

Newsletter

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Monday 24th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks here at Ashby Hill Top Primary, with lots of exciting things happening. I'm not quite sure how but we are now over half way through the school year!

Red Nose Day 2025

We had an absolutely fantastic Red Nose Day! The school was a sea of red as our wonderful children, and staff came together to support this amazing cause. Everyone went above and beyond to raise funds for Comic Relief. I must say, seeing all the happy and excited children in school brought a smile to my face. We have raised over £200, which is wonderful. Thank you to all who participated and donated – you truly made a difference!



Sunny Weather

As I write this newsletter, is a bit more overcast than the forecasters predicted however, when the weather eventually warms up we encourage parents to send children to school with a sun hat for playtime, as the sun is always at its strongest when the children are playing outside. Sun cream should be applied before school, if sending sun cream into school, children should be able to apply it themselves. Please also make sure that everything sent into school is named.

Change of legislation in food waste and other refuse

From 31 March 2025, schools will need to separate food waste from other waste. We now have allocated food waste only bins around school, and will be talking to the children in assembly about which waste goes in which bin. If your child has a packed lunch, they will need to separate wrappers from food waste, we are awaiting more information about recycling items such as yoghurt pots. If as a school we are struggling to manage this, then we might have to rethink our current system for packed lunch waste. We will keep you updated.



Keeping Children Safe

Most things have evolved since the 70s, and yet the fundamental lesson we use to keep our children safe – 'Stranger Danger' – has not. Most strangers pose no threat to children, it is not always strangers that try to harm children, and teaching 'Stranger Danger' can create some fear and suspicion. We have been talking to the children in assembly about how to keep themselves safe- focusing on unsafe situations – not just on strangers.

End of Key Stage SATS

SATs week for our current Year 6 children will take place from Monday 12th May 2025 with the last test being on Thursday 15th May.

School Closure for use as a Polling Station– Thursday 1st May 2025

We have been notified by the Local Authority that school will be closed for use as a polling station on **Thursday 1st May**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please phone school or email office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

2024-2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible here! This information will be added to the bi-weekly newsletter and will also be available on the school website. **New dates will be added in green!**



Spring Term 2025		
1 April	Mrs Dexter's parents evening	3-6 pm
2 April	Mrs Dexter's parents evening	2-4 pm
2 April	Egg competition assembly	a.m.
4 April	Year 6 warning zone - Leicester	All Day
9 April	Golden Table	lunchtime
11 April	School closes for Easter	3.25pm
Easter Break		
28 April	School reopens for children	8.45am
30 April-2 May	Y4 Beaumanor Residential	
1 May	School closed for use as a Polling Station	
5 May	School closed for Bank Holiday	All day
12 May	Year 6 SATS week	
16 May	Y6 Camp Day	
22 May	EYFS Art Gallery for parents	pm
23 May	School closes for half term	3.25pm
May Half term		
2 June	School reopens for children	8.45am
2 June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
4 June	Sports Day	am
9 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
TBC	Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
18 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	
26 June	End of Year Reports out to parents	
27 June	EYFS Celebration Day	
1 July	Open Evening to meet new teacher and view classroom	4-5pm
2 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	All day
8 July	Last day of the school year	

Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
26 August	School reopens for children	8.45am