

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER DAY OF SPRUCING UP
OUR SCHOOL!

Sunday, 12 April 2026

From 9am

kids welcome!!

Painting fences and benches,
Cleaning, weeding, jet
washing, the list goes on!

We need as many people as
we can get to make this
possible!



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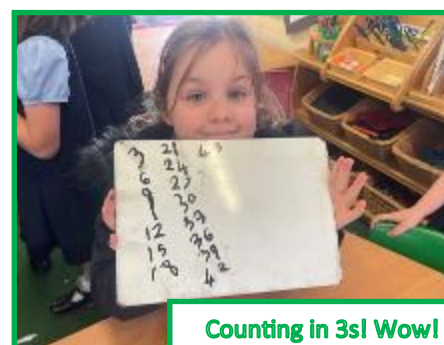
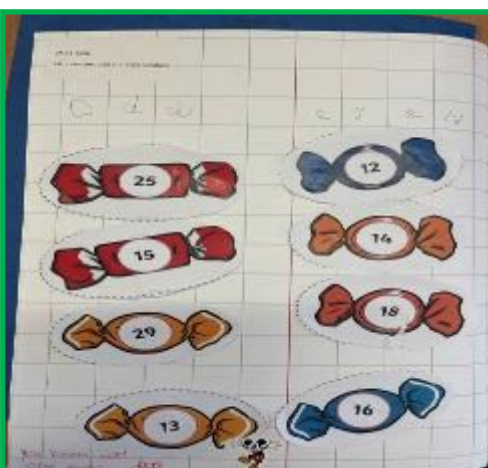
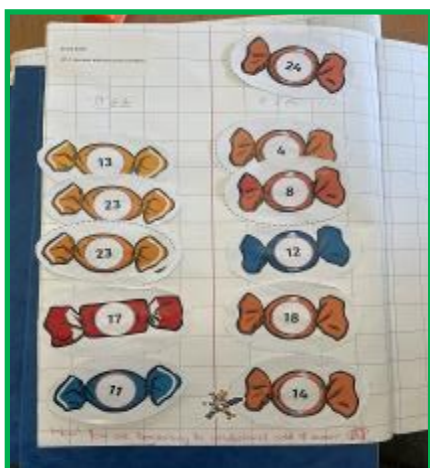
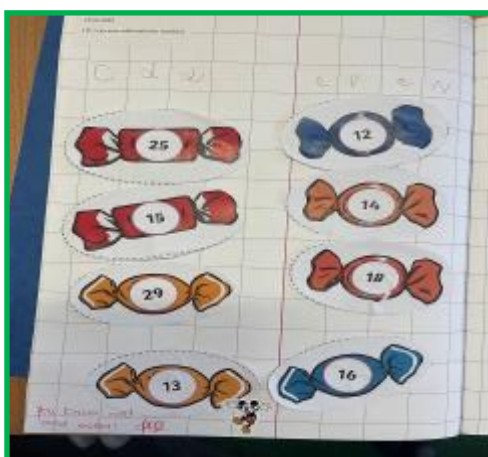
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Mars Mathematicians

This week in Mars Class we have been exploring odd and even numbers – and what better way to bring maths to life than with sweets! The children sorted out odd and even numbered sweets, getting hands-on with a concept that can sometimes feel quite abstract. It was a brilliant way to see the idea in action, and the children rose to it brilliantly.

We also had a go at skip counting in 2s up to 20, which is a fantastic foundation for understanding multiplication and number patterns later on. But perhaps the most exciting moment of the week came from one of our very eager young mathematicians, who decided she wasn't going to stop there. She wanted to have a go at skip counting in 3s – something we typically see children tackling in Year 3! With just a little nudge to get started, she quickly picked up the strategy of holding a number in her head and counting on three from there, and off she went. We were so impressed.

It is always a joy to see children pushing themselves beyond what is expected of them – that kind of mathematical curiosity and confidence is something to be really proud of

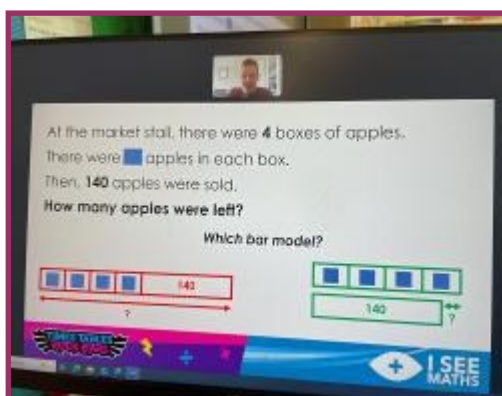


Counting in 3s! Wow!

Jupiter Mathematicians

Jupiter class took part in a Multiplicative reasoning live lesson run by Times Tables Rock-Stars. We spent the lesson discussing how to visualise multi-step worded problems and practising strategies to help us unpick exactly which calculations we need to do to get to the correct solution. The children then practised these skills themselves and solved some multi-step word problems using a mixture of the four operations.

Amazing Mathematicians!



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

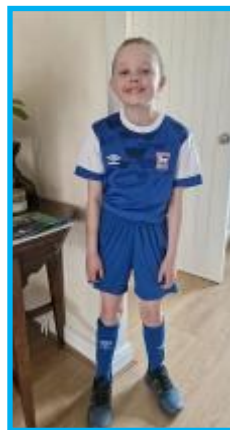
Jupiter Class: 94%
Saturn Class: 97.6%
Mercury Class: 97.3%
Mars Class: 95.5%

Exciting News - Jessica Joins Ipswich Town's Elite Player Development Team!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news – Jessica has been accepted into the Elite Player Development team at Ipswich Town Football Club!

Looking every inch the part in her Ipswich Town kit, Jessica has worked incredibly hard to earn this fantastic opportunity, and we couldn't be more proud of her. Being selected for an Elite Player

Development programme is a remarkable achievement, and a true testament to her dedication, talent, and passion for the game.



As a proud Suffolk club now competing at the highest level, Ipswich Town's commitment to developing young talent makes this an extraordinary pathway for Jessica to grow as a player – and we have no doubt she will grab this opportunity with both hands.

We wish her all the very best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter. We are very proud of you Jessica!

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- **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)**

A Fond Farewell to Anne Phipps

It is with sadness that we share the news that Anne Phipps, who was a much-loved member of the Ashdon family, has recently passed away.

Some of you may have known Anne, who served our school community with great warmth and dedication in her role as caretaker and cleaner. Her grandchildren also attended Ashdon as pupils, making her connection to our school a truly special one.

Anne was a wonderful person who will be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, and we know she will be greatly missed throughout the village. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Anne's family and friends at this difficult time.

Running Club Help Needed

We are thrilled to see so many children eager to take part in our running club, which takes place on both Tuesday and Wednesday each week with Mrs Reynolds and Mr O'Sullivan, usually from **12:30–12:45**.

Mr O'Sullivan is kindly supporting Mrs Reynolds on a Tuesday, and we are incredibly grateful for his help. However, we are **in need of a volunteer** to assist on a **Wednesday**. As the children run around the village, it is important that we have at least two adults present to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

We have such a wonderful and enthusiastic group of children signed up that it would be a real shame to have to cease the Wednesday session — but without a second adult, we may have no choice.

If you are able to spare some time on a Wednesday lunchtime to join Mrs Reynolds and the children, please do get in touch. No special skills are required - just a pair of willing legs and a smile!

Thank you so much for your continued support.

