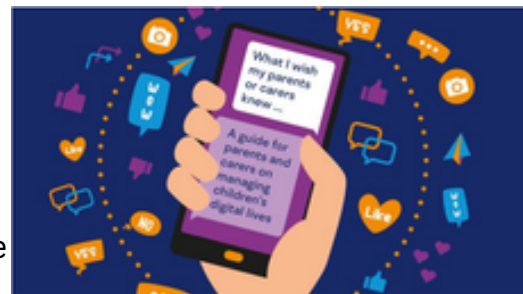


## Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society.

For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

This guide was written by the Children's Commissioner with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views.



'What I wish my parents or carers knew...: A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives'

**CLICK HERE**

## Last Monday the Year 1 children had a visit from the Chertsey Museum Toy workshop.



The children had great fun learning about toys from the past and comparing them to toys today. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore how different toys worked and how they have changed over time.

 **Visit Website**



**FREE ENTRY**





## **Please note:**

**Breakfast Club now opens at 7.30am instead of 7.45am .**

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>

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am**  
**Ashford Park Primary School -**  
**in the school hall, please enter via the**  
**Gruffalo gate**

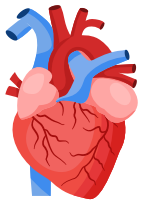


Come and join us for a tea/coffee, a biscuit and the opportunity to meet the Inclusion team and chat with other SEN parents. Plus... Our Occupational Therapy team will be here to talk about the OT role, what they deliver in school and will also be available for any questions.

Let us know you can make it by using the link below:



[SEND Coffee Morning](#)



# Year 6 SCIENCE

In Science, we have been learning about the heart and how it works.

We made a replica heart last week using: a jam jar, a balloon, straws and red food colouring. The following parts were represented: the heart wall, arteries, blood and the valves.

This week we designed a Pulsilogium to measure our pulse rates. We had to swing the pendulum at the same rate as our pulse and record our results. We then compared different children's pulse rates when working in a small group.



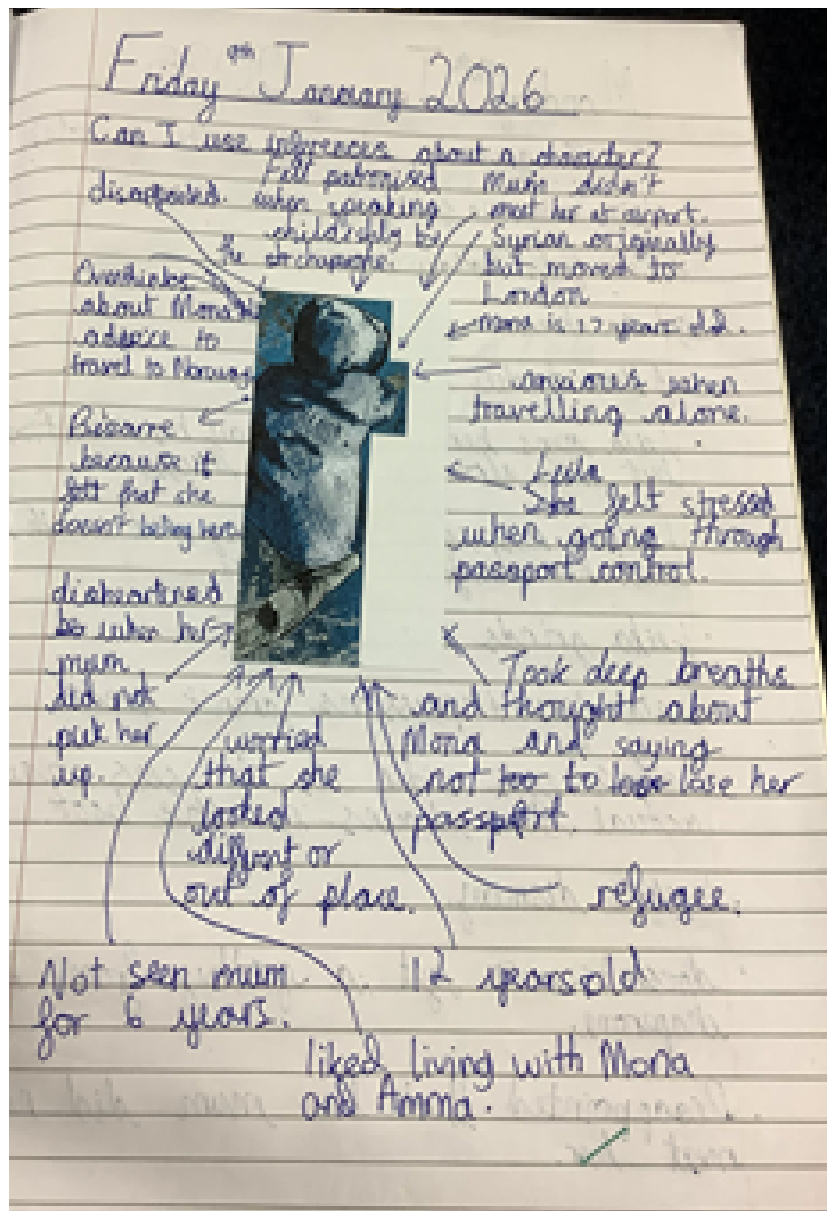
## YEAR 6 - ENGLISH

### Literacy Tree Leila and the Blue Fox



We have been enjoying our new Y6 text. As we have been reading together, we have looked for evidence in the text that helps us to infer information about a character.

Anish amazed us with this piece of learning.



# our assembly

## FOCUS THIS WEEK

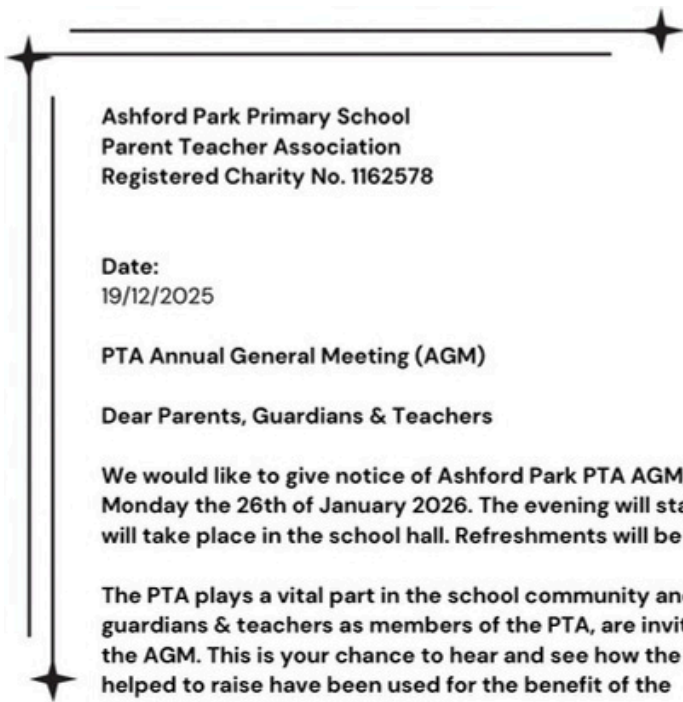
An inspiring global mission, the 1 Billion Acts of Kindness campaign, is sweeping across social media in 2026.



In our KS2 assembly we discussed the launch by the world's most popular YouTuber, MrBeast, in partnership with the Varkey Foundation. The project challenges creators and young people alike to swap "likes" for "lives changed."

The campaign recently announced that 20 creators will travel to Ghana this year to rebuild a village and provide clean water and education. With over 170,000 community actions already logged globally, the movement aims to show that social media can be a powerful tool for good.

**Ashford Park pupils can get involved by performing small acts of kindness** at home and within our local community – from helping a neighbour to supporting environmental projects – and sharing their stories to inspire others. **For more information on how to participate, visit the 1 Billion Followers Summit website.**



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

Date:  
19/12/2025

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dear Parents, Guardians & Teachers

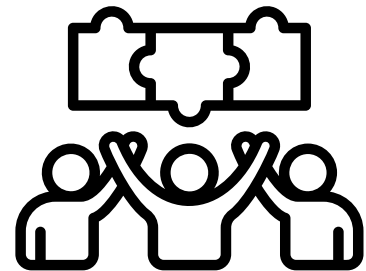
We would like to give notice of Ashford Park PTA AGM, to be held on Monday the 26th of January 2026. The evening will start at 18.00 and will take place in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided.

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](mailto:appspta@gmail.com).

Kind Regards,  
Laura Maunders



# chair, secretary & treasurer needed.

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

[The Chair.JPG](#)

[The Secretary.JPG](#)

[The Treasurer.JPG](#)



# Virtual assemblies this week...

On Wednesday, pupils in KS1 and KS2 attended age-appropriate, virtual assemblies created by the NSPCC, as part of their Speak out Stay safe safeguarding programme.

The programme aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. It helps children understand how to keep themselves safe by telling a safe adult if they are worried about something that has happened or is happening to them.

## **Abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe.**

Teachers will be leading follow-up lessons to further support the children in class.

At Ashford Park, keeping your children safe is paramount. All staff receive regular safeguarding training plus we have ten colleagues across the school trained as deputy designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) to make sure that procedures are adhered to and that colleagues are supported in the endeavour to keep our pupils safe from harm.

If you have a concern about a child you can request to speak to a DSL or you can call Children's Services Single Point of Access (C-SPA) on 0300 470 9100.

**All children have the right to:**

- ✓ speak out and have their views taken seriously
- ✓ be kept safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.

Speak out

Be kept safe

Get help when they need it

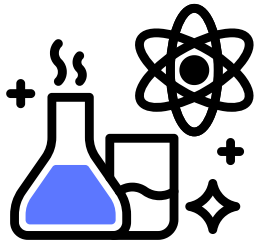
**Getting in touch with Childline.**

- ✓ It's free to call.
- ✓ Open all day, every day, meaning that help's always available.
- ✓ The call won't show up on any bill.



Mrs Allen leads the APPS Smart Schools Council, empowering every pupil at Ashford Park to be heard, to speak up and to use the power of their voice to make good changes!

Please click on the green image to read this week's Smart School Council News.



## Year 4 Science

### CHANGING STATES



In Science, Year 4 are learning about 'Changing States' and have been focusing on solids, liquids and gases.

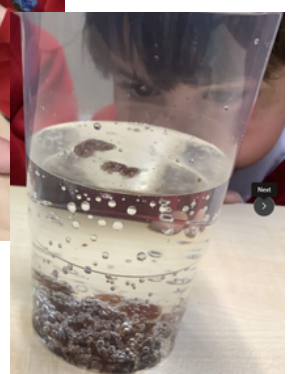
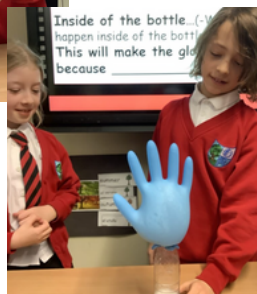
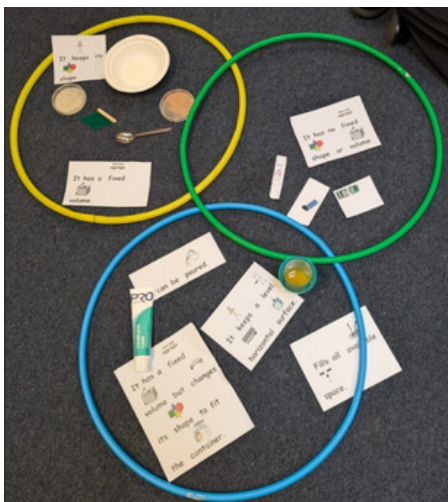
In our first lesson, we sorted and classified different materials and learnt about the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

In our second lesson, we had great fun experimenting with mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. First, we had to predict what we thought would happen to the glove when they mixed. We both predicted that bubbles would form in the bottle and would start fizzing. Then, thought the glove would inflate. We were correct!

*'This happened because, when the vinegar and bicarbonate of soda mixed, it created a gas which made the glove inflate.'* - shared Erin C and Laila .

*'We also investigated what happens when raisins are put in lemonade. The raisins sank to the bottom first because they are heavier than the lemonade. Bubbles started to form and one by one the raisins floated up and down.'* - shared Preston.

They can't wait to learn more about our topic!



# RECEPTION CHILDREN MAKE SMOOTHIES FOR LITTLE RED

Reception children enjoyed a fun and healthy activity making and tasting blueberry smoothies as part of their work around the book Little Red, by Lynn and David Roberts.

The children thought of a healthy alternative for Little Red to take to his grandmother rather than sugary, ginger beer!

The children decided to make a fruit smoothie using blueberries, banana, apple juice and a small squeeze of honey, they named it a 'Blueberry Blast'!



The children loved helping to prepare the ingredients and were excited to taste the finished smoothie. Most children were keen to give it a try and said they would like to make it again at home.



## Curriculum enrichment



Curriculum enrichment clubs play a vital role in broadening our pupils' horizons, and we are thrilled to introduce our **new Henna Club this term with Miss Rahman**. This exciting addition offers children a hands-on opportunity to explore traditional artistry while fostering a deeper cultural understanding of global heritage.

This week in Henna club, everyone had to complete a leafy design on a hand template using a cone filled with acrylic paint.

Avaya and Cara had to carefully follow whilst it was modelled for them under a visualiser and master the use of a cone which was quite challenging but exciting.



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**INSET Days 2026**  
**13th February 2026**  
**22nd May 2026**  
**22nd July 2026**

Jan 2026	
Thursday 22nd	Heron Class assembly in hall at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Monday 26th	SEND Coffee Morning at 9:15am in school hall via Gruffalo gate
Thursday 29th	Kingfisher Class assembly in hall 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 in hall at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm Swift Class Trip to London Museum of Water & Steam
Friday 6th	Years 3 – 6 Share our Learning. Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2:45pm Skylark & Swallow trip to London Museum of Water & Steam
Mon 9th & Tues 10th	Kestrel Class Parent Consultations
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	
Monday 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/>

