

Welcome back to Ashford Park!

We were thrilled to welcome both new and returning families back to Ashford Park. It's been wonderful to see the children in Years 1 to 6 settling back into school life so confidently.

Meanwhile, our Reception Team have been busy creating a nurturing and exciting start for our youngest learners, who started their Ashford Park journey with us last week.



As always, our dedicated and knowledgeable staff are here to support you and your child throughout the year. We're committed to making this school year a happy, successful, and enriching experience for every child at Ashford Park Primary School (APPS). Our initial focus this term is Positive Relationships, being Ready, Respectful and Safe and creating a real sense of belonging.

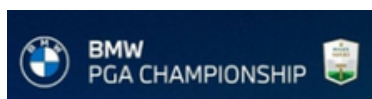


A huge thank you to [@teampobble](#) for inviting four Y6 pupils along to Wentworth for their Literacy through Sport event



We were fortunate to be invited along to the PGA Championship last week. Rhys, Harrison, Zoe and Georgie joined five other schools for an exclusive Behind the Scenes Tour, followed by a creative classroom session lead by [@simon_pobble](#) held in the DP World Board Room.

Our Ashford Park writers were a credit to the school and their families. As a Pobble school we celebrate fantastic writing weekly in our assemblies, where children are recognised for their efforts and have their work published on Pobble.



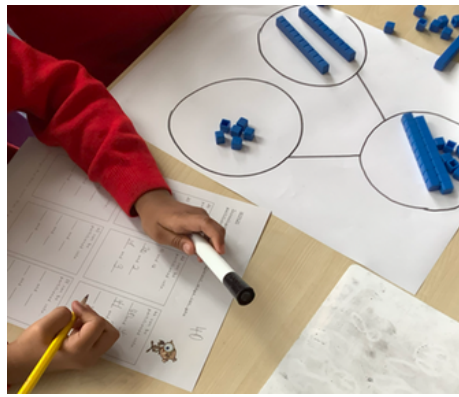
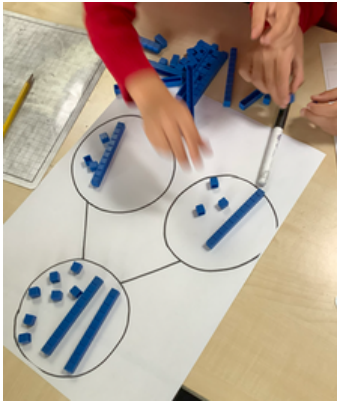
Congratulations to Tilly in Y6 who shared her amazing descriptive writing in assembly this morning.

Excellent

Progress in writing is a whole school priority this year and we look forward to celebrating more children's writing throughout the year.

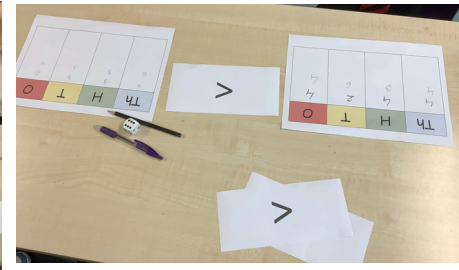
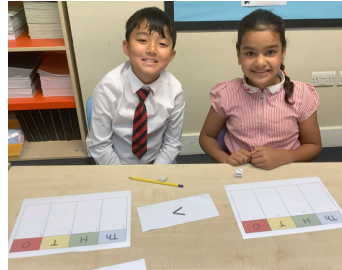
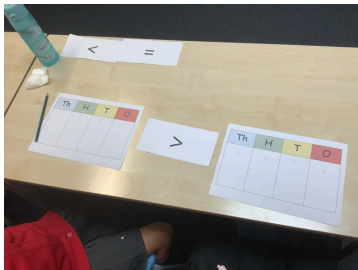
Year 2 Maths Investigation

Year 2 completed a maths investigation to flexibly partition numbers. They were tasked to find different combinations in pairs.



Year 4 Maths Investigation

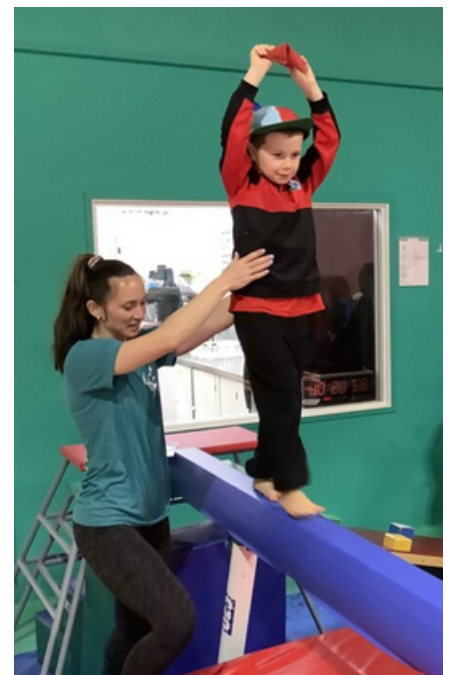
Year 4 - Heron Class completed their Maths Investigation. They had the task of rolling the dice to create a 4-digit number, which was then written on their place value chart. Once both partners had their 4-digit number, they were using less than, more than and equals to symbols to explain how they know this (e.g. I have 5 thousands in the thousand column and you have only 3 thousand etc). Children were able to articulate their reasoning and comparisons with one another.



Butterfly Class Gymnastics Club

This week, group 1 from Butterfly Class had their first of 5 gymnastic lessons at Silvermere Gymnastics club. The sessions have been specifically designed and adapted, to meet the children's occupation therapy targets.

Those that attended had lots of fun and worked through a rotation of equipment, including a trampoline track and balance bar. Ray described it as 'The perfect day!' Mrs Draper noticed that the minibus was a lot quieter on the way back as everyone was worn out from such a fantastic lesson. Group 2 will be attending after the October half term.





**Evie in Swallow Class
for working collaboratively
and for participation in
lesson discussions.**

**Hamza in Heron Class
for being a friendly superstar
by warmly welcoming a new
peer into our class. Thank
you.**

**Amelia in Swift Class
for her contributions in
lessons during class
discussions.**

**Abeer in Swallow Class
for excellent listening and
participation in class.**

**Madhu in Swift Class
for demonstrating our value
of belonging when working as
part of a group.**

**Noah in Kingfisher Class
for always being ready to
learn and respecting others.**

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 2 (Y3 - Y6) achievements from this week.

**Prisha in Heron Class
for showing great readiness
within your learning. Your
positive attitude makes you
an inspiration to your
peers.**

**Robyn R in Osprey Class
for being a kind friend to
others.**

**Andriani in Kestrel Class
for thinking creatively when
supporting a learning partner -
you demonstrate great
teamwork when learning
together!**

**Freddie in Bumblebee Class
for demonstrating our values of
perseverance and resilience
this week.**

**Suhur in Skylark Class
for consistently challenging
herself in all lessons this week.**

**Andrina in Kingfisher Class
for always being ready to
learn and respectful of
others.**



Fortnightly newsletters

Going forward, newsletters will be sent out fortnightly (bi-weekly). This will enable us to focusing on managing resources, improve content quality, and prevent audience fatigue.

We hope you enjoy our future newsletters.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a UK-based charity that provides comprehensive support for people with cancer, their families, and their carers. It offers various services, including emotional, physical, and financial advice, information and support lines, grants, and access to trained professionals like Macmillan nurses.

This year, we are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to have a priority look around our brand new Acorn Centre which once open, will benefit all pupils at APPS.

After you have dropped your child/ren to school, please pop along to the new Acorn Centre via the KS2 playground to enjoy a hot drink, a sweet treat and a VIP tour of the new building before its official opening.

To make the morning a success, we ask that families donate cakes (nut and sesame free please) on the Thursday morning so that we can set up for the Friday morning.

We will be asking for donations to McMillan so that this incredible charity can continue to support cancer patients and their families during extremely difficult times. If you are unable to attend our Coffee Morning, but would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, the link is available on Arbor.

At the end of the school day, we will host a cake sale from the outdoor area of the new Acorn Centre to further raise funds for McMillan. Please note, there will be no access to the building at this time.

We look forward to seeing you, having a chat, sharing a cake and raising money for the fantastic McMillan Cancer Support Charity.

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
95.5%**

Class Winners

KS1 Dormouse Class
99.1%
KS2 Woodpecker &
Osprey Class 99.1%

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 2nd October we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

Your child is entitled to a free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

The menu for the whole school on this day will be:

YORKSHIRE PUDDING FILLED WITH CHICKEN & VEGETABLE MEATBALLS

OR

YORKSHIRE PUDDING FILLED WITH VEGETABLE MEATBALLS

SERVED WITH ROASTED POTATOES AND SUPER HEALTHY FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES

FOLLOWED BY

HARVEST APPLE OAT CRUMBLE WITH VANILLA CUSTARD

Harvest Festival Assembly

As we're nearing the Harvest Festival, we would kindly appreciate donations which will be given to the food bank:

Biscuits

Pasta sauce

Squash

Sugar (small bags are preferable)

Tinned Corned Beef/ Ham

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Macaroni Cheese/ Vegetarian meals

Tinned Spaghetti

UHT Milk cartons



We would appreciate all donations by **Wednesday 1st October** in preparation for our Harvest Festival assembly.

The children will take their donations to their classrooms with them and they will then be brought over to the hall.



A message from KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating our October Half Term Holiday Club at Ashford Park Primary School from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October.

Our exciting, action-packed Spooky Skele-Bration activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of games, art & crafts, science, drama, sports and our famous Go Karts. We will also be holding a Spooky Party on Friday 31st October with party games, music, dancing and lots of fun! Children can join our staff in dressing up in their spookiest outfits and take part in our fancy dress parade. Dressing up is always optional.

Prices start from just £30.00 per child, per session (Standard day 10.00am to 4.00pm; longer days available) an 8% discount on a full week booking and your third child goes FREE (siblings only)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884.

See our attached Autumn/Winter brochure for full details, dates, venue's and what is coming up at Christmas and February Holiday clubs. Bookings are open.



Have you changed address or phone number?

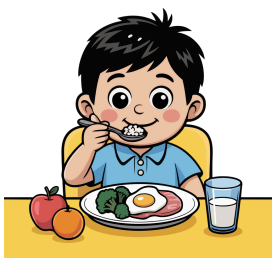
If you have changed your address or phone number over the summer holidays, please remember to update Arbor.

This ensures that we have the correct information on our system and enables us to contact you in an emergency.



Ordering school meals

Please remember that it is important to order your child's meal on Arbor correctly.



The kitchen are having numerous requests for children who can not eat pork, but parents have ordered either pork sausages or ham wrap online.

Please help our kitchen to run smoothly by ordering the correct meal. Thank you for your support.

OTHER KEY DATES!

INSET Days 2025/26

24th October 2025

13th February 2026

22nd May 2026

22nd July 2026

September

24th – PTA Wicked the Musical trip

25th – EYFS and Y1 Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents 9.00-9.45am in the hall, 5.30 pm – 6.15 pm online (link to follow)

25th – Cake donations appreciated for McMillan Coffee Morning

26th – McMillan Coffee Morning in the hall, for whole school

30th – Year 3 Circus Sensible Workshop in school

October

1st – Year 6 Hooke Court trip meeting in the hall at 5.00pm

2nd & 3rd Whole school Nasal Flu vaccinations / Height & Weight Checks for Reception and Yr 6

7th - Year 2 trip to London Aquarium

7th – Year 6 STEAM Event at Thorpe Park

7th – Information session for parents: Year 4 High Ashurst 3 day residential at 3.30pm in the hall and 5.15pm online (link to follow)

9th – New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am

17th - Y1 and Y2 Sharing our Learning at 2.45pm -parents enter via Queen's Walk into classrooms

21st & 22nd – Parent Consultations in classrooms

24th – INSET Day

23rd – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm

27th – 31st Half term

98% 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/>

