Their results reflect the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their time at Ashbrook, alongside the dedication of our staff and the support of parents and carers.

- KS2 Reading: 84% (above national average), with 31% achieving Greater Depth (above national average)
- KS2 Writing: 73% (in line with the national average), with 6% achieving Greater Depth
- KS2 Mathematics: 80% (above national average), with 31% achieving Greater Depth (above national average)
- KS2 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling: 82% (above national average)
- Combined Reading, Writing & Maths: 71% (above the national average)

We are equally proud of our Year 4 pupils, whose average score of 22 out of 25 in the Multiplication Tables Check was above the national average, with 38% of pupils achieving full marks. These are fantastic outcomes and reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and pupils over the year.

Looking Ahead

While we are incredibly proud of everything we have achieved this year, we are always striving to improve. Our emerging priorities for the coming year will help us continue to provide the very best education and opportunities for every child.

Priority 1 A Strong Sense of Belonging We want every child and family to feel welcomed, valued and proud to be part of the Ashbrook community. We will continue to build a positive school culture where everyone feels safe, respected and included, and where children are encouraged to be kind, responsible and ambitious every day.	Priority 2. Excellent Teaching and Learning We will continue to strengthen the quality of teaching across the school so that every child can achieve their very best. There will be a particular focus on developing children's speaking, reading and writing skills, helping them to become confident communicators and successful learners in every subject.
Priority 3 An Exciting and Knowledge-Rich Curriculum We will continue to bring our curriculum vision— We Know, We Connect, We Grow—to life. Children will build secure knowledge across all subjects, make meaningful connections in their learning and develop the confidence and skills they need for the future.	Priority 4 Developing Strong Leadership We will continue to invest in our staff, helping teachers and leaders to develop their skills so they can provide the very best education for our pupils. By continually reviewing and improving what we do, we will ensure every child receives the highest quality learning experiences.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Whitham well at her new school. She is leaving us at the end of this year and moving onto a new school. Mrs Whitham has mostly supported in year 5 this year as a classroom assistant and we would all like to thank her for her service at Ashbrook.

I want to wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful summer break. To our Year 6 pupils, thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made to Ashbrook. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success as you move on to secondary school. To everyone returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year

Best wishes,

Mrs Dell

Head of School