Newsletter

Belong Thrive Succeed

Monday 18th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Key Stage SATS

Last week was dominated by the national Year 6 SATs tests. Our Year 6 children have been amazing and have taken the tests in their stride! The buzz of excitement each morning was lovely as the children approached the tests with confidence and resilience. Our Year 6 children are talented mathematicians, future authors, amazing sportspeople and awe-inspiring artists. We have young filmmakers, computer code whizz-kids, hilarious entertainers and commanding public speakers. We have film buffs, animal experts, awesome chefs and fantastic dancers. Most importantly, we have happy young people who know the importance of being kind to each other, working hard, staying positive and looking out for their friends. The tests are just a small part of school life, and our children have once again done us, and you, proud.

There is still lots of learning to be done over the next 6 weeks- we can't wait to see what else you can achieve!

New Dates!

As always, the diary is at the back of this Newsletter, please check it carefully as there are lots of new dates!

Everyone Belongs Day

On Friday 22nd May, we will be celebrating our Everyone Belongs Day. This special day has been planned by our School Councillors to celebrate our wonderful school community and promote the values of inclusion, kindness, connection, and belonging.

Throughout the day, all classes will take part in a range of activities designed to help children feel proud of who they are and the community they are part of.

Activities during the day will include:

• Interoception Sensory Circuits- all child will have the change to try this out in the library.

• A whole-school collaborative mural project, where every class will contribute to a shared piece of artwork celebrating the message that everyone belongs. Our School Councillors will play an active role in leading and supporting this project.

To help children feel comfortable and ready to participate fully in the day's activities, we ask that they come to school wearing comfortable clothing or their PE kit.

We are looking forward to a positive and enjoyable day for all children- what a great way to end the half term!

Ashby Hill Top Festival of Sport

We are excited to announce that our Ashby Hill Top Festival of Sport will take place on **Wednesday 3rd June 2026**, with a reserve date of **Wednesday 24th June 2026** should we need to rearrange due to weather conditions.

This year, all children will take part in a fun-filled festival of sporting activities, teamwork, and friendly competition. Throughout the morning, classes will rotate around a range of exciting events led by their class teachers.

Event Times

• EYFS & KS1: 9:15am- ends approximately 10:15am
• KS2: 10:30am- ends approximately 11:30am

Children will compete in their Merit Colour teams, with each class divided into smaller groups to take part in the activities. Points will be collected throughout the morning and added towards their Merit team totals.

What Children Need

- All children should come to school wearing:
- Their PE kit
- A t-shirt in their Merit Team colour – if they have them
- Trainers suitable for outdoor activity
- A named water bottle

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the ***morning events*** and support the children. Chairs will be available around the field for anyone wishing to sit, and refreshments will be provided by FoHT.

Parents are welcome to move around the field to watch the different activities; however, we kindly ask that adults do not enter the MUGA area during the event.

Afternoon Sprint Finals

In the afternoon, selected children from each year group will take part in sprint races, with the top boys and girls competing in the finals. This is a closed event; we will share the results on our social media platforms.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day celebrating teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship across the whole school community.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Update

The Department for Education announced changes to relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) guidance in July 2025, replacing the 2019 version and becoming compulsory from September 2026.
Key changes include:
Sex education remains optional, but it has tightened and expanded relationships education by:

- Focusing more on safety (especially online)
- Strengthening emotional and social skills
- Making expectations clearer on what and how to teach

We have now updated our RSHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and/or disabilities

There is a copy of our revised draft policy on our website on the polices page. Policies - Ashby Hill Top Primary School

Please send any comments, thoughts or feedback to me via this link: Relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) Policy Update – Fill in form

The deadline for responding to the consultation is **Friday 3rd July 2026**. Thank you for your time.

School Uniform
It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, is practical and smart and helps everyone feel like they belong.

Our uniform is low cost and easily available, with the option for children to wear plain or logo/branded uniform. This is a summary of the item's children 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.

From September we will be introducing a black t shirt with/without school logo for PE as requested by parents. Children may wear a white or a black t shirt with/without school logo

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

Year 6 Hoodies
You may have seen past Year 6 children wearing their black Hill Top hoodies. They have been a great success in previous years and so we have decided to offer the same arrangement for this year. They are an optional purchase.

As the residential trip for year 6 is so early in the new academic year, we will be ordering the hoodies this side of the summer holiday (a letter will come to you soon detailing cost etc). In the meantime, if you want to know which size to order, the school office have a selection of sample sizes for you to try on your child. Please be aware they are a sport fit and not a fashion fit so are a little tighter than a day-to-day sweatshirt.

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

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Headteacher

2025-2026 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!

Easter Break		
21 May	EYFS Art Gallery for parents	pm
22 May	**Everyone Belongs Day**	**Full day**
22 May	School closes for half term	3.25pm
May Half term		

1 June	School reopens for children	8.45am
1 June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
2 June	**Red Merit Treat**	**pm**
3 June	Sports Day	am
8 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
9 June	FOHT School Summer Disco	pm
10 June	**Science Fair in school – Years 5 and 6**	**pm**
10 June	Musical Evening	pm
12 June	Y6 Warning Zone trip	
15 June	**Pick n Mix**	**pm**
16 June	**Year 1 and 2 trip to Rosliston**	**Full day**
17 June	**Saffron Lane- NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children**	**Full day**
18 June	**Science Fair – Ashby School (by invitation)**	
19 June	**Year 5 and 6 Water Safety Morning – Ashby Leisure Centre**	**am**
22 June	Whole School Picnic	
23 June	**Residential trip meeting for parents of current Year 5 children**	**3.35 pm**
24 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	
25 June	End of Year Reports out to parents	
29 June	KS1-KS2 transition meeting	3.40pm
29 June	EYFS Classroom showcase	8.45am
30 June	EYFS-KS1 transition meeting	3.40pm
2 July	Move up day for whole school (Y6 to high school)	All day
2 July	Meet the Teacher evening	4-5pm
3 July	EYFS celebration	
6 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	am
7 July	School closes for Summer	3.25pm
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
24 August	School reopens for children	8.45am