

Ashley Road, Walton on Thames KT12 1HX 12th June 2026

“ Love others as we love ourselves ”

Headteacher Message



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a good week despite the weather, and are looking forward to the Key Stage 2 sports day on Monday. The event is always a highlight of the school calendar, showcasing not only athletic skill but also teamwork, determination and, above all, enjoyment. We hope families will be able to join us in cheering on the children.

A huge thank you goes to our Friends of the Association (FOA) for organising a fabulous summer fair. Despite the unpredictable weather, it was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all, and an excellent amount of money was raised to support the school. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Well done to our district sports team, who achieved an outstanding 4th place out of 15 schools. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the dedication and hard work of the pupils. We are equally grateful to the staff and volunteers who prepared and supported the team, helping to foster such excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition.

The David Attenborough Garden continues to take shape beautifully. Thank you to the Seeds and Weeds team for their efforts in tidying and maintaining the planting areas, to Ms Bantleman for creating a stunning mural, and to Martin Flashman for his generous donation of a water feature, which will add a wonderful finishing touch.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to travelling with our Year 6 pupils to Guildford Cathedral next week for their Leavers' Service. This special occasion for Church of England schools is always a memorable and meaningful experience, providing a fitting opportunity to reflect on their time with us and to look ahead to the next stage of their journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ratcliff



REMINDERS

Recently, we have noticed several children bringing items in their lunchboxes that are not allowed at school, such as those containing sesame, and bread rolls with nuts and seeds. Additionally, there have been numerous snacks labeled with "may contain nuts."

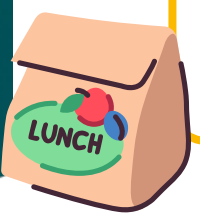
Since we have several children with severe allergies, it is crucial to avoid including such items in your child's lunchbox. Please be mindful of what you pack for your child's lunch before sending them to school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please can we remind you to order your child's school meal in advance. Ordering closes on the Friday before and meals cannot be ordered after this time.



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Year updates during the past fortnight

Reception

Reception are thoroughly enjoying searching for bugs in our Reception area and on the school field. We have learned how to look under logs and put them back after we have looked so we don't disturb the mini-beasts.



Year 1

Year One have been enjoying their new learning theme about the great outdoors! They went on a nature walk, and made nests for the birds!



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting circus skills session this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to demonstrate our Ashley values of courage and curiosity as they tried new skills, challenged themselves, and supported one another. They also showed great care and responsibility when using the equipment. A big well done to all the children for taking part so enthusiastically!



Year 3

This Wednesday, Year 3 had an exciting visit from a real archaeologist. The children were able to see, draw and touch real Roman artefacts as part of our deep dive into the Romans and their historical invasion of Britain. It was a good opportunity to add a physical element to the already exciting topic. The smiles on the children's faces and clear engagement was a joy to see and we look forward to applying that knowledge throughout our future lessons.



Key Email Addresses

We actively encourage parents and carers to communicate with us and sometimes there are important messages to share with key people. Urgent items should always be telephoned through to the school office but below are some of the most useful email addresses for parents to share information

- parents@ashley.surrey.sch.ukvia office
- head@ashley.surrey.sch.ukheadteacher
- dsl@ashley.surrey.sch.uksafeguarding concerns
- senco@ashley.surrey.sch.ukSEND concerns
- hslw@ashley.surrey.sch.uk ...Home School Link Worker

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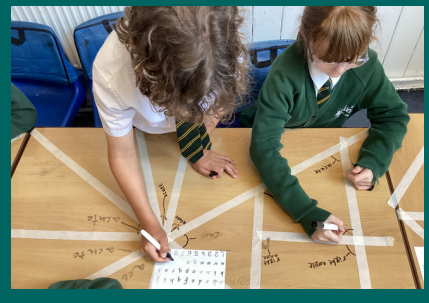
Keep up to date with the amazing things our pupils are experiencing and learning by following our social media pages.



Year updates during the past fortnight

Year 4

We are incredibly proud of all the children in Year 4 for the fantastic effort they have shown over the past few weeks! The children have approached their assessments in both the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and NFER tests with growing confidence and determination. Beyond their assessments, learning has remained full of excitement! In maths, the children have been exploring angles, where we investigated the different types of angles through practical activities - they were even allowed to write directly on the tables to show their understanding.



Year 5

Last week, Year 5 were visited by the Walton Fire Service to talk about fire safety at home. The children were taught how to evacuate safely and promptly, looking over fire evacuation plans for different scenarios. The children were then tasked with testing their fire alarms and creating a fire evacuation plan for their homes. If you do not have a working smoke alarm then book a free visit here: www.surreycc.gov.uk/safeandwell



Year 6



Year 6 were lucky enough to participate in a circus skills workshop. They were able to try lots of different activities including: stilt walking, plate spinning, diabolo and throwing flower sticks. The pedal-go really tested their balance and the flower sticks and plate spinning tested their hand-eye coordination skills. The children showed great resilience when practising and definitely enjoyed the experience. They then had a chance to perform in front of their peers - showing our Ashley Value of Courage. Well done!

Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a hat and a water bottle. Children should have had sun cream applied at home.

SUMMER 2 2025-26

Dates

Stay in the loop with the details of the below dates on our school website calendar. You can subscribe to this calendar to stay up to date! We also share further information in our bi-weekly newsletter, our weekly year group emails and our social media platforms - @ashleyschoolUK

Week 3 : 15/06/26 5/6- KS2 Sports Day 5/6 - Reception 26 Stay & Play 6/6- Class photos 6/6- Year 6 Leaver Service 6/6 - Reception 26 Stay & Play 9/6- Y5 Cleves Mini Olympic	Week 4: 22/06/26 22/6- KS1 Sports day 24/6 - KS2 Elmbridge School choir 25/6 - Y6 Water sports day 26/6- Insert Day - School closed to pupils	Week 4: 29/06/26 29/6 - Insert Day - School closed to pupils 01/7 - Y6 Dress rehearsal 02/7 - Y6 Dress rehearsal 03/7 - Y2 Otter Cleves Mini Olympics	Week 5: 06/07/26 07/7-Y6 Production - Matinee/Evening 09/7- Y3 Greatworks 9.30am 09/7 - Y6 Production - Matinee/Evening 10/7 - Insert Day - School closed to pupils
Week 6: 13/07/26 17/7- Year 6 End of Year Party 18/7- Big Picnic	Week 7: 20/07/26 20/7 - Y6 Church Service 21/7 - Y6 Shirt Signing 12/27- End of Term 1.30pm pick up		

INSET DAYS 2025-2026 - School closed to pupils

Friday 26th June
 Monday 29th June
 Friday 10th July

SEEDS & WEEDS UPDATE!








A huge thank you to everyone who visited and supported our stall at the Summer Fayre. Your generous donations, encouraging words and shared excitement for the future of the Seeds and Weeds Club mean so much to us.

From the beautiful wildflower bouquets generously arranged by Emma Waggot, to the charming Father's Day cards crafted by Mrs Donaldson and the talented girls in Year 6 Hawk class, to the wonderfully crocheted plant-pot holders made by some of our Year 6 girls — every item was created with care and enthusiasm. Our homemade salad dressing and jars of pink onions, made using produce from our very own garden, were also a big hit.

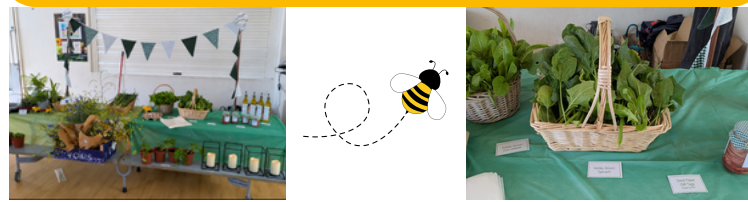
Everything was warmly received, and we are truly grateful for the fantastic support from our school community.

We've already put some of the funds raised to good use by purchasing new plants to brighten up the reception planters, and as you can see, the children absolutely loved getting involved in creating the display. Their enthusiasm and pride in helping to transform the space has made it even more special.

There are lots of lovely ways you can get involved in helping Seeds and Weeds continue to grow and flourish:

-  Volunteering at future working parties — come along and lend a hand with our future gardening sessions.
-  Making jams, chutneys or sauces — help us turn our home-grown produce into delicious goodies to sell.
-  Joining our creative projects — perfect if you enjoy knitting, crocheting or any kind of arts and crafts.
-  Donating spare pots or seeds — any extras you have at home are always appreciated.
-  Donating tools or equipment — supporting us with practical items helps keep the club thriving.

Please contact us via parents@ashley.surrey.sch.uk if you'd like to help.



With summer on the horizon, we will be sharing a water safety lesson with KS2, 'Why can water be dangerous?' which explains hazards in different water settings and helps pupils identify safe actions in an emergency. Please explore The Royal Life Saving Society UK for further information and resources that you can share with your children. www.rlss.org.uk

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) exists to prevent drowning and to ensure everyone can enjoy water safely. We are committed to saving lives by leading the way in lifesaving, lifeguarding, and water safety education. Our vision is for communities to be free from drowning. One of RLSS UK's strategic goals is to embed water safety education into curricula across the UK and Ireland. Our mission aligns directly with Kapow Primary, making our collaboration both logical and highly beneficial. Together, we share a commitment to keeping children safe.

Wrap Around Care children were recently given the opportunity to take part in an Ocean Artists competition. The children created lots of imaginative and colourful creations - from pirates, mermaids and boats to wonderful sea creatures.

We have just heard the fantastic news that our entries are going to be published in an Ocean Artist book. This includes children from Reception to Year 6. Well done to everyone who took part!

There will be further opportunities to enter Young Artists' competitions via Wrap Around Care during the next academic year.

DISTRICT SPORTS



This Tuesday, Ashley was fantastically represented at this year's wet and windy District sports. We competed, in a range of track and field events, with pride and passion throughout and the results we saw were a reward for everyone's hard work and dedication. It was a pleasure for all adults in attendance to be a part of such a fantastic group of athletes. 4th place out of 15 highly competitive and capable schools in the district is an amazing outcome and one everyone should be proud of. A big well done to all the competitors, and a thank you to the adults involved, both the staff and parent volunteers for dedicating your time to supporting the students on their way to success.

ASHLEY NEWSLETTER

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TRAVEL SURVEY



Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are asking parents to complete the Active Travel to School Survey. Please complete the survey on behalf of your child to help make sure they can travel safely to school, and to support walking and cycling to school, with all the benefits that brings for the climate, the environment and our children's health.

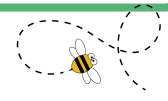
The survey has been created by the Safer Travel Team, working with Health Determinants Research Collaboration Surrey. Ashley C of E Primary School, Elmbridge is one of ten schools in Surrey that has been chosen to receive special support from the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust to help children make safe, healthy and environmentally friendly journeys to school.

Your participation in the survey will help Surrey County Council to give us the best possible support to improve our School Travel Plan and support the journeys your children make to school.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and your information will be strictly confidential. Please complete the survey today - and no later than 22nd July - on behalf of your child.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ATTS-Parents-Carers-Summer2026>

QR code for parents survey:



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

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Thank you for supporting Heron Class! ♥

