Newsletter

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Monday 6th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year.

The last few weeks have brought some additional challenges, not least the exceptionally warm weather. While our two air-conditioned rooms provided some welcome relief, both the children and staff found the heat difficult at times. Your support during this period was greatly appreciated. The extra drinks, fans, lighter clothing and early collections all helped tremendously and made a real difference in ensuring the children remained as comfortable as possible. Thank you for working with us so positively and supportively. Your partnership continues to play a vital role in the success and wellbeing of our school community.

Last week, children all 'moved up' to their new classes and our Year 6 children spent time at their new schools. It was great to see everyone ready for the challenge of a new academic year by spending such a positive time with their new class teachers. We know that class placements are very important to families and that children can sometimes feel anxious about changes, but children are so adaptable and enjoyed every opportunity to get to know their new teachers. Please be assured that a great deal of time, care, and professional discussion goes into every decision we make. Our priority is always to create classes where children feel supported and able to thrive both socially and academically. Our new Hill Toppers have also been spending time in the EYFS classroom- it was so lovely to see them all so settled!

Symphony Awards

Last week we hosted the Symphony Learning Trust Awards- this is a very special event where year 6 pupils from across the trust are recognised for

their academic and personal achievements. Two of our year 6 children were awarded for their achievements in Science and PE. Well done children!

Farewell Year 6!

As the academic year ends, we will be sad to say goodbye to our amazing group of Year 6 children and their families. This morning's Year 6 leavers assembly was wonderful, and we are very proud of their efforts- the excitement doesn't end as tonight they all head off bowling and an end of year celebration.

The Year 6 children have made the most of every opportunity they have been given, and we will never forget them! Although we are sad to see them go, we are also happy knowing that they are well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. The children will now have even more opportunities available to them, and I am sure they will continue to thrive at secondary school. We all have so many fond memories of the children and will look forward to hearing about their journey in the future.

School Uniform

Our uniform is low cost and easily available, with the option for children to wear plain or logo/branded uniform. If you are shopping for school uniform over the summer, here is a summary of the item's the children will need:

Basic items of clothing	Colour
Sweatshirt with/without school logo	Bottle green
Cardigan with/without school logo	Bottle green
Polo shirt with/without school logo	White or bottle green
Plain shirt or blouse	White
Plain school trousers or shorts	Grey
Plain pinafore dress, or plain skirt	Grey
School summer dress	Green and white (gingham)
School shoes	Black colour
Socks	Black, white, grey, green

PE Uniform

PE kits are needed from EYFS onwards.PE kit should be named and stored in a named PE Bag. A School PE bag can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

Indoor Kit	Outdoor Kit
White or black t shirt with/without school logo	**White or black t shirt with/without school logo**
Green/black shorts	Black shorts/tracksuit/joggers with sweatshirt (Year 6 see below)
Plimsolls	Trainers

The full policy is available on our school website. [Policies - Ashby Hill Top Primary School]

Term dates 2026/2027

(190 school days)

INSET Days – Weds 19th, Thurs 20th, Fri 21st August- Plus one day of twilight sessions, organised by individual schools

Autumn Term

August Bank Holiday:	Monday 31 August 2026
School opens:	Monday 24 August 2026
INSET Day school closed:	Friday 16 October 2026*** NEW DATE**
Half term break:	Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2026
School closes:	Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term

School opens:	Monday 4 January 2027
Half term break:	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2027
School closes:	Friday 19 March 2027

Summer Term

School opens:	Monday 5 April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 May 2027
Half term break:	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027
School closes:	~~Tuesday 6 July 2027~~ Wednesday 7 July 2027*** NEW DATE. Additional school day to accommodate the inset day in October**

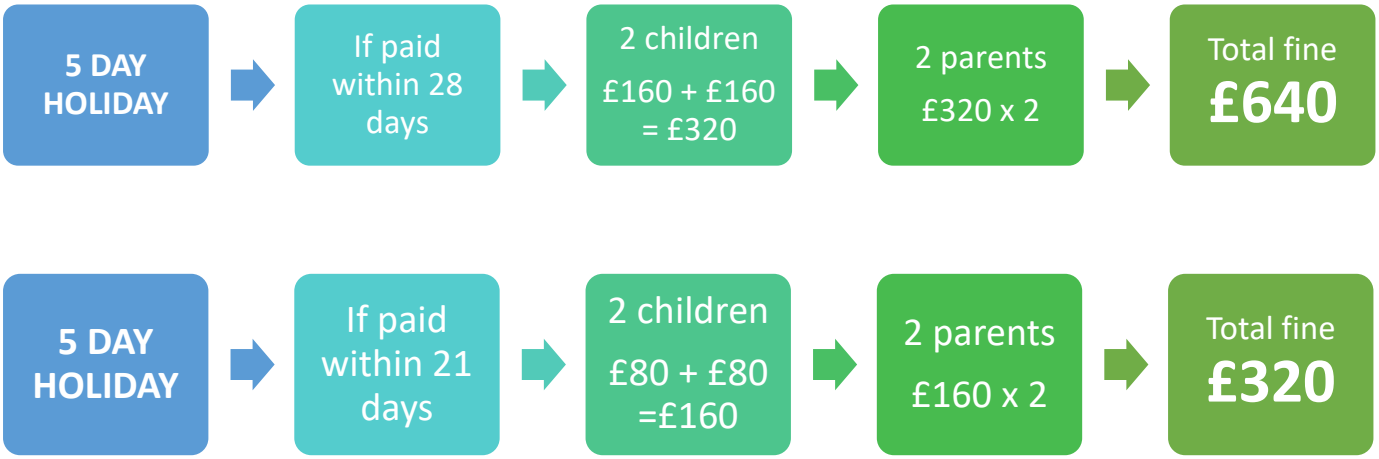
Leicestershire Local Authority have yet to confirm dates for 2027 onwards. As soon as we have them, we will share them with you.

Attendance

A reminder that we expect children's attendance to be above 96%. We are keen to work with you to address any barriers to your child's attendance. If you require any advice or support on this matter, please get in touch with slt@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk and we will do our best to help.

Penalty Notices for Term Time Holidays- worked example

Penalty notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before. **Fines are issued, per parent, per child for example:**



Please do not book holidays in term time- **penalty notices for term time holidays will be issued next academic year.**

I am sure that you will all join me in thanking the entire staff team for their hard work as they continue to do their very best for our Hill Top children- this is what makes our school so special. This will be the last newsletter of the year so I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break, school reopens to children on **Monday 24th August 2026.** Remember, if you have any questions, please phone school or email office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Headteacher