

Ashdon Primary School PTA's

# Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

3:30-5:30

SCHOOL HALL

Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and Christmas cheer!  
Expect delicious treats, fun games and a Santa's Grotto with an appearance from the big man himself!

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## Writers in Mars Class

25/11/25  
Descriptive writing

Noisy leaf blowers pushing  
the orange and yellow leaves.  
The water turns into ice.

25/11/25  
Descriptive writing

In Autumn the flowers  
get sick.  
The trees are falling.  
The foxes hibernate.  
The leaves are orange  
and yellow.

18/11/25  
Write a list

It's not a bowl  
It's a  
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Chwan  
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It's not a bed  
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Mars Class have been doing fantastic work this week, applying their phonic knowledge to write descriptive sentences and create lists. The children have been sounding out words carefully and using their understanding of letter sounds to spell with increasing confidence and independence.

It's been marvellous to see them move beyond simple sentences to add descriptive words that bring their writing to life. They've also been practising writing lists, which is helping them understand how to organise information clearly and use the correct punctuation. Whether they're listing items for a shopping trip, describing a favourite toy, or writing about an adventure, the children are showing real progress in putting their phonics skills into practical use. Using phonics as a foundation for writing helps our young learners build confidence and develop the skills they need to express their ideas on paper. We are so proud of how hard Mars Class have been working and how enthusiastically they've approached their writing tasks. Keep up the brilliant effort, Mars Class!







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## Saturn SMASHED it at Dodgeball

What an incredible achievement for Saturn Class at the dodgeball event held at R A Butler last week! We entered two teams into the competition, and both represented our school brilliantly with their sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill.

Our red team put in an outstanding performance, finishing in 2nd place – a fantastic result that they should be immensely proud of! Not to be outdone, our blue team also did us proud, securing an impressive 4th place finish. The children showed excellent teamwork, quick reflexes, and great determination throughout all their matches.

It was wonderful to see both teams supporting one another and displaying such positive attitudes, whether they won or lost. Taking part in competitive events like this helps our children develop resilience, cooperation, and confidence, whilst also having lots of fun!

A big thank you to Mr O'Sullivan and Mr Cornell for accompanying the children to this event and supporting them throughout. We really appreciate you giving up your time to make this opportunity possible.

Well done to all the Saturn Class children who took part – you were all absolute stars and we couldn't be prouder of your efforts and achievements. What a brilliant way to represent our school!



## Little Red Riding Hood!



What a treat we had at school this week! The children were absolutely delighted to enjoy a wonderful pantomime performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. There were shouts of "He's behind you!", plenty of laughter, and some brilliant audience participation as the story unfolded before our eyes.

The children were captivated from start to finish, booing the Big Bad Wolf, cheering for Little Red Riding Hood, and joining in with all the traditional panto fun. It was lovely to see their faces light up with excitement and hear their enthusiastic responses throughout the performance. Experiences like these bring stories to life in such a special way and create memories that last long after the curtain falls.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA for their generous support in funding this experience for all our children. Their continued commitment to enriching our pupils' school life makes such a difference, and we know the children truly appreciated this magical treat. A huge thank you to the PTA for making this possible!



at Ashdon  
Primary School!

In September, we began teaching a new weekly programme called myHappyMind, alongside our weekly RSHE lessons. The programme is based around 5 units (seen in the wheel image on the left), which enable children to understand their brains better, understand their unique strengths and develop skills in setting personal goals and relating to others. These culminate in improving children's understanding of how to keep their brains healthy and this in turn supports their mental health.

The children are hugely enjoying the weekly lessons and are beginning to apply what they have learnt to other areas of the school day, which is amazing!

As a school, all of our parents also have access to the myHappyMind parent app, which can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, provide activities for you to do together at home and there is also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

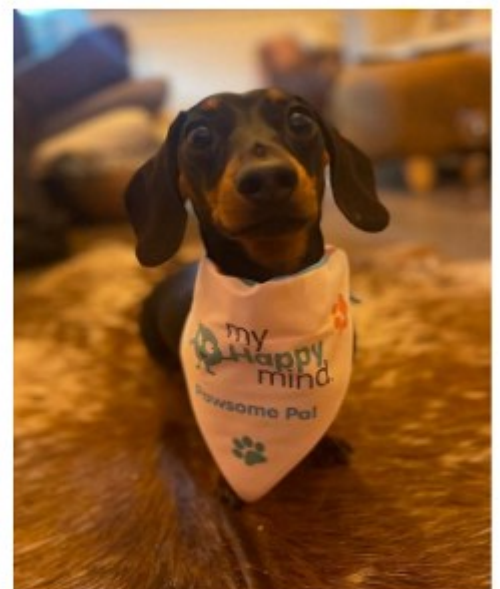
**Our school's authentication code is 114964.**

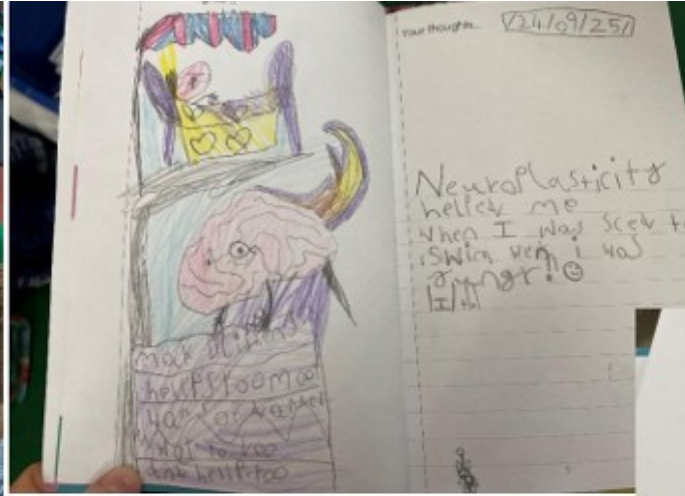
Or simply scan this QR code to sign up:



Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. Alternatively, there will be a parent sign-up sheet in the school office where you can fill in your name and email address to be auto-enrolled onto the app.

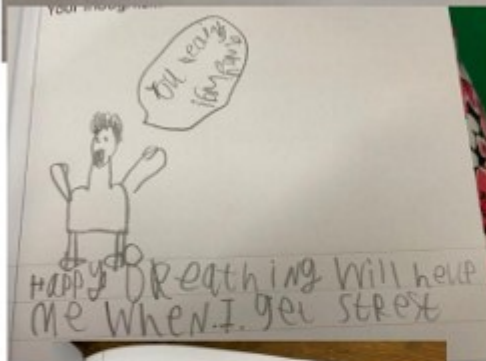
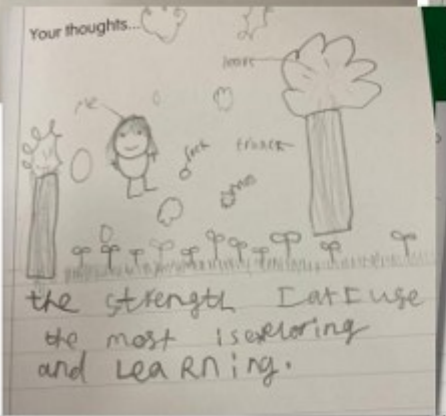
Here are some photos of myHappyMind in action across our school, including Jaffle sporting a very handsome new bandana!



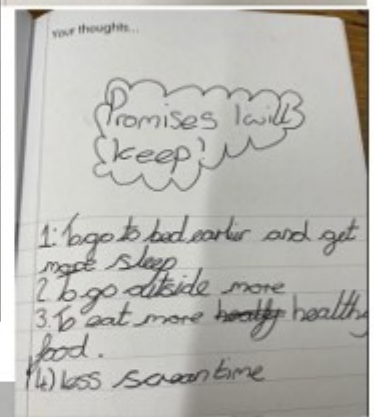


Your thoughts...  
Happy Breathing will help me when I am sad.

NEUROPLASTICITY HELPS ME WHEN I SWAM UNDER WATER.



The hippocampus is the part which is where all of your memories are stored. Your amygdala helps you react to danger. And your prefrontal cortex is where you solve problems.



Your thoughts... Breathe  
**Happy Breathing**  
You can be happy!

After Happy breathing I felt calm and happy. I forgot about worries and I felt so relaxed. I could use happy breathing before SATS next year. before I read in front of people.



To day during maths I didn't give up.

## 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: 88.3%**

**Saturn Class: 98.6%**

**Mercury Class: 89.2%**

**Mars Class: 93.5%**

## 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)**

**Ashdon Primary School**  
*New Reception Families!*  
*September 2026 Start!*  
**BOOK YOUR PRIVATE TOURS!!**

We warmly invite you to discover what makes Ashdon Primary School so special for your child. Mrs Reynecke-Raybould would be delighted to welcome you for a private tour of our wonderful school. During your visit, she will show you around our facilities, introduce you to our nurturing learning environments, and explain everything Ashdon Primary School has to offer.

To book your private tour, please contact our admin team:

- Telephone: 01799 584219
- Email: [admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting you and your family!

## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- \* **Thursday 4th December - WW1 STEM Simulator in school for KS2**
- \* **Thursday 4th December @ 08:20 - Y6 SATs Booster Sessions begin**
- \* **Friday 5th December - Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Fair**
- \* **Tuesday 9th December @ 13:45 - Prospective New Reception children Stay and Play**
- \* **Wednesday 10th December - Santa Dash and @ 15:30-17:00 - PTA Christmas Film Night**
- \* **Friday 12th December @ 10:00 and 14:00 - Nativity Play Performances - open to everyone**
- \* **Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch in school**
- \* **Thursday 18th December @ 09:00 - Toddler and Parent Playgroup**
- \* **Friday 19th December - Last day of term. School finishes at the normal time of 15:30**
  
- \* **Monday 5th January 2026 - Start of Spring Term 1**
- \* **Thursday 12th February - End of Spring Term 1**
- \* **Friday 13th February - Non-pupil Day**

## Pawsome Readers!!

Our reading sessions with our school dog continue to make a remarkable difference to pupils' confidence. There's something special about reading aloud to a patient, non-judgemental listener that helps children relax and find their voice. We've seen even the most reluctant readers eagerly signing up for their turn, and teachers report noticeable improvements in fluency and self-assurance. Reading isn't just about decoding words - it's about building confidence, and our four-legged friend is proving to be the perfect reading companion.



Lots of Love:  
Jaffle xxx



# 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



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 :-)