



Every year, thanks to the kindness of our supporters, over 68,000 Christmas gifts are lovingly shared by The Salvation Army across the UK and Ireland, each one a message of hope for someone experiencing hardship, homelessness or tough times.

Mrs Miller, Miss Rahman, Mr Austin and a group of Year 5 children went to The Salvation Army to help with their toy sorting charity initiative.

We spoke to the children about others who aren't always fortunate enough to receive presents during Christmas.

We all received a unique slip for each child stating their age and what would be suitable for them and placed in a bag.

It was an extremely eye-opening opportunity for the children to truly understand the importance of charity and giving.

We support the Salvation Army in their belief that every child deserves a new gift at Christmas.

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

Thank you to the Ashford Park community for your generosity and support with this appeal.

Your donations on mufti day make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.



Please note: Breakfast will open at 7.30am instead of 7.45am from Monday January 5th 2026.



This is to help our parents and carers who will benefit from a slightly earlier drop off every day.

To book click on this link:

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/surrey/ashford/ashford-park-primary-school-ashford/breakfast-club>

Ashford Park Choir Spreads Festive Cheer



'tis the season

TO BE JOLLY

We are delighted to celebrate the incredible achievements of the Ashford Park Choir, led by Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Cutts, and Mrs Kent.

The choir has grown to over 70 enthusiastic children who dedicate their Friday afternoons to rehearsals, showcasing their commitment and love for music.

This festive season, the choir delivered a spectacular performance for their families and proudly represented our school at St Hilda's Church, the Salvation Army, and during visits to two local care homes.

Their beautiful singing brought joy to many and highlighted the spirit of community and kindness that Ashford Park values.

A huge thank you to our talented pupils and the dedicated staff who make these wonderful experiences possible. We are so proud of you all!





Butterfly Class have been completing lots of Christmas arts and crafts.

The children have enjoyed making a Christmas card for their families but their favourite activity by far been 'Melted Snowman biscuits' because once they'd set in fridge overnight they were allowed to eat them as a special Christmas snack.

The children used visuals and ALD boards to request resources from adults and a great time has been had by all!

Year 3 classes took part in a fun and exciting Christmas-themed PE lesson.



Pupils enjoyed a variety of festive games that focused on teamwork and problem-solving skills.

One of the highlights was the Igloo Relay, where children worked together to use hula hoops to build an igloo and carefully transport it from one location to another without it falling over. This activity encouraged communication, cooperation and creative thinking.

Another popular game was: 'Do You Want to Build a Snowman?' which involved a running relay while teams worked together to build a snowman using different pieces of sports equipment.

Pupils also took part in a Christmas tree decorating challenge, once again focusing on teamwork and problem-solving as they decided which PE equipment would balance best in each position.

The lesson was filled with energy, laughter and festive spirit, and it was great to see the pupils working well together while staying active and engaged.





Alex from Just Play Music School created a huge buzz and excitement amongst the KS2 children as he spoke to them about the Jamming Together club which will begin in January.

Some children got a chance to play in a band which they loved.

If you are in Year 5 and 6 you can take part in a free workshop after school on Wednesday 7th January.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



Ashford Park Primary School
Parent Teacher Association
Registered Charity No. 1162578

Date:
19/12/2025

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dear Parents, Guardians & Teachers

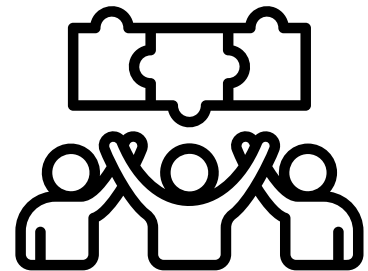
We would like to give notice of Ashford Park PTA AGM, to be held on Monday the 26th of January 2026. The evening will start at 18.00 and will take place in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, guardians & teachers as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

At the AGM we will be electing our Chair, Treasurer & Secretary. We are looking for new volunteers to come forward for these roles, attached are a brief overview of each role. If you're interested and would like to put your name forward, please do so in writing to the PTA email address below. Or if you have any questions about the roles, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday the 26th January. If you have any questions, please get in contact with the PTA on appspta@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,
Laura Maunder



**chair,
secretary &
treasurer
needed.**

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINKS TO
SEE HOW YOU COULD HELP:

[The Chair.JPG](#)

[The Secretary.JPG](#)

[The Treasurer.JPG](#)



Reading Ambassador Crafts



Our Ashford Park Reading Ambassadors presented in assemblies this term. They take on a key role in the school, sharing and encouraging a lifelong passion for reading.

They wanted to organise some fun crafting activities at the end of term, which attracted children to join them at lunchtimes in the old Acorn Centre. Great fun was had by all!



Year 6 - History **WW2**

In Key Stage 2 (KS2) history, using primary and secondary sources is vital for moving pupils beyond simple rote memorisation toward becoming "historical detectives." These sources, ranging from letters and diaries to physical artefacts and photographs, are essential for developing several core skills.

Tilly and Olivia shared photographs of both their Great-Granddads. Their Great-Granddad's WWII Pay Book was of particular interest; by analysing the entries, they calculated that he was paid a total of £1,000 in today's money over a three-year period.

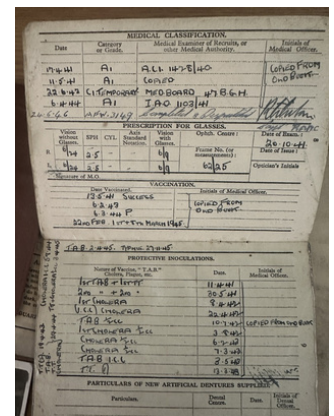
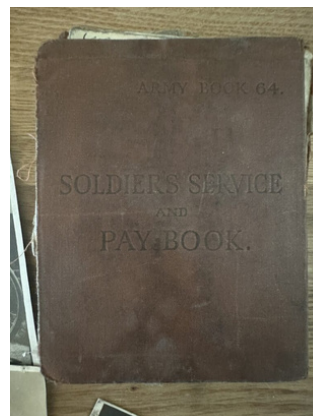


This term, pupils explored the key events, figures, and home front experiences of World War II, which began 21 years after the end of WWI (1914-1918).

Key learning included Winston Churchill's leadership during the Battle of Britain and the resilience shown during the Blitz. Pupils also investigated life on the Home Front, focusing on the experiences of evacuees, the necessity of rationing and Anderson shelters, and the use of propaganda.

Instructions to Soldier.

1. You are held personally responsible for the safe custody of this book.
2. You will always carry this book on your person.
3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by the Civil Police or by a competent military authority, viz., Officer, Warrant Officer, N.C.O. or Military Policeman.



Jan 2026	
Monday 5th	Children return to school
Tuesday 6th	Year 1 Toy workshop in school
Thursday 8th	New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 -10.30am
Tuesday 13th	Year 3 Egyptian workshop in school
Thursday 15th	Moorhen Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Friday 16th	Theatre company to perform to EYFS children
Thursday 22nd	Heron Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Thursday 29th	Kingfisher Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Feb 2026	
Wednesday 4th	Year 1 Trip to London Zoo Year 4 High Ashurst Information Session 3.30pm in the hall
Thursday 5th	Fox Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Friday 6th	Years 3 – 6 Share our Learning. Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2.45pm
Tues 10th & Wed 11th	Parent Consultations in classrooms
Thursday 12th	Non-uniform day for Children’s Mental Health Week, no donations required Year 2 trip to Wisley Gardens Last day of half term for children, normal finish time 3.15pm
Friday 13th	INSET Day
HALF TERM - Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	
23rd	Children return to school World Thinking Day, uniformed groups are invited to wear their uniforms

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/>

