

Ashlands News

Week beginning 2nd November 2026

Diary Dates week commencing 02/11/26

School re-opens Monday 2nd November
Saturday 7th November - 5.30pm Bonfire and Fireworks

Fridays - 3 Maple swimming
Friday Running Club - 3.30 - 4.15
Reception, Years 1 and 2 must be accompanied by an adult.
Years 3 to 6 need to sign up on Arbor

*****Running Club is never on the last Friday of every Half Term*****
*****Coding Club is never on the first Thursday of every half term*****

This weeks messages from school

Scrap Shed Reminder

We have noticed a number of children climbing on the Scrap Shed at the end of the school day. We kindly ask parents and carers to supervise their children closely once they have been dismissed from school.
The Scrap Shed is not designed to be climbed on and doing so presents a significant safety risk. If children believe this behaviour is acceptable, there is a real possibility that an accident or injury could occur.
We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with your child and helping us to keep all members of our school community safe.

The school carpark will be shut all car on Friday 6th November for bonfire night preparation.
Follow Ashlands Primary School on Facebook and Instragram.

Poppies on sale in school

Poppies on sale in the school office - Poppies and accessories for sale (minimum £1.00 cash donation - no change given).

Bonfire Night - volunteers needed

Bonfire night is fast approaching and we need your help to make it happen! As always - ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE FAMILY TICKET WORTH £25!! (It's also good fun getting the site ready, or joining the crew on clean up the following day). Please click on the following web link https://volunteersignup.org/AKAF9 (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet - alternatively please email friendsofashlands@gmail.com

Mini Head Teachers half term activity drawing competition

In October half term please design your own poster (Bonfire/Halloween/Autumn scenery)
All pictures in by Monday 2nd November
Prizes for Early Years, lower and upper KS1 and lower and upper KS2
Enjoy!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th November 3.45pm - Open Day
Thursday 12th November 9.30am - Open Day
Thursday 12th November - Year 3 Trip to Stump Cross Caverns
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 10th December 2.00pm Open Day
Friday 11th December KS1 Nativity - 9.30am
Tuesday 15th December - KS2 Christmas performance at St Johns Church Ben Rhydding (AM more details to follow)
Wednesday 16th December - KS2 Christmas performace at St Johns Church Ben Rhydding (AM more details to follow)
Wednesday 16th December Nursery and Reception Nativity - 2.30pm
Break up Friday 18th December - School re-opens Monday 4th January 2027

General Reminders

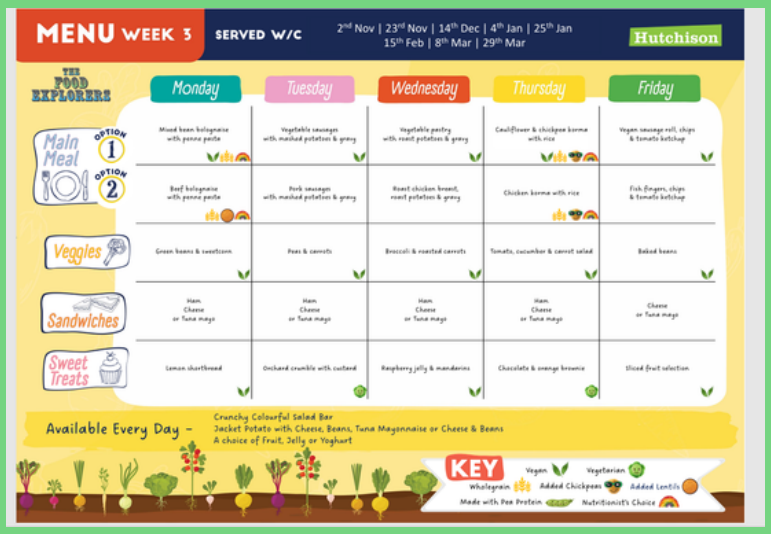
NO NUTS/ SEEDS OR KIWI
Can we remind parents that we are a nut, and seed and kiwi free site and this includes packed lunches and daytime snack.
Items that appear in lunchboxes and are not allowed are pesto / humous /Nutella and seeded bread.
We have children and staff in school with serious, life threatening allergies that are airborne as well as touch and ingested.
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SAFE CROSSING BARRIERS IN THE SCHOOL CARPARK
Whilst we understand that parking is at a premium at drop off and pick up times, the metal barriers at the top of the carpark, in front of the zebra crossing, are there to provide a safe crossing walkway for parents and children using the top gate.
We respectfully ask that these are not moved.
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CANCEL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEAL IF THEY ARE OFF ILL.
You have until 8.45am on the day of absence, after this you will still be charged.
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NO BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON THE PLAYGROUND
For the safety of all our children, parents and carers please can we remind you that children not allowed to ride bikes and scooters in the playground.
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Sickness and Diarrhoea
Please remember that children cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and diarrhoea.
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Water Bottles in Classroom
Children in Year 1 - 6 should have a named water bottle in school , there is a water fountain that they can use to refill their bottles in the day.

Nursery and reception children do not require a water bottle.
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Please remember to name all uniform, coats, etc.
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NEW MENUS FROM W/C 2/11/26

These are on the school website and also on your parent portal when you sign in to order

Please remember to order your child's meal every day - you are able to order up to 6 weeks in advance. If you have not ordered then your child will be offered the main meal choice / vegetarian equivalent.







ILKLEY FOOD BANK
ilkleyfoodbank.org.uk

Headteacher,
Ashlands Primary School
Leeds Road,
Ilkley,
West Yorkshire,

23rd October 2026

Dear Ms Russell

May I thank you, your staff and your pupils (and their parents of course!) for your School's generous donation to Ilkley Foodbank which we received on Thursday. We are most grateful and it will help us reach out to individuals and families in Ilkley, Addingham, Burley and Menston who are struggling to make ends meet at this time. Until recently our stocks were low but we are now bursting at the seams thanks to the generosity of local churches and schools following their harvest festivals.

Ilkley Foodbank does not receive Council or Government support but relies on the generosity of our supporters who contribute either financially, by standing order, or in kind by leaving donations in our baskets at Booths, Tesco and Ilkley Co-op. For this generous support we are very grateful.

Once again thank you all for collecting for Ilkley Foodbank I. I can assure you that everything that you donated will be put to good use amongst the most vulnerable in our community.

Yours sincerely

Alex Gibson

For and on behalf of the Trustees of Ilkley Foodbank

Open Days at Ashlands

Ashlands Open Days are taking place on
Wednesday 11th November 3.45pm
Thursday 12th November 9.30am
Thursday 10th December 2.00pm

Stay and Play on Friday 8th January 9.30am
An opportunity for you and your child to have some fun exploring the
Early Years Unit.

The session will start with a talk from the headteacher, followed by a tour of our wonderful school including the extensive outdoor provision.
Staff will be available to answer any questions.

Use this link to book a place on any of the sessions:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tfU8DtG6HW

If you can't make any of these dates, we are always happy to show prospective parents around. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Volunteers Needed

Running Club - 3.30pm to 4.15pm - Reception - Y2 group
This is a great opportunity to support the school, encourage children to stay active, and be involved in a fun and rewarding activity. The club will take place after school and will focus on having fun, confidence, and enjoyment of running.

Gardening Club - Friday lunchtimes 12.30 - 1.00pm
Rota so not every Friday.
Please get in touch with Rosamund (07866611044) if you are interested.
If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please get in touch with the school office.
Your support would be greatly appreciated!
All volunteers are required to complete a DBS check before they start volunteering in school.

Lunchtime Clubs

*****Note LaunchPad changes below for Year 4 and Year 3*****

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Le Club Francais **French Club** 12.00 – 12.30 = Y3 - 6 12.30 – 13.00 = Y1 & – Y2		**Singing Club**		Gardening Club
LaunchPad Netball **Y4 – Y6** No need for any different clothing but please being a pair of trainers				
LaunchPad Football **Year 4** (PE Day already in kit)	**LaunchPad Football** **Year 3** ****Subject to uptake**** (PE Day already in kit)	**LaunchPad Football** **Year 6** (PE Day already in kit)	**LaunchPad Football** **Year 5** (will need to bring kit)	**LaunchPad Football** **Year 1 & 2** (PE Day already in kit)

Further information

Le Club Francais For further information, lesson times & costs, please contact Sophie on svpringle66@gmail.com

Gardening Club

Friday @ 12.30pm (please bring waterproof and wellies)

GARDENING CLUB ROTA

DATE	VOLUNTEER NAMES	COHORT WEEK NUMBER
11th Sept	Rosamund & Kate	Y6
18th Sept	Nicola & Hannah	Y6
25th Sept	Hannah & Julia	Y5
2nd Oct	Lucy & Aleksandra	Y5
9th Oct	Julia & Hannah	Y4
16th Oct	Lucy & Aleksandra	Y4
23rd Oct	Rosamund & Tricia	Y3

LaunchPad

Sessions are priced at £5 per session, payment and booking is direct with Launchpad.
If you have any queries please email LaunchPad direct on: launchpadfootballclub@gmail.com
If your child is eligible for free school meals on economic grounds (targeted FSM only) then you are eligible for a 33% reduction - If you indicate this on the link then LaunchPad will contact Ashlands to verify this.
The session take place on the school field. Children will need to bring an additional pair of trainers as well as pair of tracksuit bottoms in the muddier weather – no studs.

PE Kit Days this Half Term
Monday - Year 3 , (Year 4 Forest Schools) and Year 5
Tuesday - Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday - Year 2 , 5 and (Year 6 Forest Schools)
Thursday - Reception - PE kit - black shorts / leggings / joggers and a white t-shirt and trainers. The children can wear their green Ashlands jumpers or a plain black sweatshirt / hoodie.
Thursday - Year 1 PE
Friday - Year 2 Cherry Forest Schools (pm)
Friday - Year 6

Music Lesson Days in School

Music Lessons
Tuesday - Guitar
Wednesday - Keyboard
Thursday - Drums, Woodwind, Strings, Piano

Cross Country Dates

Ashlands Primary School Saturday 21st November 2026 - Helpers required please
Addingham Primary School Saturday 16th January 2027
Ben Rhydding Primary School Saturday 6th February 2027
Westville House School Saturday 27th February 2027
Nell Bank Relays Saturday 13th March 2027
Timings 9-12pm

500 Words



500 Word, the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds, is now open for entries!
The closing deadline is 9pm, Friday 6 November.

The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to create an original story in 500 words or fewer.
There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.
Link for more details is below:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4




FRIENDS OF ASHLANDS
2026-27
EVENTS
Friday 23rd OCTOBER
PUMPKIN COMP & BAKE SALE
Saturday 7th NOVEMBER
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
Thursday 3rd DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS FAIR
1 - 14 MARCH
AUCTION OF PROMISES
Thursday 18th MARCH
DISCO
Thursday 25th MARCH
EASTER HUNT, HAT CONTEST & BAKE SALE
Monday 4th MAY
ASHLANDS PARADE @ ILKLEY CARNIVAL
Sunday 16th MAY
PEN Y GHENT HIKE
25th - 27th JUNE
ASHLANDS CAMPING WEEKEND
Friday 2nd July
SUMMER FAIR
@FRIENDSOFASHLANDS
FRIENDSOFASHLANDS@GMAIL.COM

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FRIENDS OF ASHLANDS
Bonfire Night & Firework Display
Remember, remember
Saturday 7th November
Gates 5:30pm, Fireworks 7:30pm
TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON ARBOR
Family Tickets: £25
Adult (18+): £8
Child (3-17): £5
Under 2s: Freeeee
HOT FOOD AND BAR
BYO INSULATED MUG FOR HOT DRINKS
NO DOGS, NO SPARKLERS
LITTER PICK
SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER
10am - 12pm
EVERYBODY WELCOME!
Fireworks sponsored by:
WHITAKER CADRE LETTING SPECIALISTS
FRIENDSOFASHLANDS@GMAIL.COM
@FRIENDSOFASHLANDS


JOIN US!
PTA COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & AGM
Tuesday 17th November
7:00pm - 9:00pm
The Crescent Inn
Remote access available
Everyone is welcome!
PLEASE RSVP
friendsofashlandsadmin@gmail.com
Ste Hallam (FoA Secretary): 07977454127
Stronger Together For our children
PEOPLE
IDEAS
COMMUNITY
BRIGHTER FUTURES
LOOK BACK
WHAT WE ACHIEVED TOGETHER
£12,000 RAISED
Thanks to the incredible support of families, volunteers and our school community.
What we funded in 2025/26:
Pupil-Designed School Slide
A unique slide, designed by our pupils, bringing play, creativity and fun to our school.
Scrap Shed Interactive Play
Creative, hands-on play enriching imagination, problem-solving and teamwork.
Library Murals
Transforming library spaces into vibrant, welcoming environments that inspire a love of reading.
Flower Meadow
Creating a beautiful outdoor space that supports biodiversity and environmental learning.
LOOK FORWARD
WHAT COULD WE ACHIEVE NEXT?
With your continued support, the PTA can help make even more amazing things happen...
Outdoor learning improvements
Learning resources
Enrichment activities and experiences
Community events
New ideas from parents, carers and staff
Brighter futures together
NEW MEMBERS WANTED
Everyone is welcome!
You do not need previous PTA experience.
You do not need lots of spare time.
You do not have to attend every event.
YOU CAN HELP BY:
Sharing ideas
Supporting the occasional event
Joining meetings remotely
Helping make decisions
Making a positive difference for our children
Small contributions make a big difference!
Together we can do more!
Be Part of What Comes Next
New faces especially welcome!
Official AGM business will be included as part of the evening.
COMMUNITY ♥ OPPORTUNITY ♥ TOGETHER ♥ A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
Same School Brighter Futures