

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter



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Summer Term 1 - 6th June 2025

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Just over 50 Year 6 children have spent the week away at Hooke Court in Dorset. It is a unique study and activity centre in safe, tranquil settings. Here is a little insight to the wonderful experiences and activities they have enjoyed.

Day 2

A soggy start to the day but we have all enjoyed our Bushcraft activities. From preparing fish and chicken, making vegetable soup and making sweet and savoury bread we've learnt a lot of new skills. After that, we tried out a variety of tools to try to make a spark to create a fire and then, once the food was cooked, we had the opportunity to taste it! Some of us liked it some of us didn't but it was still great fun! This afternoon, we'll have lunch and then move on to the woods for more Bushcraft activities and shelter building. Keeping our fingers crossed the weather improves!



Day 3

Another great day at Hooke Court with the long awaited Mud Run Trail. Both groups fully participated in the activity which was great to see. They did indeed get muddy and some more so than others! Our second activity was team challenges, which again all of the children enjoyed and fully engaged in. We've had such amazing compliments from the instructors about the children in regard to behaviour, co-operation, participation, communication and team work. We're very proud of them all.



team
work



Day 4

An extremely wet start to the day. Our first kayaking group were wetter from the weather than the lake but all had a go and made the best of it. We've had archery, low ropes, orienteering and indoor problems solving today. Our last session will start after dinner, which will be BBQ food but indoors! Out of our first 4 groups who've completed the kayaking only 1 child had an accidental dip in the lake which she loved! Everyone else has done a great job using the skills they've been taught to stay upright in their kayaks. Indoor problem solving was great fun - building towers, bridges and a nest for the Eggsycutioner drop! Not many eggs were saved but the children worked well in their teams to come up with their ideas. We also celebrated a birthday today. Happy birthday to **David!**



Sharing codes via WhatsApp

It has been brought to our attention that a gate code has been shared on a WhatsApp group.

Please do not share gate codes on WhatsApp groups, the codes are for KOOSA or club use only.

This is for safeguarding reasons – please contact KOOSA if you have a problem or have not been given the code.

Thank you for your support.

Have you changed your phone number or address?

If you have recently changed your phone number or address, please remember to update Arbor so that we hold the correct information.

Football Tournaments

Well done to James F who has been taking part in Football Tournaments!

“We went to the Manorcroft Tournament and we came first in the group. We won 2-0 in the quarters, then in the semi-final we won 1-0, in the final we drew 0-0, then we won on penalties, I scored mine, we won 5-3. We got a trophy!”

“We went to the Richmond and Kew Tournament and we came first again in the group. We won 2-0 in the quarter final, then in the semi-final we won 3-0, in the final we drew 0-0, then we won 5-3 on penalties. We got a medal!”





**Laila in Osprey Class
for demonstrating resilience
and 'having a go' at climbing the
rock wall and then being
excellent at it!**

**Eden in Red Kite Class
for demonstrating resilience
and challenging herself to climb
higher on the rock wall.**

**Sophie in Kestrel Class
for demonstrating excellent
confidence, speed and agility
on the rock climbing wall at
Walton Firs.**

**Kaiden in Swallow Class
for giving great contributions
to our discussions in lessons.**

**Aaliyah in Swift Class
for supporting her learning
partner by explaining the
calculation process with
patience, kindness and
clarity.**

**Dexter in Skylark Class
for always being kind and
helpful.**

At Ashford Park we are extremely proud of our weekly celebration assemblies. The House Captains read aloud the many wonderful and varied reasons before presenting them with their certificates.

Here are the Key Stage 1 (Y1 - Y2) achievements from this week.

**Avaya in Skylark Class
for acting with enthusiasm
during our rehearsals.**

**Lucia in Kingfisher Class
for settling well into class
and for being ready to learn
in every lesson.**

**Megan in Osprey Class
for being an excellent team
player and friend by
encouraging others to succeed
on the rock climbing wall.**

**Maxwell in Kingfisher Class
for challenging himself to
explain his reasoning in
maths.**

**Mia in Heron Class
for being a positive role by
consistently demonstrating
our school values 'Ready,
Respectful and Safe.'**

**Amber in Moorhen Class
for outstanding effort in
geography, where we were
learning about the human
and physical geography of
Sicily. Well done!**

Nathaniel in Woodpecker Class for working incredibly hard in English using the correct progressive form of tense.

Buntie in Owl Class for always applying 100% effort in her learning, even when finding it a little bit tricky.

Hannah-Louise in Owl Class for working hard on her independence.

Amira in Robin Class for persevering with learning your times tables. You are much more confident now and are improving all the time. Well done!

**YOU
DID
IT!**

*Great
work!*

Reporting absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please either leave a message on the school answerphone (option 1) or email attendance@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk.

Please state the reason for the absence, e.g. sore throat, please do not say 'unwell.' This enables us to keep correct records.

Thank you for your support.

PTA Summer Discos

The PTA are running Summer Discos for the children in Reception to Year 5 on the 9th & 10th June.

The cost will be £2 per child, payable on Arbor - **please action this to secure your child's place.**

This will include sweets and unlimited squash.

Full information was sent out via email on 25th April and 3rd June 2025.

Open Farm Sunday

Visit a farm on Open Farm Sunday, 8th June 2025 and find out about the story behind our food and how farming affects our everyday lives. Each Open Farm Sunday event is unique. Activities range from machinery displays, tractor and trailer rides, through to demonstrations, nature walks and much more!

Please click on the link below for more information. Enter your location into the search box to find a local farm to visit. Scroll down to see the events and click on 'Full Details' for the event and farm descriptions.

[Visit A Farm - Open Farm Sunday](#) - this sunday 8th June 2025

Class Winners

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

94.6%

**KS1 Squirrel Class
96.1%**

**KS2 Kestrel Class
97.3%**

June

INSET Days 2025/26
3rd September 2025
24th October 2025
13th February 2026
22nd May 2026
22nd July 2026

w/b 2nd & 9th Year 5 Swimming lessons (10 lessons)
2nd -16th – Identified Year 6 Swimming lessons (5 lessons)
2nd -16th – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks
w/b 9th – Phonics Screening Week
9th – PTA Summer Discos
2.00-3.00pm Reception, 3.30-4.30pm Year 1, 4.45-5.45pm Year 3, 6.00-7.00pm Year 5
10th – PTA Summer Discos
2.00-3.00pm Acorn, 3.30-4.30 Year 2, 4.45-5.45 Year 4
11th – Reception trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre
11th– Skylark Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.
12th– Owl Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.
w/b 16th Year 4 Swimming lessons (5 lessons)
18th– Swallow Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.
19th– Swift Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

Sports Days

Entrance to all Sports Days will be via the Queens Walk / back gate at 1.15pm.

23rd Reception Classes

24th Years 1 & 2

25th Years 3 & 4

26th Years 5 & 6

30th – Information Evening for Parents who are new to Reception Sept 2025 at 6.00pm

July

1st & 2nd – Year 6 Induction Days

Stay and Play for new Reception classes:

1st – Group 1 (surnames A-Kow)

2nd – Group 2 (surnames Kuc-Rat)

3rd – Group 3 (surnames Rau-z)

2nd – Acorn Celebration morning, parents are invited to share their children's learning

2nd– Year 3 History off the Page Roman workshop

99% of our school community are now signed up to Arbor - thank you.

If you haven't already accessed Arbor this year, please sign up ASAP:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

