



# Newsletter

***We are incredibly proud of our vibrant school community and the positive atmosphere that fills our classrooms and playground every day.***



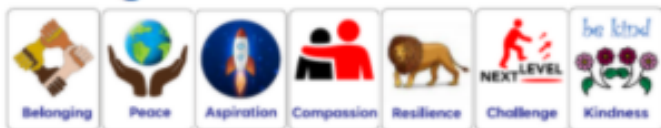
*Our core expectations of being **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**, creates a nurturing environment where everyone can thrive.*

*A particular highlight this term has been the instant success of OPAL Play, which has transformed our lunchtimes into deeply engaging and imaginative experiences for all.*



*At the heart of our school is the belief that a true sense of **belonging** is the foundation of success; by building **positive relationships**, we create a space where **peace, compassion, and kindness** can flourish.*

## Alongside our APPS values:



*It is a joy to come together for our celebration assemblies every Friday, where we recognise the children's efforts to embrace **challenge**, show **resilience**, and reach for their highest **aspirations**.*

to ensure everyone can

**Achieve Potential Producing Success**

*Every achievement—big or small—is a testament to these values and is proudly celebrated by us all.*



**THANK YOU!**



for supporting our OPAL journey with a generous donation of:

**litter pickers, rubbish bags and bin bag hoop holders**

**WEEK 2**



OPAL  
**OUTDOOR  
PLAY AND  
LEARNING**



**Following the huge success of the OPAL lunchtimes, we are excited to announce that Ashford Park Primary School has been successful in becoming one of the local community projects to vote for in Tesco's!**

*Collect tokens every time you spend and look out for:  
**Ashford Park Primary School. APPS Play Space Development.***

*We are hoping to win the vote so that we can further improve play space and playtimes for all the children at APPS.*



*Participating stores are:*

*Ashford Middlesex Extra TW19 7PZ  
Ashford Express TW15 2UT*



*To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.*

*Please encourage friends and family to vote for APPS!*

# CONTINUED SPORTING SUCCESS @ APPS



Girls Football  
Semi-final Cup Win, against Laleham



Boys Football  
A tough match, against Echleford



Football Tournament @ Egham

Girls Competition  
APPS worthy Winners

Boys Competition  
APPS a strong 2<sup>nd</sup>



Nancy's impressive football skills and love for the game has earned her the Players' Player Award and an Individual Tournament Trophy for being such great player. Congratulations Nancy!





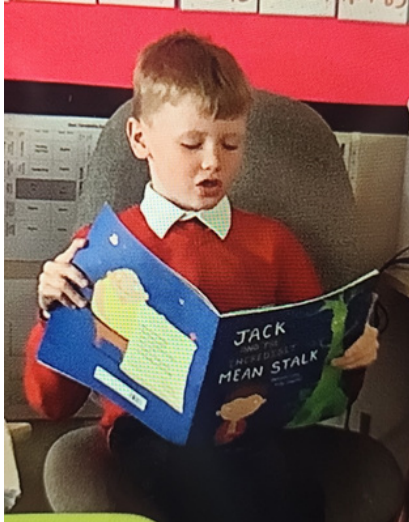
# Year 3 - Reading

*In Owl Class, Year 3 have been exploring reading through The Pied Piper of Hamelin alongside a range of traditional tales.*

*We enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences between these stories, noticing common themes such as good versus evil, consequences, and magical elements, as well as how characters and settings can vary.*

*A special highlight was when Ted, our reading ambassador, brought in his book from home, Jack and the Incredibly Mean Stalk, a humorous twist on the classic Jack and the Beanstalk. Ted read aloud to the class with great expression, bringing the story to life and making everyone laugh.*

*We also loved sharing our own favourite traditional tales and myths, which sparked lots of enthusiasm and thoughtful discussion. Well done, Ted! Reading is fun, and Owl Class continues to show a real passion for stories.*



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*Literacy Tree Flagship Status is a prestigious recognition awarded to primary schools that demonstrate innovative and outstanding use of the Literacy Tree book-based approach across their entire curriculum.*



*Everyone at Ashford Park is extremely proud of our Flagship School Status. We have had two visits from other primary schools recently and they were really impressed by the high standards and expectations across the school.*

**STRONG  
PRACTICE**

**LIVE  
MODELLING**

**LEARNING  
WALLS**

**COLOUR CODED  
GRAMMAR SPLATS**

**CLEAR  
CONNECTIONS**

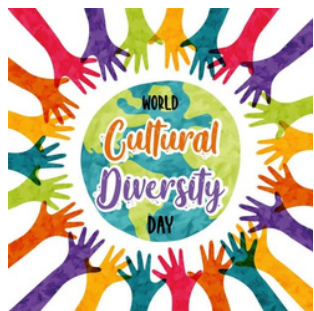
**= SUCCESS**

# Cultural Diversity Day – Monday 18th May 2026

We are delighted to announce that Monday 18th May will be celebrated as Cultural Diversity Day at Ashford Park Primary School.

To help us mark this special occasion, we warmly encourage all children to come to school dressed in traditional, religious, or cultural attire that represents their heritage, nationality, or faith. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share and celebrate the rich diversity within our school community.

We would also like to invite parents and carers into school at 2:45pm to join their child's class and celebrate their Religious Education (RE) learning.



Dear Parents and Carers,

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS RAHMAN

To help make our upcoming Multicultural Diversity Day on Monday 18 May truly meaningful and enriching, we are warmly inviting parents and carers to volunteer as guest speakers to share their faith or belief with our children.

We are looking for **volunteers** who would be happy to join us during the morning session from 9:00am–12:00pm. These sessions will be informal, child-friendly, and age-appropriate, giving children a valuable opportunity to learn directly from members of our school community.

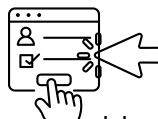
We are particularly seeking representatives of the following faiths and belief:

**Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Atheism**

If possible, we would also greatly appreciate **volunteers** bringing in **special artefacts connected to their faith or beliefs (such as books, symbols, clothing, or meaningful objects)**. These will be carefully set up in the classroom for children to view, explore, and discuss, helping to bring learning to life in a respectful and engaging way.

**No teaching experience is needed – just a willingness to share, answer questions, and support our children in learning about diversity, respect, and inclusion.**

If you are able to volunteer, please fill out this online form:



Your support will make a real difference and help create a memorable and inspiring experience for our children.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the rich diversity within our school community.

Miss Rahman

*We are excited to invite children to optionally bring in a small amount of food that represents their country, culture, or heritage.*

*These items will be shared during our **Cultural Food Market** at the end of the day, giving children the opportunity to taste foods from around the world, while celebrating the rich diversity within our school community. We kindly ask that any food brought in is:*

- Clearly labelled with the country or culture it represents
- Brought in a small, shareable portion
- Prepared with awareness of common allergens (please note any ingredients clearly)



# APPS CULTURAL FOOD MARKET

Explore authentic flavours and diverse cuisines from around the world.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2:45pm in the hall.

Celebrate your culture and heritage by bringing foods from your home country!



Ashford Middlesex Hockey Club are running the Hockey for the Surrey Community Games in May and June on behalf of Spelthorne.

**They have spaces available for school years 5 to 6 – in Spelthorne.**

Link to sign up for Boys Hockey



Link to sign up for Girls Hockey

Ashford Middlesex Hockey Club, Ashford Sports Club Short Lane, Stanwell, Staines, TW19 7BQ  
9 to 11 years

Course dates

Wed, 13 May '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Wed, 20 May '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Wed, 3 Jun '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Wed, 10 Jun '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Wed, 17 Jun '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Wed, 24 Jun '26 5:30pm – 6:45pm BST

Sat, 27 Jun '26 9am – 3pm BST



Information Details

Hockey is a fun team sport which helps improve coordination, balance and teamwork while having fun.

#### TRAINING INFORMATION:

Venue - Ashford Hockey Club, Short Lane, Stanwell, TW19 7BQ

Sessions will be delivered by Ashford Hockey Club.

#### GAMES DAY INFORMATION:

Day - Saturday 27th June

Time - 9.00am-3.00pm

Venue - Ashford Hockey Club, Short Lane, Stanwell, TW19 7BQ

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

You **MUST** be a beginner not part of a Hockey club

You **MUST** either live or go to school in Spelthorne to take part

You **MUST** be in school years 5-6 to take part in Hockey

If you do not meet the above requirements, we have the right to cancel your booking.

#### CANCELLATION POLICY:

Please let your coach know if you are unable to attend any training sessions. Places are limited and funded. Failure to attend training sessions without telling us will result in your space being cancelled and opened up to others.

For any questions or queries, please contact Abby Richardson at

a.richardson@spelthorne.gov.uk / 07939 244545

Level: Beginner

## Emotional resilience for the everyday

From understanding to thriving: for everyone.

Ideas proven to make a difference for emotional wellbeing and build children's confidence and kindness.

[togetherness.co.uk](http://togetherness.co.uk)



All Surrey residents can access free online parenting modules, they include helpful tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts. Listed a few examples of courses available below but there are lots more available:

**Understanding your pregnancy**

**Understanding your baby**

**Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager**

**Understanding your teenager**

**Understanding your child with additional needs**

**Understanding your child's feelings**

**Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing**

**Understanding your deaf child for hearing parents**  
**Understanding your teenager's brain**

Online learning pathways for your parenting journey and important relationships.

- Antenatal and postnatal learning pathways for the foundations of emotional health
  - Children's early development and behaviour
  - Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
  - Adolescence and young people's mental health
  - Adult emotional health including trauma
- For healthier relationships and happier lives.**

Residents of **SURREY**

For free access, use access code: **ACORN**

In paid partnership with:



The online guides contain advice relevant to expectant parents, parents, grandparents and carers of children of all ages including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Access to the guides is unlimited with no expiry date, so you can return as and when you need and want to. Each guide has between 9 and 11 sessions, which last roughly 20 minutes each.

I have been given an access code already for free access

Great! We have been using access codes with our sponsor partners for a few years. These local area access codes can still be used to get your free access and start learning. Just type in your code into the access code box on any of our courses, and you'll see them released at no cost.

**THE ACCESS CODE HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL FAMILIES VIA ARBOR**



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# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**INSET Days 2026**  
22nd May 2026  
22nd July 2026

## May 2026

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATs. Children are invited to breakfast at school before their SATs in Kestrel Class from 8:15am-8:45am. Entrance via the gate next to the front office.
Thursday 14th	Woodpecker Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Friday 15th	Year 6 Trip to Thorpe Park Wear it Green Non uniform day (Mental Health Day). Donations not required
Monday 18th	Cultural Diversity Day, children invited to wear religious/cultural clothing RE Share our learning in class. Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2:45pm
Thursday 21st	MUFTI Day for PTA Rainbow Raffle Owl Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm
Friday 22nd	INSET Day - School Closed

## MAY HALF TERM: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

## June 2026

Monday 1st	Children return to school
w/b 1st, 8th & 15th	Swimming Pool on-site for years 4, 5 and catch-up for year 6 pupils
Monday 1st - Friday 5th	Year 6 Residential trip to Hooke Court
Monday 1st - Friday 12th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks
Monday 8th - Friday 12th	Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 9th	Class photographs, no PE this day
Thursday 11th	Skylark Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Thursday 18th	Swallow Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd Wednesday 24th Thursday 25th	<b>Sports Day</b> - <u>Entrance to all Sports Days will be via the back gate / Queens Walk at 1.00pm</u> Reception Classes Years 1 & 2 Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6
Monday 29th	Rabbit Class Celebration Performances at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm
Tuesday 30th	Information Evening for new to Reception Parents Sept 2026 at 6.00pm