

DANCE



KS2 Pupils Shine at Saffron Hall Dance Performance

On Tuesday, 18th March, our KS2 pupils took to the stage at Saffron Hall to showcase their dance talents in a memorable performance. The children captivated the audience with their energetic routine, choreographed to Robbie Williams' hit song 'Rock DJ'. What made our school's performance particularly special was the inclusion of our Year 2 pupils - we were the only school to feature younger children alongside the KS2 performers. These brave Year 2 students rose magnificently to the challenge, dancing confidently alongside their older schoolmates.

"I was incredibly proud of how all our children performed, especially our Year 2s, who showed remarkable courage and skill," said Mrs Jarmain, who helped coordinate the performance.

Following the dance competition, all participating pupils received certificates recognising their participation, representation of the school and excellent teamwork. They were also awarded special commemorative stickers to celebrate their achievement.

During our celebration assembly, the whole school enjoyed watching a video clip of the performance, sharing in the pride and excitement of the occasion.



Dancing!!!





Year 5 and 6 Pupils Master Life-Saving CPR Skills

Year 5 and 6 pupils recently participated in essential CPR training delivered by two British Heart Foundation trainers. The children displayed exemplary attention and followed instructions diligently throughout the session. Learning CPR is crucial even for young people; When someone suffers cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR reduces survival chances by 10%. With over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests annually in the UK and less than one in ten people surviving, these skills are invaluable.

Children as young as 10 can perform effective CPR. While they may lack adult strength, knowing how to call for help, position someone safely and begin chest compressions can make a vital difference in an emergency. Our pupils should feel proud of acquiring these important life-saving skills that prepare them to be responsible, helpful citizens.





Class 1 Pupils Navigate New Horizons with Bee-Bots

Class 1 pupils have been buzzing with excitement during their computing lessons as they master the use of Bee-Bots. These small, friendly robots have quickly become a classroom favourite, with children eagerly programming them to navigate simple routes across the classroom floor.

What are Bee-Bots?

For parents and carers unfamiliar with these educational tools, Bee-Bots are child-friendly programmable floor robots designed specifically for young learners. With simple directional buttons (forward, backward, left and right), children input a sequence of up to 40 commands before pressing 'Go' to watch their Bee-Bot follow their instructions. Our collection includes various Bee-Bot designs, with some being see-through, allowing children to observe the internal mechanisms and gain a basic understanding of how the technology works.

Through this hands-on experience, pupils develop early programming skills, directional language and logical thinking.

Applying Skills Across the Curriculum

The skills gained through Bee-Bot activities have transferred wonderfully to other areas of learning. Children are now applying their understanding of directional language in creating maps in geography and using sequencing skills during story time. Many pupils have also demonstrated improved problem-solving abilities when faced with challenges in other subjects.

"It's remarkable to see how quickly the children grasp these concepts and apply them elsewhere," notes Mrs Reynolds, Class 1 teacher. "When a Bee-Bot doesn't reach its intended destination, the children naturally begin to debug their instructions – a fundamental computing skill they're developing without even realising it!"

Computing in the Early Years and Key Stage 1

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 computing curriculum introduces children to the foundations of computational thinking. Rather than focusing solely on screen-based activities, the curriculum emphasises understanding algorithms (sets of instructions) through practical, hands-on experiences.

By the end of Key Stage 1, children should be able to create and debug simple programs, use logical reasoning to predict behaviour, and understand how algorithms are implemented as programs on digital devices – all skills our Class 1 pupils are confidently developing through their Bee-Bot adventures.

As our young programmers continue to develop these essential 21st-century skills, we look forward to watching their computational thinking flourish throughout their educational journey.



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Ashdon Primary School Presents: Toddler & Parent Play Group!



Join us for our brand new Toddler and Parent Play Group at Ashdon Primary School!

Dates: Thursday 27th March and Thursday 3rd April 2025

Time: 9:15am - 10:15am

We're thrilled to launch this exciting new opportunity for toddlers and their parents/carers to come together and enjoy a fun-filled hour of play and socialising!

What to expect:

- A variety of engaging toys and activities for toddlers
- Refreshments including tea, coffee, and biscuits for parents and carers
- Structured group activity led by Mrs. Reynolds
- A warm and welcoming environment for all
- Special opportunity for toddlers to play with our friendly school dog, Jaffle!

Everyone is welcome!

This play group is open to all families in the community, not just those with children currently attending Ashdon Primary School.

If there's enough interest, we plan to add more dates after the Easter holidays. Come along and help us make this new play group a success!

Please let the office know if you would like to attend, just to ensure that we have enough refreshments and activities out.

For more information, please contact the school office—01799584219 or admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk

We can't wait to see you here!





Mothering Sunday Community Worship

10.00am

Sunday 30th March

Ashdon Primary School Hall

**Everyone welcome,
with activities and refreshments
for all ages**

We celebrate and remember with gratitude our mothers and those who have played a nurturing and caring role in our lives. We also give thanks for the Church as Mother and the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

**With the joint churches of Ashdon
All Saints and Baptist Church**

ASHDON'S

10K, 3K & FUN RUN



FORD HOMES



We welcome everyone to enjoy the beautiful countryside of Ashdon, walkers, joggers and serious runners.

The course is predominantly off road across the rolling countryside and with closures in place for the brief section on road.

For the serious runners, the 10k route offers a challenging, cross-country route with a wide variety of terrains.

The 3k race and Fun Run is pram-friendly and well behaved dogs on lead are welcome!

Both the 10k adult run and 3k under 16's include chip timing.

Please note: Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult over 18 years old.

All finishers will be presented with medals; trophies for winners in all sections will be presented once we receive the finishing times for all runners.

The route is well marshalled with KM markers and a half-way water station.

Race starts at 10.30am. Registration from 09:00-09:45.

Free car parking, water provided, first aid, refreshments, food vendors, ice cream van and face painting.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ashdon; please click on the links below to register!

<https://theentrypoint.co.uk/website/ashdon-primary-school-pta>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

ASHDON'S AMAZING BARS

6 March



EASTER TRAIL

2 April



NON-UNIFORM DAY

4 April



ASHDON 10K, 3K & FUN RUN

5 May



KRISPY KREME SALE

11 June



STALL AT HADSTOCK FETE

14 June



CAR BOOT SALES

22 June
20 July
14 September



END OF TERM UV DISCO

18 July



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

SPONSORED BOUNCE

21 July



YES DAY!

12 September



TEXTILE COLLECTION

W/C 22 September



QUIZ NIGHT

18 October



MAGIC SHOW

15 November (TBC)



CHRISTMAS FAIR

5 December



SANTA DASH

9 December



CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

9 December



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Important News and Information:

PLEASE GO AND LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE! [Ashdon Primary School | Ashdon Primary | Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2HB, UK](#)

- 26th March - 1st April @ 15:30-16:00 - Scholastic Book Fair in the hall
- Thursday 27th March - Toddler Group @ 09:15 in the hall (everyone welcome to join with their toddlers)
- Friday 28th March - KS1 Dance Festival at Radwinter (no Celebration Assembly)
- Sunday 30th March @ 10:00 at Ashdon Primary School - Mothering Sunday Community Service
- Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Egg Hunt @ 15:30 - parents/carers must attend this with their child/children please
- Friday 4th April - Non-Uniform Day (donations to PTA to purchase items for raffle hampers for the Fun Run)
- Friday 4th April @ 10:00 - Spring Music Festival (all and everyone welcome) Last Day of Spring Term

Stars of the Week!!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week! These exceptional pupils have impressed us with their outstanding effort, behaviour and achievements. Each Star has demonstrated our school values brilliantly, showing dedication to learning and kindness to others. We're extremely proud of your accomplishments - well done!



Attendance Winners!

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First Place - Class 1 = 97%

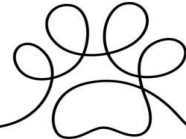
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Second Place - Class 2 = 85.6%

3

Third Place - Class 3 = 85%

Well done Class 1. You are our weekly winners.
You have earned yourselves an extra 10 minutes playtime on Friday afternoon!



Pawsome Reading

Our friendly school dog, Jaffle, is available during break times to listen to children read. Reading to a dog can help build confidence and make reading more enjoyable! If your child would like to spend some break time reading with Jaffle, please remind them to speak to their teacher to sign up to his timetable. Not everyone will have the opportunity to read to him every week, but we will try our best to fit children in to see him often.

Well done to the Pawsome Reader of the week! You deserve a certificate and a house point to show you that I (Jaffle) am proud of you!



Jaffle

