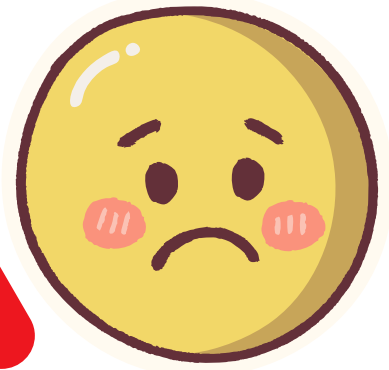




Parking and Road Safety Around School

We are making an urgent appeal to all families to help keep our children, families and neighbours safe at the start and end of the school day.

This week, we have received concerns and complaints from both local residents and members of our own school community regarding dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking.

Simply put, this is not acceptable.



Please remember:

- **Do not park on the zig-zag markings outside school.**
- **Do not park on double yellow lines.**
- **Do not block driveways, dropped kerbs or residential access.**
- **Do not stop in the middle of the road to allow children to get out of vehicles.**
- **Always park safely and legally before children leave the vehicle.**

Careless parking and dangerous driving put children, families and other road users at risk. Every child deserves to arrive at and leave school safely, and every resident deserves to be able to access their home without obstruction.

We are proud of our school community and know that the vast majority of families do the right thing. However, we all have a responsibility to play our part. Please allow extra time for your journey, drive with care and show consideration and respect for our neighbours and fellow road users.

If everybody does their bit, we can make the area around Ashford Park safer for everyone. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mr. Boulton
Headteacher, Ashford Park Primary School

Sadly, cancer is something that touches most of us at some point in our lives - be it ourselves, a close family member or friend. 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.

On **Thursday 24th September, the Station Crescent gate will open at 3.00pm** so that you can come on site earlier to make donations for cakes. The cake sale will be located in the outdoor area of the Acorn Centre to raise funds for Macmillan. Please note, there will be no access to any of the school buildings at this time.

In order to make the cake sale a success and to raise as much money as we can for MacMillan, we request that cake donations are brought to school on the morning of Thursday 24th September.



Please remember that we are a NUT-FREE school.

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



Our NEW to Reception children have loved getting outdoors and making the most of our OPAL Messy Cafe and outdoor learning spaces.

We are currently looking for donations of children's wellies to support their play and exploration. If you have any outgrown wellies at home that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive them. All children's sizes are welcome!

Please drop any welly donations to the Reception team at the classroom door. Thank you for your support. ☀





Our Smart School Council ensures every child has a voice. Pupils share ideas, discuss ways to improve our school and work together to make a positive difference for everyone.

Click on the link below to view the latest Smart School Council Newsletter

[08.09.26 SSC Weekly Newsletter.pdf](#)



This week, seven boys represented Ashford Park at the **Spelthorne Football Tournament**. They performed brilliantly in what was a tough and competitive event, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

The boys played some excellent football, rose to the challenge of strong opposition, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are very proud of the way they represented the school and the enthusiasm they showed from start to finish.

Well done to Brodie, Jack, Logan, Kenzie, Archie, Henry and Hayden.



Congratulations - Mr P Boulton - Headteacher

To celebrate Roald Dahl Day, the PTA sold Wonka Bars this week.

Kenzie won this fun prize:

Golden Ticket certificate & photo in the newsletter, signed by the Headteacher

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday, we come together as a school community for our Celebration Assembly, where we recognise and celebrate the many achievements of our children. **64 certificates were presented this week** 😊

During the assembly, children are presented with House Certificates, each accompanied by a specific reason explaining why they have earned the award. These achievements are often linked to our school expectations of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, as well as demonstrating one or more of the **Ashford Park Values**.

It is always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the positive contributions, achievements and personal growth of our pupils, and we are incredibly proud of all those who are recognised each week.



Writing, Golf and a World-Class Experience!

Ten pupils from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an unforgettable day at Wentworth Golf Club as part of the DP World Tour Literacy Through Sport event, organised by Pobble.

The children watched professional golfers practise and play, enjoyed an interactive golf session with the Golf Foundation, took in the views from the grandstand, met professional golfer Nacho Elvira during a Q&A session, and completed a writing task inspired by their experiences.

It was an incredible day and we would like to say a huge thank you to Simon Blower, Pobble and the DP World Tour for providing such a fantastic opportunity.

Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Salley thoroughly enjoyed the day and were incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm, conduct and achievements throughout the visit.

A great Literacy Through Sport opportunity for: Joshua, Colin, Ciaran, Mia C, Mia G, Arlo, Cameron, Jessica, Hennie and Amelia.



As my hand gripped my club with sweat dripping off of it, I could feel the adrenaline running through my veins. Nervously, I clinched onto my club even tighter. As I stood over the ball, I could feel the hairs on my arms and legs starting to stand up with goosebumps creeping up my arms. My heart was pounding. My stomach felt funny. My legs began to tremble. This was it. I took a deep breath. My nerves turned to energy. My energy turned to confidence. I could taste the victory. It was now or never. But what if I missed the hole. Slowly, I lifted up my putter. I could hear the birds chattering as if they were cheering me on. In the corner of my eye I saw the smooth grass dancing in the wind and the smell of grass invaded my nose. I gently hit the ball. The crowd went silent. It was as if the ball was in slow-motion. It slowly rolled towards the hole but

From Monday 21st September

Changes to Year 5 and Year 6 Collection Arrangements

To help improve safety and reduce congestion at the end of the school day, we will be making a change to our Year 5 and Year 6 collection arrangements from Monday 21 September.

From this date, all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils must be collected from their classroom door unless they have permission recorded on Arbor to walk home independently.

This change will:

- Reduce congestion on the playground at the end of the day.
- Improve visibility for staff supervising dismissal.
- Help ensure that all children are collected safely by an authorised adult.

Parents and carers collecting children are asked to queue outside their child's classroom door. If you are collecting more than one child, please ensure that you collect younger siblings first before making your way to the Year 5 or Year 6 classroom.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and orderly end to the school day.



597 Invitations Accepted
35 remaining



📅 Date: **This week** ↻

Total Student Orders

2,341

KS 1 - Student Orders ...

1,401

KS 2 - Student Orders ...

940

We are delighted to share that we have seen a significant increase in school meal orders since the introduction of our new catering service. It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying the fresh, varied menu, and we have received lots of positive feedback about the quality and choice of meals available.

To help ensure that children are offered the most appropriate meal choices, we would like to remind families to review the food preference settings in their meal ordering account.

We are working with our meal provider to review the food preference options available to families. Proposed additions include pescatarian, as families have put vegetarian down as their child/ren can't red meat or poultry but can eat fish.

Vegan Preferences Families who select Vegan as their child's dietary preference should be aware that this will significantly reduce the meal choices available. For example, our cheese-based menu options use standard cheese rather than vegan cheese and therefore cannot be offered to children with a vegan preference selected.

Gluten-Free Requirements We have also noticed that some children with a gluten-free preference have been ordering menu items that contain gluten, such as the Margherita pizza.

Please take extra care when selecting meals to ensure they are suitable for your child's dietary needs. The menu information provided within the ordering system should help families identify appropriate choices.

Thank you for your continued support as we work with our catering provider to refine the system and ensure that every child can enjoy a safe and nutritious meal each day.

Discover Adventure Through Guiding and Scouting!

Millions of young people across the UK benefit from the opportunities offered by Girlguiding and Scouts. These organisations help children develop confidence, resilience and independence, while making new friends and enjoying a wide range of exciting activities.

From camping and outdoor adventures to community projects, creative challenges and leadership opportunities, Guiding and Scouting provide experiences that help young people grow, thrive and create lifelong memories.

We are always keen to promote opportunities that enrich children's lives beyond the school day.



Girlguiding

Rainbows
For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies
For ages 7 to 10

Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



Guides
For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers
For ages 14 to 18

Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



Find a group near you [girlguiding.org.uk](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 306016

If your child is interested in getting involved, we encourage you to explore the local Guiding and Scouting groups in our community. You never know where the adventure might lead!



Rainbows

Bright Beginnings, Brighter Futures



**Girls play, learn
and have tons
of fun for ages
4 to 7**



Rainbows welcomes girls to come together
to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative,
supportive space.



Location:

St Hilda's Church
Stanwell Road
Ashford
TW15 3QL



Day:

Wednesday



Time:

5:00 – 6:00pm



Contact:

3rdashfordrainbows@gmail.com
07983603086

Join a local Rainbows group: girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

♥ Friendship ♥ Adventure ♥ Skills for Life ♥

INSET Days 2026/2027

18th December 2026

4th January 2027

1st and 2nd July 2027

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2026	
Wednesday 23rd	EYFS and Y1 Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents online at 5.30pm
Thursday 24th	APPS MacMillan Bake Sale after school, all cake donations brought to school in the morning
Tuesday 29th	Year 3 Circus Workshop in school
	PTA Committee meeting at 6pm in the hall
Wednesday 30th	Year 6 Evolution Workshop in school
October 2026	
Wednesday 7th	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
	Year 4 High Ashurst Residential information meeting for parents after school in the hall
Thursday 8th	Year 2 Trip to Sea Life London Aquarium
Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th	Parent/Carer Consultations in class
Wednesday 14th	Reception African Drumming workshop
Friday 16th	MUFTI 'Non-uniform day' for PTA Pre-loved uniform donations
	Year 1 & 2 Share Our Learning in class from 2.45pm, entrance via Station Crescent
	Last day of half term, children break up at normal time
October Half Term: Monday 19th - Friday 30th October	
November 2026	
Monday 2nd	Children return to school
Friday 6th	Whole school flu vaccinations
Tuesday 10th	New to Reception Parent Tours at 6.00pm
Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Day, uniformed groups can wear their uniforms
Thursday 12th	Individual school photos, no PE this day
Monday 16th	Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of anti-bullying
Wednesday 18th	Year 6 SATs Information Evening in class at 3.30pm and online at 5.30pm
Thursday 19th	Year 6 Trip to Linconsfield
Tuesday 24th	Year 2 Fire of London Workshop
Friday 27th	PTA Christmas Quiz Night