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# Celebrating Earth Day

On Wednesday 22nd April, the whole school came together to mark Earth Day with a wonderful day of activities rooted in creativity, curiosity, and care for our planet.

Every class took part in three rotating sessions throughout the day: a Safari activity, an Art session, and Planting Seeds and a Plant Hunt – giving children the chance to explore the natural world around them, get their hands in the soil, and express their love of nature creatively.

The highlight of the morning was a whole-school assembly and recycling workshop with Cat and Becky from the UDC recycling team, who led our pupils through engaging activities all about reducing waste and looking after the environment.

It was a fantastic day, and the enthusiasm and curiosity shown by our children – from Reception right through to Year 6 – was truly heart-warming. We hope it leaves a lasting impression and inspires everyone to think a little more about how we can all care for our wonderful planet, every day of the year.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful staff who threw themselves into the day and made it such a success – it really was a brilliant team effort. A very special thank you goes to Mrs Reynolds, our Science Lead, who organised the whole day so thoughtfully and seamlessly. We'd also like to give a special mention to Mr O'Sullivan for getting involved – it was wonderful to have everyone on board and mucking in together!



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## Spring Music Festival

What a wonderful way to bring the Spring Term to a close! Our annual Spring Music Festival was a resounding success, filling the school with an incredible energy and no shortage of musical talent.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Jarmain – who leads Music here at Ashdon – worked hard to ensure that every child had their moment to shine, and shine they certainly did! From the bright, bold tones of the trumpets and the melodic charm of the piano, to the rhythmic fun of the boomwhackers and the cheerful sound of the recorders, there was something truly special at every turn. Our budding musicians also treated us to ukulele performances, beautiful singing, and some truly joyful dancing that had everyone smiling from ear to ear.

It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to share in the occasion – the hall was buzzing with pride and enthusiasm, and quite rightly so!

Events like these are so much more than a performance. They give every child at Ashdon the chance to experience the joy of making music, to build confidence, and to develop a love of the arts that can last a lifetime. Regular, meaningful exposure to music – whether performing, listening, or simply exploring – plays a vital role in children's creativity, wellbeing, and broader development, and we are proud that it remains such a valued part of life here at Ashdon Primary.

A huge well done to all our amazing children, and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Clark and Mrs Jarmain for making it such a memorable afternoon. We can't wait for next year!





## Ashdon 3km, 10km and Fun Run 2026



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[Ashdon 10k, 3k & Fun Run 2026](#)

Ashdon Primary School PTA – 29th Annual 10km, 3km & Fun Run  
Join us on **Monday 4th May (May Bank Holiday)** for our 29th annual run! Whether you're a serious runner, a jogger, or a walker, there's something for everyone as we celebrate the beautiful countryside of Ashdon.

**Race details:** **Registration opens at 09:00 and closes at 09:45, with races starting at 10:30am.** The 10km cross-country route offers a challenging mix of terrains, predominantly off-road across the rolling countryside, with road closures in place for any on-road sections. The course is well marshalled with kilometre markers and a halfway water station.

### Categories:

- 10km adult run (chip timed)
- 3km under-16s run (chip timed)
- 3km fun run

**Please note that children under 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult over 18.**

**Awards:** Medals for all finishers, with trophies awarded to winners across all sections.

**On the day:** Free car parking, water, first aid, refreshments, food vendors, an ice cream van, and face painting will all be available.

**All races start and finish at Ashdon Primary School.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

### **A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful Sponsors!**

Our event simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our sponsors. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ashdon Children's Nursery, Ashdon Parish Council, Cheffins, Saffron Security, The Foot Health Clinic, The Plough Bar & Grill, The Rose & Crown and Ford Homes. Their continued support means that we can keep this much-loved community event enjoyable for everyone — from our youngest fun runners to our most seasoned athletes. We are truly grateful for their kindness and commitment to our school and the wider Ashdon community. If you get the chance, please do support these fantastic local businesses

## 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 Jupiter Class for having the highest attendance the week after the Easter Holidays! They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.**

*Jupiter Class: 100%  
Saturn Class: 97.6%  
Mercury Class: 94.4%  
Mars Class: 85.5%*

## 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



## Riding High: Hector and Olive Shine in the Saddle!

We are absolutely bursting with pride to share some truly exciting news! Two of our wonderful pupils, **Hector** and **Olive**, recently took part in an equestrian show jumping competition — and between just the two of them, they claimed **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place**. What an extraordinary achievement!

Moments like this remind us how much children grow beyond the classroom. Equestrianism builds so much more than riding skills — it develops **resilience, responsibility, patience, and confidence** in ways that stay with a child for life. The rosettes on competition day represent countless hours of quiet, dedicated practice, and Hector and Olive have clearly put in every single one of them.



## Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- **Wednesday 29th April - Saturn Class @ The Roman Workshop all day. All children and staff are invited to dress up as Romans for the day and learn all about the Romans on the day! How exciting!!**
- **Wednesday 29th April - Wednesday 6th May @ 15:30-16:00 every day - Scholastic Book Fair in the Hall**
- **Friday 1st May @ 09:15 - Celebration Assembly**
- **Monday 4th May - No school - May Day**
- **Monday 4th May - Ashdon Fun Run! Please come and join us all in making this annual event, hosted by our PTA, a huge success!**