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## Christmas Fair 2025!

What an absolutely magical day we had at our Christmas Fair! We are thrilled to announce that together we raised a fantastic **£1,332** – an incredible achievement that will make such a difference to our school.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our amazing PTA, whose tireless organisation and enthusiasm made the whole event possible. We are also enormously grateful to our dedicated staff, who gave up their time to help create such a special atmosphere, and to the children and families of Jupiter class, who worked so hard to prepare wonderful activities for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who donated chocolate and supported the fair with their attendance – your generosity truly embodies the spirit of our school community. And of course, special thanks to Santa himself for travelling all the way from Lapland to visit our children here at Ashdon!

The sense of community throughout the day was simply fabulous. Mrs Henry's delicious sausage rolls and cheesy pesto pinwheels drew people in from the moment they arrived, filling the school with wonderful festive aromas and bringing everyone together to celebrate the season.

The games created by Jupiter class were an absolute highlight – the children put so much thought and creativity into them, and they provided a fabulous treat that everyone could enjoy together. It was wonderful to see children of all ages having such fun!

We were also delighted to welcome back so many of our previous Ashdon pupils who are now attending secondary school. Seeing their familiar faces and hearing about their new adventures reminded us what a special, close-knit community we have here.

Thank you all for making our Christmas Fair such a tremendous success. Your support means the world to us!





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## WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust Visit!

On Thursday 4th December, all our KS2 pupils were lucky enough to take part in an unforgettable WW1 simulator day, hosted by the WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust. Throughout the day, children learnt fascinating information about engineering and how aeroplanes have developed to be used in combat from the very first planes to now, from a fabulous ex-RAF pilot and engineer called Will. We also discussed the physics of how these planes are able to fly! The children participated in an engaging quiz about WW1 aviation history, with prizes awarded for the best drawings of aerial battles.

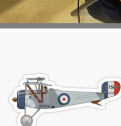
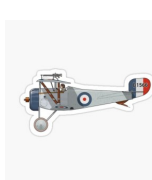
Everyone got to have a go on two different flight simulators – one on a computer screen and one that looked like a WW1 plane itself, complete with a rocking nacelle that gave them a real sense of what pilots experienced over 100 years ago. It was so realistic that some of us even felt a bit queasy whilst using the simulator! It truly showed us how skilled you need to be to be a successful pilot.

As part of the Trust's inspiring "Poppies, Poems and Planes" programme, our pupils also wrote poetry reflecting on themes of war, remembrance, and peace. These poems were composed on special biodegradable paper embedded with poppy, cornflower, and forget-me-not seeds – the memorial flowers of Britain, France, and Germany. The poems will be dropped from a WW1 Nieuport 17 replica biplane over Northern France during commemorations, where they will grow into flowers as a living symbol of peace and reconciliation.

This programme connects children from around the world – including France, Germany, Poland, USA, Australia, and New Zealand – whose ancestors fought in the First World War. French children will write poems in response, which will be flown back to Britain, fostering friendship and understanding between nations.

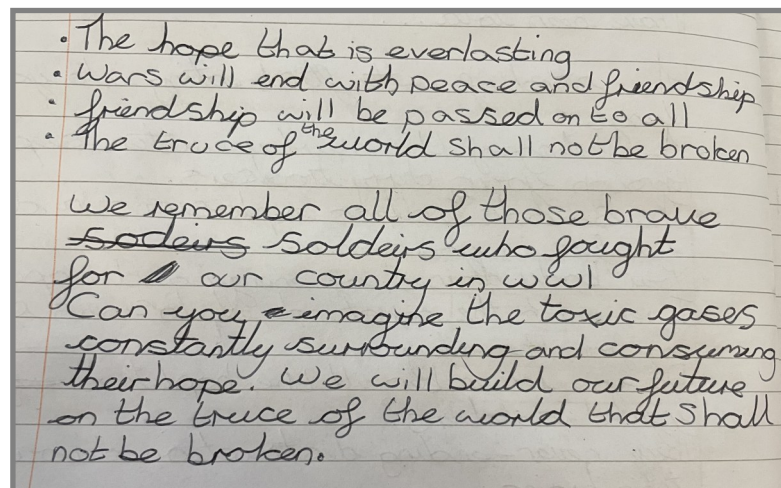
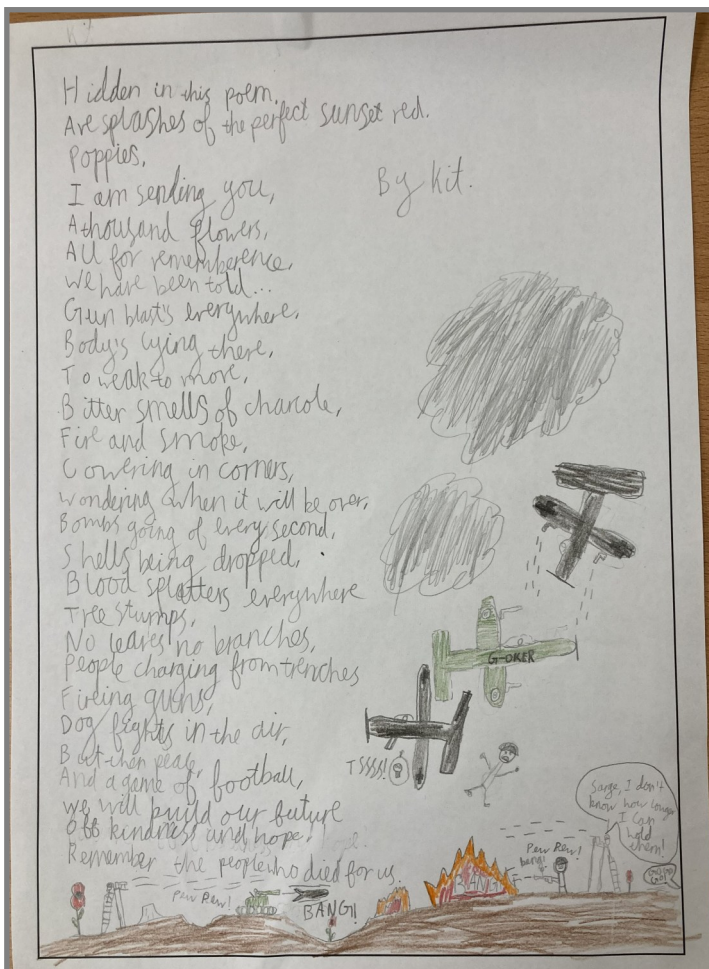
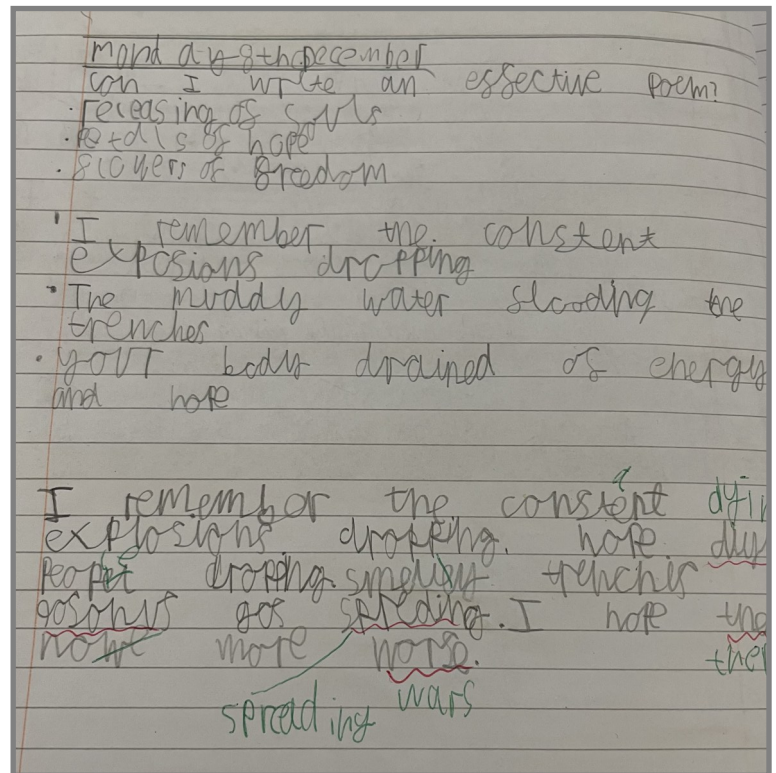
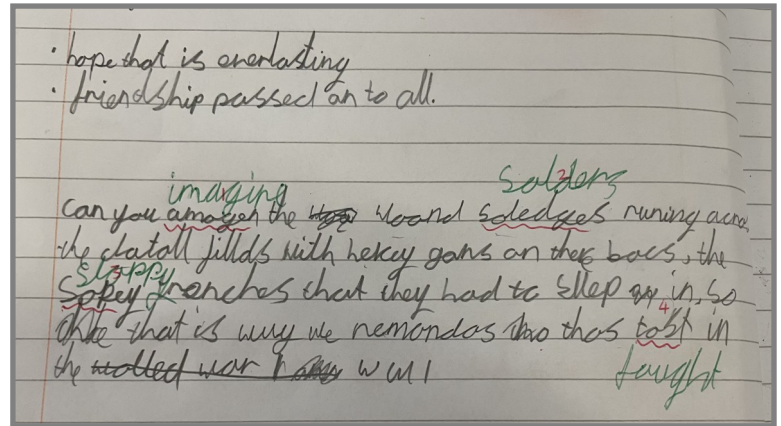
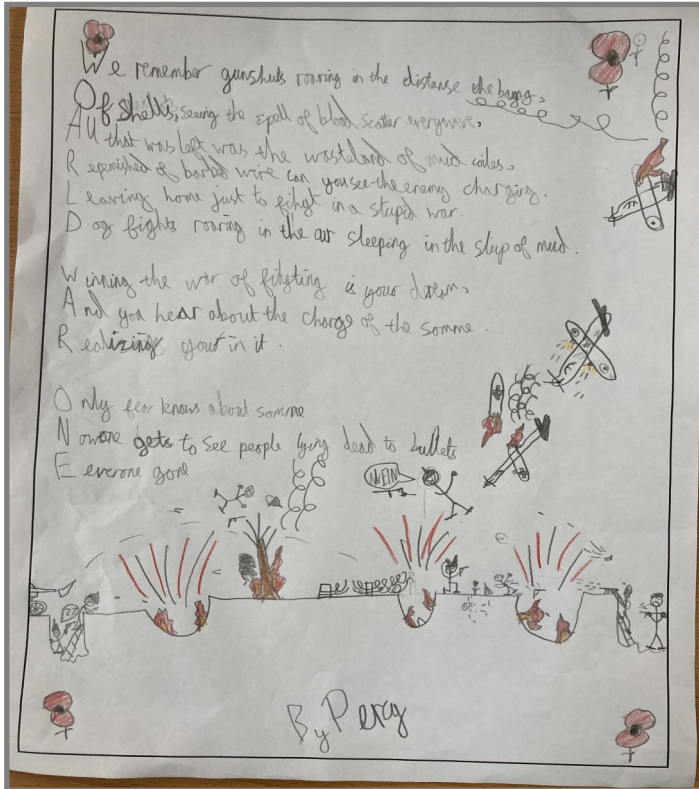
At the end of the day, we finished with a prize-giving ceremony to celebrate a few lucky children in each class who had been chosen for their exceptional enthusiasm and participation throughout the day.

The day aimed to help children understand the sacrifice made during WW1 and recognise that the freedoms we enjoy today were founded on this sacrifice, inspiring them to work for peace in their own lifetimes. One lucky pupil from our school will also be entered into a draw for an air experience day at Cambridge Airport in May 2026! It was a fantastic and inspiring day!





## Poppy Poems and Writing!





## Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

**Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance last week!** As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

**Jupiter Class: 91.7%**

**Saturn Class: 100%**

**Mercury Class: 90.8%**

**Mars Class: 87%**

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS OPEN!!



**Apply from 10th November 2025—15th January 2026**

**Please spread the news to parents with children  
starting reception September 2026**

**Link to apply:**

**[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)**



### Ashdon Primary School

New Reception Families!  
September 2026 Start!  
**BOOK YOUR PRIVATE TOURS!!**

We warmly invite you to discover what makes Ashdon Primary School so special for your child. Mrs Reynecke-Raybould would be delighted to welcome you for a private tour of our wonderful school. During your visit, she will show you around our facilities, introduce you to our nurturing learning environment, and explain everything Ashdon Primary School has to offer.

To book your private tour, please contact our admin team:

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We look forward to meeting you and your family!



### Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

\* **Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch in school**

\* **Thursday 18th December @ 09:00 - Toddler and Parent Playgroup**

\* **Friday 19th December - Last day of term.**

\* **09:15 Christmas Carol Service - everyone welcome!**  
**School finishes at the normal time of 15:30**

\* **Monday 5th January 2026 - Start of Spring Term 1**

\* **Thursday 12th February - End of Spring Term 1**

\* **Friday 13th February - Non-pupil Day**

## Pawsome Readers!!

Our reading sessions with our school dog continue to make a remarkable difference to pupils' confidence. There's something special about reading aloud to a patient, non-judgemental listener that helps children relax and find their voice. We've seen even the most reluctant readers eagerly signing up for their turn, and teachers report noticeable improvements in fluency and self-assurance. Reading isn't just about decoding words - it's about building confidence, and our four-legged friend is proving to be the perfect reading companion.



Lots of Love:  
Jaffie xxx





# Uniform for 2025-2026

Trousers	Navy Blue
Shorts	Navy Blue (Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardigans	Navy Blue
Sweat-shirt	Navy Blue
Summer Dress	Blue & White Check
School Shoes	Black (No Trainers/no boots)
P.E Kit Winter	Navy Sweatshirt & Tracksuit Bottoms
P.E Kit Summer	Navy Polo Shirt and Navy Blue Shorts
P.E Shoes	Black Plimsolls or Black trainers
Swimming Kit	Swimsuit (girls) Swimming Trunks (boy) Swimming hat Pool will not allow boys wearing long swimming trunks Towel
Hair Accessories	Blue, white or black only
Jewellery	Earrings: small studs only Watch

## Summer Uniform:



## Summer P.E Kit:



## Winter Uniform:



## Summer P.E Kit:



## Other Items:



A huge thank you to parents and carers who have made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart!

Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercises! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days.

Jupiter Class parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks :-)