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KS2 Gym and Dance Festival

What an incredible experience our Year 2–6 children had at the recent USSP KS2 Gymnastics and Dance Festival, held at the stunning Saffron Hall! Joining seven other schools, our pupils took to the stage and delivered a truly breathtaking performance that left staff beaming with pride.

In fact, we were so proud that we almost had as many staff in the audience as children on the floor — and every single one of us agreed it was worth every moment! From the very first move to the last, our children showed exactly what makes this school so special: tenacity, teamwork, and a genuine sense of inclusion and kindness towards one another.

Watching them perform, it was clear that they weren't just dancing — they were celebrating each other. The pride they showed in themselves and in their fellow pupils was truly moving, and a wonderful reflection of the values we nurture every day in school.

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful dance teacher, Kate, whose dedication and expertise helped our children shine so brightly on the day. A special thank you also to Mrs Reynolds, our PE lead, for organising and championing this fantastic opportunity for our pupils. And, of course, a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to come along and support the children — your presence meant the world to them.

We could not be more proud. Well done to each and every one of you — you were absolutely brilliant!



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Ashdon 3km, 10km and Fun Run 2026



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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 Mercury Class for having the highest attendance last week! They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.

Jupiter Class: 90%

Saturn Class: 94.71%

Mercury Class: 99.09%

Mars Class: 98%

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- **Tuesday 24th March @ 09:15 in school** Revd Romey to lead Easter Service (all parents and family welcome to attend)
- **Tuesday 24th March @ 10:30** Reception and Y6 Weighing and Measuring
- **Wednesday 25th March @ 15:30 - PTA Easter Egg Hunt (time change)**
- **Thursday 26th March - Ashdon Red Nose Day (all children and staff to dress in RED and please bring a £1 donation if you can)**
- **Friday 27th March @ 14:00 - Music Spring Festival - all welcome (no Celebration Assembly due to this)**
- **Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring Term 2**
- **Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term 1**
- **Tuesday 14th April - Residential Parent Meeting @ 15:35**
- **Thursday 16th April @ 13:30 - Mars Class on Safari**
- **Friday 17th April - Non-Uniform Day (Rainbow Raffle Donations) - PTA**
- **Friday 17th April - School Mini Marathon (No celebration assembly)**



Dear Parents,

We'd love for you to follow and regularly check our school Facebook Page!

We are now updating it regularly with all the wonderful things happening here at school – from exciting activities and learning highlights to special events and celebrations. It's a brilliant way to stay connected, see what your children are getting up to, and help us spread the word about our fantastic school community.

The more engagement we get, the more visible we become to the wider public, so please do give us a follow, hit that like button, and share our posts with family and friends!

Thank you so much for your continued support – we really do appreciate it. Click on the logo.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Reynecke-Raybould

