



# Ashdon Primary School

**Newsletter**

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## A Message to Our Wonderful Year 6s

Next week, our four incredible Year 6 children will sit their SATs – and we could not be more proud of every single one of them.

These young people have grown so much during their time at Ashdon. They have worked hard, shown resilience, supported one another, and faced every challenge with courage and good humour. The SATs are simply one small moment in what we know will be extraordinary futures – but we also know they will walk into that room and give it absolutely everything they have.

To our Year 6s: you are so much more than a test score. You are curious, kind, determined individuals who have flourished in this school, and nothing about next week will change how proud we are of you. You have done the preparation. You are ready.

Trust yourselves.

Remember – the teachers who have taught you, the staff who have cheered you on, the friends who have sat beside you, and the whole Ashdon community are right behind you. You carry all of us with you into that room.

Go and show them what Ashdon children are made of

good luck in your

With all our love and every  
crossed finger,

# SATS

Mrs Reynecke-Raybould (Jaffle)  
and all the  
staff at Ashdon Primary School  
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## Ashdon's 29th Year of the 10km, 3km Fun Run!

On Monday 4th May – the May Bank Holiday – Ashdon Primary School PTA brought the community together once again for a truly spectacular morning of running, walking, and celebration. 377 people pre-registered for this year's event and 435 of them turned out on the day, braving the rolling Essex countryside for the 29th instalment of one of Ashdon's most beloved community traditions. Between them, participants raised an incredible £6978.60 for Ashdon Primary School – a result that will make a real difference to our children.

Whether you were a first-time Fun Run finisher or a seasoned 10km competitor, the energy on the day was electric. The cross-country route wound beautifully through the countryside, with road closures in place, kilometre markers along the way, and a welcome halfway water station keeping everyone going. Medals were awarded to every finisher, with trophies for the winners across all categories – and smiles all round.

Free car parking, water, first aid, refreshments, food vendors, an ice cream van, and face painting all added to the festival atmosphere that makes this event so special. It truly is a celebration of our community – and it showed.

### A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers

Events like this simply do not happen without the dedication of so many people giving up their time. Our heartfelt thanks go to: Jemma, Kristi, Stuart, Matt, Nancy, Kevin, Cat, Cassie, Roxy, Adrian, Lee, Mel, Sue, Sam, Kayleigh, Harriet, Keir, Jade, Sarah, Kate, Camilla, Rob, Abi, Caroline, Annabel, Adam & Harry – and several others whose generosity behind the scenes kept everything running smoothly.

### Thank you to our wonderful staff

We are so grateful to the Ashdon staff who came out to support on the day: Rebecca (and her mum!), Hannah, Nancy, Louise, Sarah A, Emma, Sarah C (and all the dogs!), and of course Andy – who, naturally, brought our very own Jaffle along for the occasion. Having so many familiar faces cheering everyone on meant the world to participants and families alike.

### Thank you to our wonderful sponsors

This event would not be possible without the incredible generosity of our sponsors: Ashdon Childcare Nursery, Ashdon Parish Council, Cheffins, Saffron Health Clinic, The Foot Health Clinic, The Plough Bar & Grill, The Rose & Crown, and Ford Homes. Their continued support means we can keep this much-loved community event going year after year. Please do support these fantastic local businesses whenever you can.

A massive well done and thank you to absolutely everyone who registered, ran, walked, volunteered, cheered, baked, poured water, or simply showed up – you are what makes Ashdon such a special place. We cannot wait to do it all again next year!



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## Mars Class going on their SAFARI!

Mrs Reynolds took our Reception and Year 1 explorers out into the beautiful Essex countryside last week – hi-vis vests on, wellies ready, and eyes wide open.

The children set off along the field paths, collecting everything that caught their attention: sticks, feathers, pine cones, stones, seed heads, and chunks of weathered driftwood. Back in the classroom, their haul was proudly laid out for everyone to examine – including a gorgeous spotted feather and a trio of snail shells in different shapes and sizes.

Out in the hedgerows, the children made some brilliant discoveries of their own – including a spider's web spun across a bramble bush, complete with tiny passengers still living inside it. Proper wildlife spotting!

The rolling fields and open skies of the Essex countryside made for a perfect natural classroom, and the children threw themselves into every moment of it.

A wonderful afternoon, Mrs Reynolds – and what a collection!



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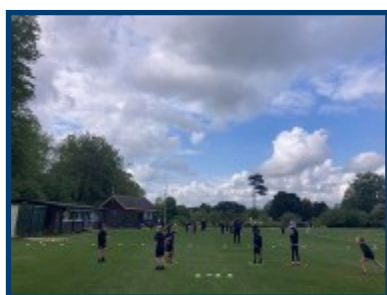
## Rapid Fire Cricket! Ashdon Bowled them Over!



We are thrilled to share that a group of our Year 3 and 4 pupils recently took part in a Rapid Fire Cricket competition, joining five other local schools for a fantastic afternoon of sport, teamwork, and great sportsmanship. Rapid Fire Cricket is a fast-paced version of the game designed to get everyone involved. Each team of eight – four boys and four girls – took turns batting, bowling, and fielding, with points scored for hitting the ball and for sharp fielding. Our children rose to the challenge brilliantly, showing real determination, communicating well, and encouraging one another throughout. Moments like these remind us just how much our pupils grow when given the opportunity to represent their school.

A very special thank you goes to Adam and Kier for giving their time to accompany our children and for the wonderful support they provided throughout the day. Their enthusiasm and encouragement made a real difference – both to how our children performed and to how much they enjoyed the experience. We truly appreciate it.

Well done to every single one of our players – you made Ashdon very proud!



## Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Each day offers unique learning opportunities and social interactions that cannot be replicated at home. Consistent attendance helps children build relationships, develop essential skills and maintain learning momentum.

**We understand children become genuinely unwell and will of course report such absences fairly. However, minor ailments like sniffles are not always a reason to miss school, and we encourage attendance wherever possible.**

Missing school creates learning gaps that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education.

**Congratulations to Mercury Class for having the highest attendance the week before the Easter Holidays! They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.**

*Jupiter Class: 96.7%*

*Saturn Class: 98.2%*

*Mercury Class: 100%*

*Mars Class: 92.5%*

## Stars of the Week

A huge, well-deserved congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week! We are so proud of you for your hard work, your brilliant attitude, and the effort you bring to everything you do. You have truly embodied our school values this week – rising to the Challenge, showing real Care for those around you, and giving us every reason to Celebrate. You truly deserve this recognition – keep shining!



## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May @ 08:20 - All Year 6 pupils invited to SATs breakfast**
- ✓ **Monday 11th May - KS2 SATs - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 and 2**
- ✓ **Tuesday 12th May - KS2 SATs - Reading Paper**
- ✓ **Wednesday 13th May - KS2 SATs - Mathematics Arithmetic Paper 1 and Mathematics Reasoning Paper 2**
- ✓ **Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs - Mathematics Reasoning Paper 3**
- ✓ **Friday 15th May - Celebration Assembly @ 09:15 (All new reception parents also invited to attend)**
- ✓ **Friday 15th May @ 09:45-10:45 - New Reception Parent Information Meeting**
- ✓ **Monday 18th May - Thursday 21st May - Jupiter Class at Hautbois Activity Centre - Residential**
- ✓ **Thursday 21st May - Last Day of Summer Term 1**
- ✓ **Friday 22nd May - Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**
- ✓ **Tuesday 2nd June - First Day of Summer Term 2**
- ✓ **Year 2 & 6 Sleepover - Friday 19th June**

## Pawsome Reader!



Did you know that Jaffle loves a good story almost as much as he loves a good snooze? Every break time, he settles in with his favourite readers and listens with his whole heart (and both very long ears). Whether it's an adventure, a mystery, or a tale about a particularly interesting sausage, Jaffle is all ears. He never interrupts, he never laughs at mistakes, and he gives the very best cuddles when a chapter gets exciting. Come and share a story with the luckiest – and most well-read – dachshund in Essex!



Well done!  
Love: Jaffle xxx