

Anti-Bullying Week at Ashdon: Standing Together Against Bullying

This week, Ashdon pupils have been learning about the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November, when children and staff arrived at school wearing mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

The colourful display of odd socks served as a powerful visual reminder that our differences should be celebrated, not used as a reason to exclude or hurt others. The enthusiasm from pupils was wonderful to see, with everyone embracing the spirit of the day.

Throughout the week, children across all year groups participated in a range of activities designed to help them understand what bullying is, how it affects people, and what they can do to prevent it. These tasks encouraged pupils to think about the impact of their words and actions, and reinforced the message that bullying in any form will not be tolerated at Ashdon.

Pupils engaged in discussions about kindness, explored scenarios through role-play, and created artwork and writing pieces that highlighted the importance of standing up for one another. Many classes also learned about the role of bystanders and how everyone has a responsibility to speak out when they see unkind behaviour.

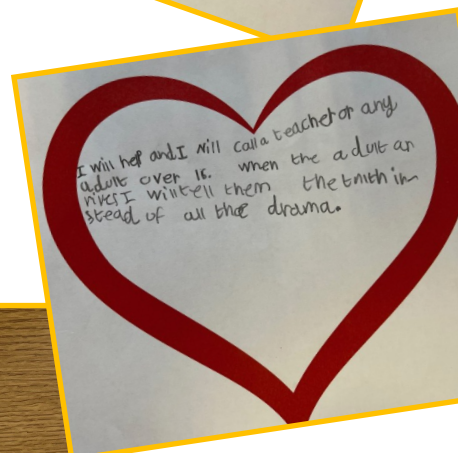
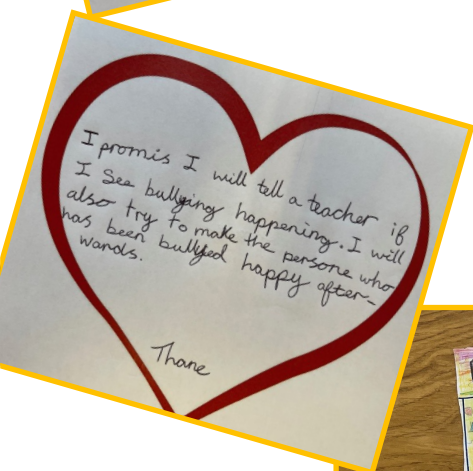
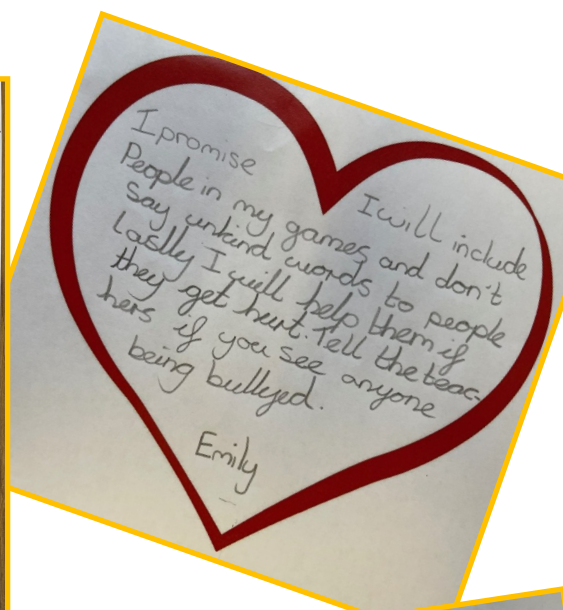
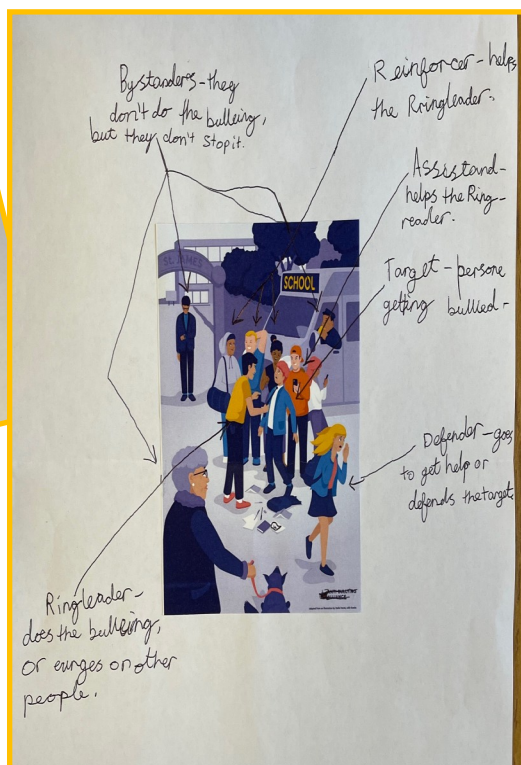
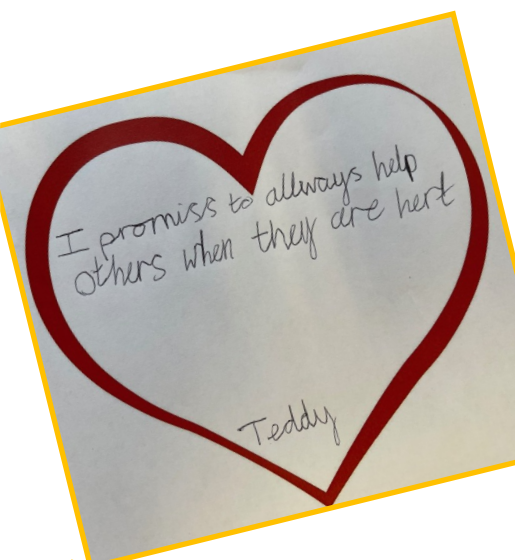
The week has been an excellent opportunity for our school community to unite behind a common goal: ensuring that Ashdon remains a safe, welcoming place where every child feels valued and respected. We're proud of how our pupils have engaged with these important lessons and are confident that the messages from Anti-Bullying Week will stay with them long after the odd socks have been put away.

Thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising these activities and to the families who supported the week's events.

Together, we can create a culture of kindness and respect.



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If you would like to see more about what the children did please click on the link: <https://youtu.be/LO6599wP390>

Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance last week! As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Jupiter Class: 95%

Saturn Class: 97.7%

Mercury Class: 85.8%

Mars Class: 93.5%

Keeping Our Children Safe Online: Essential Training for the Whole School Community

Last week and this week, we were fortunate to welcome The Two Johns to deliver crucial online safety training to our children, staff, and parents. In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to navigate the internet safely has never been more important.

Online safety is not just a matter for schools to address in isolation—it requires a partnership between children, educators, and families. From a young age, children are accessing the internet through tablets, smartphones, and computers, often encountering content and situations they may not be equipped to handle. The digital landscape presents numerous risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, online grooming, and the potential for sharing personal information with strangers.

This is why it's essential that all parties—children, staff, and parents alike—understand these dangers and know how to respond appropriately. Children need age-appropriate guidance on how to protect themselves online, recognise warning signs, and report concerns. Staff must be equipped with the knowledge to educate and safeguard pupils in their care. Parents play a vital role too, as they are often the first line of defence at home, monitoring their children's online activity and maintaining open conversations about digital safety.

The Two Johns' training sessions provided practical advice and strategies tailored to each group, ensuring everyone in our school community is working together to create a safer online environment for our young people.



By educating ourselves about the platforms children use, the risks they face, and the tools available to protect them, we can help foster responsible digital citizenship that will serve them throughout their lives.

For parents who were unable to attend the session, we understand that schedules can be challenging. The training is available to view via the link below, and we strongly encourage all families to take the time to watch it. Your involvement in your child's online safety is invaluable.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/m8aHZX6C-AYKR8cpZN_fJK1PyGyiN8i6llofOLGq8JrCv_5vlfQeKejHI4DWBByGc.4eteSkc9pgtJgExT?startTime=1762458671000

Together, we can ensure our children are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to enjoy the benefits of the digital world whilst staying safe online.

Stars of The Week

Every week, we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children through our Stars of the Week awards. These special certificates recognise children who have shown exceptional qualities in the classroom and beyond, reflecting our core school values of Caring, Challenging and Celebrating.

Whether it's demonstrating kindness and caring towards their classmates, showing tremendous effort and dedication when challenging themselves in their learning, or displaying real tenacity when faced with difficulty, each star is thoroughly deserved. Our Stars of the Week embody what it means to live our values every day.

Our Stars of the Week shine brightly as role models for others, showing what can be achieved through positive attitudes and hard work. Teachers nominate children from every class who have gone above and beyond, and we're immensely proud to celebrate their contributions to our school community. These awards remind us all that every child has the potential to be a star - it's not always about being the best, but about being your best.



Well done to all our stars - keep shining!

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS OPEN!!

Apply from 10th November 2025—15th January 2026

Please spread the news to parents with children starting reception September 2026

Link to apply:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

***Friday 21st November - Non-Uniform Day - Donations in the form of Chocolate (this will go towards the tombola table for the Christmas Fair)**

***Monday 24th November - Flu immunisation day – please consent or decline**

*** Friday 12th December @ 10:00 and 14:00 - Nativity Play Performances**

***Wednesday 24th December - Christingle Service @ 16:00**

Pawsome Readers!!



Uniform for 2025-2026

Trousers	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue (Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardigans	Navy Blue
Sweat-shirt	Navy Blue
Summer Dress	Blue & White Check
School Shoes	Black (No Trainers/no boots)
P.E Kit Winter	Navy Sweatshirt & Tracksuit Bottoms
P.E Kit Summer	Navy Polo Shirt and Navy Blue Shorts
P.E Shoes	Black Plimsolls or Black trainers
Swimming Kit	Swimsuit (girls) Swimming Trunks (boy) Swimming hat Pool will not allow boys wearing long swimming trunks Towel
Hair Accessories	Blue, white or black only
Jewellery	Earrings: small studs only Watch

Summer Uniform:



Summer P.E Kit:



Winter Uniform:



Summer P.E Kit:



Other Items:



A huge thank you to parents and carers who have made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart!

Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercises! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days.

Jupiter Class parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks :-)