

School Council



Meet Our New School Council!

We are delighted to introduce this year's School Council, with one representative from each year group from Year 1 to Year 6. Every councillor was chosen by their classmates after sharing their ideas for making Ashdon an even better place to learn and play, and we were so impressed by the thought and confidence they showed.

Our new councillors are:

- **Year 1:** Daisy
- **Year 2:** Alana
- **Year 3:** Jessica
- **Year 4:** Elodie
- **Year 5:** Percy
- **Year 6:** Zech & Teddie

The School Council gives every child a voice in school life. Our councillors will meet regularly to share their classmates' ideas, help plan events and fundraising, and work with staff on projects that matter to them. Having councillors from Year 1 right through to Year 6 means that children of all ages are represented, and our younger members will learn a great deal from the older pupils along the way. Please join us in congratulating them all. If your child has an idea they would like the council to consider, encourage them to speak to their class representative. We can't wait to see what they achieve this year!

Archery



Archery in the Hall

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children swapped their pencils for bows as the hall was transformed into an archery range. After a careful safety briefing, the children learned how to stand side-on to the target, hold the bow correctly and draw the string back steadily before taking aim. Everyone waited patiently behind the shooting line for their turn, listened carefully to instructions and only collected their arrows when given the all-clear.

It was wonderful to see how quickly the children's confidence grew. There was plenty of concentration, lots of encouragement for one another and some very impressive shots landing in the gold. A few budding Robin Hoods even struck their best archer poses for the camera!

A huge thank you to our coaches for such a fun and well-organised session. We are very proud of how sensibly and enthusiastically everyone took part.

House Cup Winners



107



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137

Well done to winning this week!

We are proud of you!

Attendance Winners!

Every Day Counts!

At Ashdon Primary, we know that being in school every day makes a real difference. Good attendance helps children keep up with their learning, build strong friendships and feel happy and settled in class. Missed days add up quickly: a child with 90% attendance misses around half a day every week, which is almost four weeks of school across the year.

As a school, we always aim for whole-school attendance of 97% and above, and we can only achieve this with your support.

To celebrate great attendance, the class with the highest attendance each week wins an extra 10 minutes of playtime on Friday! The winners are announced in our Friday Celebration Assembly and shared in the newsletter, so keep an eye out to see which class has earned the prize.

Thank you for helping your child to be in school, on time, every day.

Winners: Mars Class—96.4%

Runners Up: Saturn Class—95%

In Last Place: Jupiter Class—93.8%

Well done Mars Class!!

Stars of the Week

Our three values — Challenge, Care and Celebrate sit behind everything we do, alongside our Golden Rules: Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Resilient. This week's Stars of the Week have shown exactly that, and were celebrated in Friday's assembly. Well done to all of you we are very proud. Do use this language at home too; hearing it in both places is what really makes it stick.

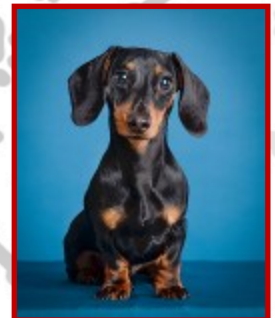


Pawsome Reader of the Week



Well done to our Pawsome Reader this week! I am so proud of your reading!!
Keep going!!!

Lots of love from Jaffle



Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Ofsted: We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all our parents for their support during the two days Ofsted was in. We would also like to say thank you to all the children that have been really amazing! We will share the outcomes with you as soon as we know.**
- ✓ **Jupiter Class attending the Ancient Greece Workshop Wednesday 23rd September**
- ✓ **Mars Class attending the Teddy Bear Run (all children to please bring a teddy into school) Thursday 24th September**
- ✓ **Governor Learning Walk School Culture, Behaviour and Ethos (Mrs Retief) Friday 25th September**
- ✓ **Parent Consultation Day 20th and 21st October @ 15:45-18:15**
- ✓ **Last Day of Autumn Term 1 will be 23rd October**
- ✓ **Harvest Assembly 16th October @ 09:15 (we will be collecting harvest from the 28th September 16th October)**

Arbor Update:



We're pleased to let you know that Arbor, our new school management system, is now fully up and running and has replaced Scopay.

Through the Arbor app or website, you can now:

- **Pay for trips and clubs:** all payment information for upcoming trips and after-school clubs can be found on Arbor.
- **View your child's attendance:** you can check your child's attendance record at any time.
- **Book parent consultations:** our upcoming parent consultations will be available to book through Arbor, so please look out for the booking window opening.
- **Lunches:** You can also pay for your child's lunches.

Thank you for your patience and support during the changeover.