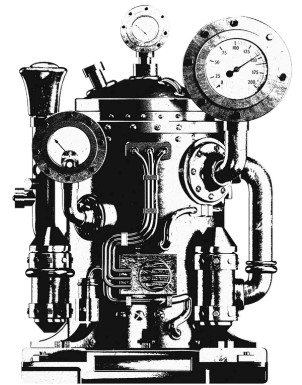


Year 5 had an enjoyable and memorable trip to the London Museum of Water & Steam as part of our Victorian Industrial Revolution topic.

The children took part in a hands-on Victorian washday, where they compared old washing methods to the modern machines we use today and discovered just how long laundry used to take!

Guided expertly by Judy, they explored the museum's impressive steam engines and gained a deeper understanding of how these powerful machines transformed Victorian life. The waterworks interactive zone was a highlight, with pupils pumping water through different systems, investigating how much water everyday tasks use - such as drinking or making orange juice - and learning how homes and bathrooms have changed over time.

The exciting adventure even included meeting the museum's resident rat in the tunnel! It was a fantastic day full of learning, teamwork, and fun.





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Ashford Park Girls won 11-0
Hat tricks from Nancy and Aoife ,
2 goals each for Nadia and Lamiah
1 goal for Pearl

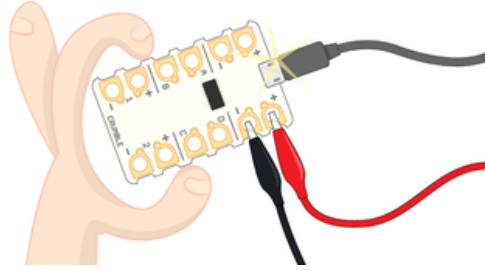


Smart Schools Council

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!

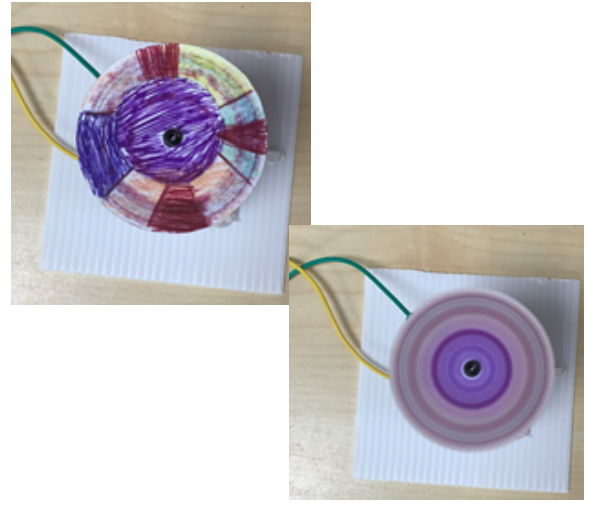
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Y5 Crumble Kit Fun

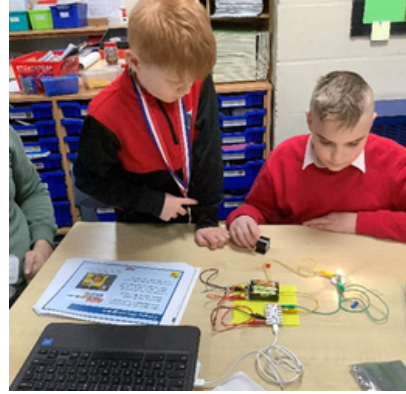


Year 5 have had a fantastic time exploring circuits and simple programming using our Crumble kits.

Working confidently in groups, they have built their own circuits, programmed different lights to turn on and off, and even created colourful moving spinners. These hands-on activities helped them see how real-life systems can be controlled using coding. The Crumble kits were easy to use and let everyone be creative while learning new skills.



Year 5 showed excellent teamwork, improved their understanding of electrical circuits, and grew in confidence with programming. Well done!



SURREY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY



On Saturday 17th January 15 selected year 5 and 6 pupils joined 650 children from schools all around Surrey for the annual Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships at Reigate Priory Park. The event attracts athletes of all abilities from running clubs and sports groups, through to elite future Olympians.

The course combined hills, mud and gravel providing a challenging race. The top ten athletes qualify for Surrey Schools Elite Training Squad and selection to National Cross Country events representing Surrey. Each pupil performed brilliantly and represented APPS with pride. Well done to all who ran - they were inspiring!

Y5 Girls 1.6k 69 athletes in heat - winner 07:07

11th 07:41 Ruby D - Qualified for Surrey Schools Elite Training Squad

Ella K 09:43

Zoe O 10:43

Sara G 10:45

Amreet M 10:49

Y6 Girls 2k 62 Athletes in heat - winner 08:42

2nd 8:47 Georgia H - Qualified for 2nd year with Surrey Schools Elite Squad

Aaliyah-Mae 09:53

Cara K 11:15

Y5 Boys 85 Athletes in heat - winner 06:42

Jack G 07:29

Hayden N 08:22

Cameron P 08:33

Kenzie C 08:41

Joshua S 11:08

Y6 Boys 77 athletes in heat - winner 08:01

Henley C 09:51



Cross Country Achievements

On Saturday 7th February Ruby D and Georgia H competed against some of the top U11 XC runners from across London in the UK Athletics Cross Country Challenge at Parliament Hill, London. They ran in the Girls U11 2k race. The course involved complex hills, rain, wind, and lots of mud! It was a very competitive race with no time to stop and admire the amazing views from the top. The standard was high and very fast. The event was also streamed live on YouTube. Both girls ran brilliantly, Georgia finishing 8th and Ruby 23rd.

Congratulations Amreet!

Amreet recently participated in the Acrobatic and Tumble Invitational Competition 2026 in Hastings and secured a BRONZE medal in tumbling! This was Amreet's second regional competition via Spelthorne Gymnastics. She is in a squad position in gymnastics and trains 3 days a week (2 hours/day). Well done Amreet!





Having won the borough tournament in the autumn term, our Y6 boys football team represented APPS at the regional final this week.

They were fortunate enough to play at Brentford's training ground and conducted themselves in the APPS way - demonstrating our school values and rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. The boys did themselves proud by coming third out of 17 schools! We are incredibly proud of them all.

GOALS

Game 1: v Crane Park we won 6-1

Game 2: v Strand on the Green 0-0

Game 3: v Heathfield lost 1-0

Game 4: v John Locke School won 1-0

Semi final. - v Glebe lost 2-1

Rhys was top goal scorer with 4 goals

THIS IS MY PLACE

This week's class assemblies were about Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'This is My Place' which is based around belonging – which is one of our school values - and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

CLICK HERE!

We are proud to offer Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) sessions at our school. This programme, developed by educational psychologists, helps pupils understand and manage their emotions to better navigate school life.

What are the benefits?

Emotional Regulation: Children learn to identify "big feelings" and develop personal coping strategies for anxiety or anger.

Boosted Confidence: Tailored 1-to-1 or small group sessions build self-esteem and resilience.

Social Skills: Pupils develop better communication, empathy, and conflict-resolution skills with peers.

Ready to Learn: By addressing emotional barriers, children often feel more settled and focused in the classroom.



Starting our day strong with some ELSA activities in The Cove - Darcie and Ciara



		Red		Blue		Green		Yellow		Purple		Orange		Pink		Sky Blue		White	
		Hawkdale		Laleham		Buckland		Ashford CofE		St Michael		St Ignatius		Ashford Park		Stanwell Fields		Our Lady of the Rosary	
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	1 + 1 Lap Relay	10	12	24	24	20	22	12	10	16	14	14	20	18	16	8	8	22	18
	2 + 2 Lap Relay	18	18	16	24	24	20	10	12	12	16	14	8	20	14	8	10	22	22
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	Over & Under Relay	14	24	22	22	24	20	12	12	20	18	10	10	16	14	8	8	18	16
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	Speed Bounce	22	24	24	24	18	12	8	8	12	14	14	16	20	20	10	12	16	18
	Standing Long Jump	16	16	24	24	18	22	12	10	14	18	10	14	22	12	8	8	20	20
	Standing Triple Jump	8	20	22	24	10	22	16	10	18	8	20	14	24	12	14	18	12	16
	Vertical Jump	12	18	22	24	20	20	16	16	16	22	18	12	10	14	8	10	24	8
	Soft Javelin	16	20	24	24	8	14	16	20	18	10	20	12	22	20	12	8	10	22
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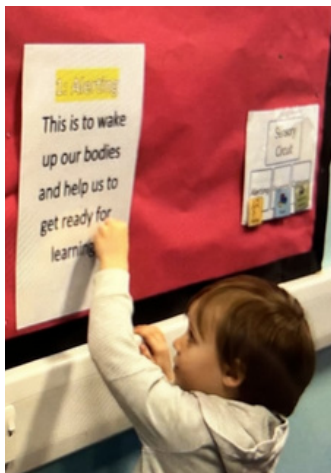
Ashford Park achieve Impressive Results



Sensory Circuits

AT ASHFORD PARK

EYFS children using the Sensory Circuit, Kenny-John, James and Brody



Sensory Circuit Process

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ALERTING
Wake up!
Channel excess energy
Can be repetitive
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ORGANISING
Problem solving
Involves more muscle groups and parts of the body working together
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CALMING
Ending in calming activity to transition back to learning.
Resistance activities, heavy work, deep pressure, breath work.

In Design and Technology, Year 1 children have been learning basic sewing skills. They have designed and made their own puppets, carefully stitching the fabric together and adding simple details. We are very proud of their hard work and creativity!



Year 1 VISIT



Year 1 had a wonderful time on their school trip to London Zoo last week. We enjoyed seeing all the animals, especially the lions, giraffes and penguins! We even got to see a baby gorilla climbing on its Mummy's back and playing! We were able to build on our learning from this half term and identify which of the animals were carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and say which animal group they belonged to.



Do you know what animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores?



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET Days 2026

22nd May 2026

22nd July 2026

FEBRUARY HALF TERM Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd

Children return to school
World Thinking Day, uniformed groups are invited to wear their uniforms

March 2026

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th

Year 4 High Ashurst residential trip

Thursday 5th

World Book Day - children can dress as their favourite book character, author or come in cosy clothes

Friday 6th

Rabbit Share Our Learning in class, Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2.45pm

Monday 9th - Friday 13th

Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 11th

Moorhen trip to Chertsey Museum

Thursday 12th

Heron trip to Chertsey Museum

Friday 13th

Dormouse Share Our Learning in class, Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2:45pm

Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Scholastic Book Fair after school

Friday 20th

Otter Share Our Learning in class, Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2.45pm

Wednesday 25th

Kingfisher trip to Chertsey Museum

Friday 27th

Non uniform day for school funds, £1 donation would be appreciated
Children break up at 2pm

Easter Holidays Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

98% of our school community are now signed up to Arbor - thank you.

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