

Ashlands News

Week beginning 16th November 2026

Diary Dates week commencing 16/11/26

Tueday 17th November - Friends of Ashlands Celebration and AGM - 7pm to 9pm in the Crescent - All welcome - Your PTA needs you ! (see flyer below)
Saturday 21st November - 8am to 12.30pm Family Portraits in school with Arts Photography
Saturday 21st November - Ashlands Cross Country - helpers required please

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

Message from our Mini Headteachers Teddy and Amber
Loopy Literacy - please have a go at writing a silly story about anything you so wish with 100 words maximum. This will be judged at school and the winners go through to another competition. Closing date - Friday 27th November.

Diary Dates

Friday 27th November - Reception dress up day - people who help us
Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Fair - 3.45pm to 6.15pm - Volunteers needed please
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
Friday 5th February 2027 - Year 2 trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum

Message from Arts Photography

Individual and sibling photos
Our official school photographers, Arts Photography, recently visited school to take this year's school portraits.
If you haven't yet had chance to view your child's photographs, now is a great time to take a look.
Your child's portraits are available to view securely online, with a range of photograph and digital options available to order.

Already viewed or ordered? Thank you – no further action is required.

Haven't received your access details or can't find your unique code?Don't worry. Simply use the secure link below and the Arts Photography team will help you access your child's photographs:
https://link.artsphotography.co.uk/widget/form/LbmBrclZNP9Ci60EoSEp?notrack=true

The final deadline for ordering your child's school photographs in time for Christmas is Thursday 16th December 2027 at 10pm. Orders will be sent out by Royal Mail direct to your home address an**d not via school.**
Orders placed after this deadline cannot be guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

Family Photo Shoot
Please find attached details of a family photo shoot that Arts are running at Ashlands on Saturday 21st November 8.00am – 12.30pm. This was sent out with Ashlands News. The booking link and further details can be found in the attached letter.

If you need any help, please contact Arts Photography directly at contact@artsphotography.co.uk.

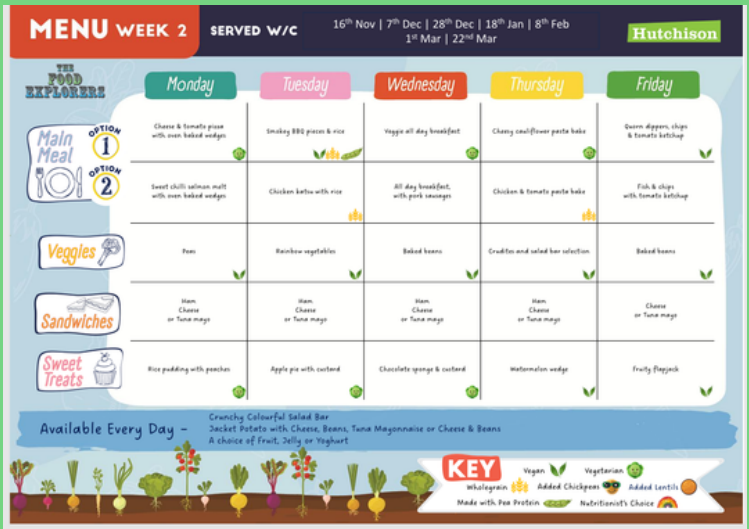
General Reminders

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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MENUS

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.









Open Days at Ashlands

We have had the first 2 of our Open Days this week, thank you to those of you who attended.
A reminder of other dates:

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)

LaunchPad

As you will be aware LaunchPad are in school every lunchtime through the week delivering football sessions and also netball on a Monday.
If your child does not currently take part and you would like them to the link to sign up is here:
https://launchpad-football-club.classforkids.io/term/86

These sessions are priced at £5 per session, payment and booking is direct with Launchpad.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact LaunchPad on: launchpadfootballclub@gmail.com

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

Ashlands Bonfire
Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Bonfire. What a huge success!! - More pictures on the website







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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 3rd 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


JOIN US!
PTA COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & AGM
Tuesday 17th November
7:00pm – 9:00pm
The Crescent Inn
Remote access available
Everyone is welcome!
Stronger Together for our children
PLEASE RSVP
friendsofashlandsadmin@gmail.com
Ste Hallam (FoA Secretary): 07977454127
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
Scrap Shed Interactive Play
Creative, hands-on play enriching imagination, problem-solving and teamwork.
READ EXPLORE BELONG
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


Ashlands Christmas Fair!
3rd Dec | 3:45 – 6:15 pm
Come along and join us for a magical afternoon of Christmas fun, festive treats and seasonal surprises!
What's On?
Festive hot food & bar
Mulled wine & hot chocolate
Delicious cakes
Santa's Grotto (with a gift for every child!)
Razzmatazz music
Tombolas & festive games
Face giltter & tattoos
Preloved stall
Elfridges
Young Entrepreneurs
Fantastic raffle prizes!
Tickets & Payment
Tickets and takens available on Arbor.
All child tickets include a special gift from Santa's Grotto!
Tokens used on all stalls except Bar and hot food where card payments are required.
Cash/ small change only for young entrepreneur stalls
Donations Needed!
We would be very grateful for donations of:
Bottles for the bottle surprise
Teddy tombola prizes
Cakes/bakes (needed ON the day)
Jars of sweets
Preloved toys and books
Drop-off at the main office on 30th Nov & 1st Dec ONLY.
Amazing Raffle Prizes!
Generously donated by local businesses:
Ilkley Cinema – £20 voucher
Beau Monde – Facial
Salt Pots Painting – £20 voucher
Phillips Jewellers – Child's watch
The Ilkley Cow – £30 voucher
Martinez – Bottle of wine
Ranmoor Building – Bottle of Prosecco
Bini Brewery – Beer hamper
Games Crusade – Fluffy toy
Above & Beyond – 1 hour's clean
Maureen Williams School of Dance – Show tickets, programme and sweets
Clip & Climb – Voucher
Heavy Metal – Free month's membership
Ilkley Dental Studio – Free air polishing stain removal
SuperSweep – Free chimney sweep
Dan's Den – Family ticket
Verity's Opticians – £25 voucher
We can't wait to see you!
Bring your family, invite your friends and join us for a wonderful afternoon of Christmas cheer!