



Teaching & Learning at APPS

Achieving Potential Producing Success



At Ashford Park Primary School, our vision of “Inspiring a Love for Life-Long Learning” underpins everything we do. Through our ambitious and bespoke APPS curriculum, we provide every child with the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their starting point.

By combining inclusive learning environments, high-quality teaching and a relentless focus on progress, we support all pupils to grow in confidence, achieve their potential and become successful citizens of the future.

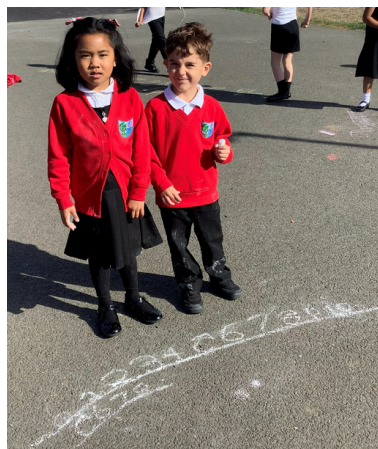
We believe every child is on their own learning journey, and our role is to help them take their next step safely, confidently and successfully.

Inspiring a Love for Life-Long Learning

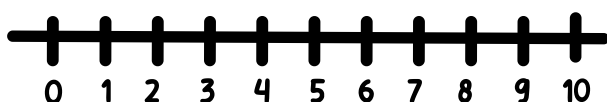
Year 1 have been enjoying their maths learning this week as they explored number lines to 10.



Taking their learning outdoors, the children worked together to create their own number lines and practised identifying **one more** and **one less** than a given number. Through practical activities and discussion, pupils developed their counting skills, increased their confidence with numbers and had lots of fun learning in the fresh air. Well done, Year 1!



☀️ Year 1 Challenge ☀️



Can you find 5 different numbers and work out one more and one less for each one?

For each number you find, tell an adult:

One more than is

One less than is

Year 3 had a fantastic and immersive day at Ancient Butser Farm, bringing our Humanities topic, The Stone Age, to life.

The children stepped back in time as they explored the Stone Age huts, sitting beside a burning fire while learning about what everyday life was like for Stone Age people. They also had the opportunity to become archaeologists for the day, carefully digging for and investigating artefacts just as real archaeologists do.

Our little historians also enjoyed making their own clay pots and creating jewellery using copper wire, helping them understand the materials and skills used by people in the past. Of course, no trip to the farm would be complete without observing the goats and learning about the animals that would have been an important part of life in the Stone Age.

It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience and a fantastic way for the children to deepen their understanding of our Stone Age topic.



★ **Challenge Question:** If you could spend one day living in the Stone Age, what would you find most exciting and what would you find most difficult?

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APPS children achieving success beyond the school day



Amazing home learning Totem Pole by Sofia in Y6



Amazing home learning artwork from Emmie in Y6



Brazilian baked carrot cakes made by Theo in Y6



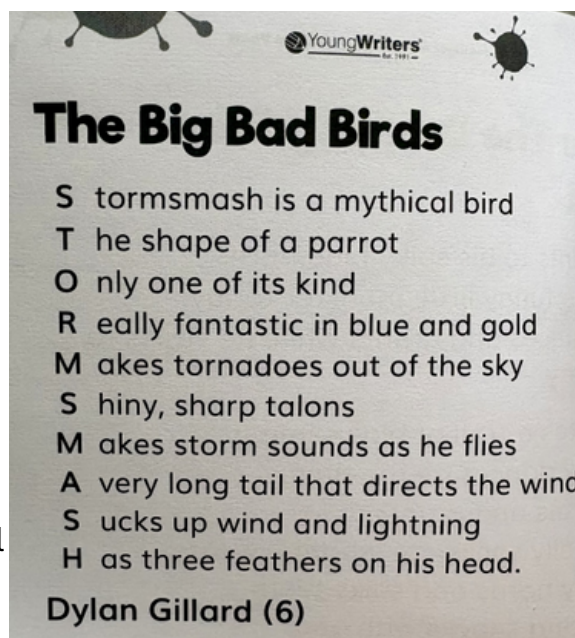
Pearl B with her talented footballer award

Last term, Dylan from Squirrel Class entered the Monster Acrostics competition after it was shared through Ashford Park.

Dylan had great fun creating his monster, Stormsmash, and seeing his work published was a fantastic achievement.

When the book arrived in August, it was a very special and proud moment for Dylan and his family.

We are incredibly proud of Dylan's creativity, enthusiasm and success. Well done, Dylan, on becoming a published author!



Published Author Dylan G



We welcome donations of tinned goods, pantry staples (such as pasta, rice, cereal, and tea bags), and long-life drinks (including squash, juice, and UHT milk).

These contributions will be donated to The Salvation Army which will help support our local community.

If you are able to donate, please send your items into school with your child by Wednesday 7th October.

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity and thank you for supporting this important cause.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, bought cakes, or made an online donation to our Macmillan Cake Sale last week. Together, we have **raised £260 so far!**

There is still time to donate using the link below. Thank you for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

[Macmillan donation link](#)

**THANK
YOU**

Keeping Safe at Home Time

A gentle reminder that children should leave the school site with their parent or carer and stay close to them at all times.

To help keep everyone safe, please ensure that bikes and scooters are walked on school grounds and that children do not run ahead or out of the school gates.

Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.



INSET Days 2026/2027**18th December 2026****4th January 2027****1st and 2nd July 2027****KEY DATES
FOR YOUR DIARY**

October 2026	
Wednesday 7th	Harvest Festival donations of tinned goods, pantry staples and long-life drinks appreciated
	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
	Year 4 High Ashurst Residential information meeting for parents at 3.30pm in the hall and online at 5.30pm
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th	Woodpecker Class Parent/Carer Consultations
Thursday 8th	Year 2 Trip to Sea Life London Aquarium
	New to Reception Parent Tours at 9.30am
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, e.g. Cubs, Brownies
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 The Lincolnsfield Centre
Tuesday 24th	Year 2 Fire of London Workshop
Friday 27th	MUFTI (Non-Uniform) Day to raise funds for The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal
	PTA Christmas Quiz Night