

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see so many of our children return this week and we have had a really exciting week of learning but as importantly the atmosphere across the school has as ever been calm with a bubbling excitement of learning.

I want to remind all families about attendance in school during term time is compulsory whether it is the first day of term, the last day of term or anywhere in between. The school can only permit absence during term time in exceptional circumstances— a family bereavement, a family wedding or other significant family occasion. I will write this week to those families who returned late to school and I am in the interim seeking advice from the local authority, but it is highly likely you will receive a fine. Every day at school for child is essential both academically and socially. Whilst I appreciate that costs to travel are significantly lower outside of term time that cannot be a reason to miss school. This similarly applies to my whole school staff team who are similarly here for the whole academic year and take any breaks they have planned outside of these dates—we expect the same of all of our families.

Can I also remind families that the only cars that are allowed on site are those with my express permission and that is for families with children with significant Special Education Need or for parents with disabilities.

I am attaching several attachments today, one from the local authority advising about the support they are offering during the cost of living crisis, As a school we will continue to support families through this time and please remember Peter our School Home Support officer is available to talk you through any help you may need. We will also continue to collect for the Muswell Hill and St. Mary's Food Banks—any items you can spare can be left at the main office.

A reminder that we also begin our Parent Presentations this week where we talk through this term's class learning offer. These will take place in person and will be based in one of the year group classrooms. Please join us if you can—they run from 9 a.m. until about 9:30 a.m.

A diary date to let you know we have our first Bring An Adult To School Day on Friday 3rd October and it would be great if you could come and join us, firstly in the main hall from 9 a.m. and then into the classrooms for some creative learning with your children until 10:30 a.m.

Please remember that the school will be closed next Monday to all children as there will be a national Bank Holiday the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II . We held a special assembly to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Friday for children from Year1 to year 6 using age appropriate information and slides.

Finally, the second email I send today will contain our half termly learning documents to help you support your child's learning at home.

Best wishes,  
Anthony

**SEPT 2022 – JULY 2023**  
**PROVISIONAL DATES**  
**ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**AUTUMN TERM**

**First Half:** Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
*Bank Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II*

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Second Half:** Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**SPRING TERM**

**First Half:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Second Half:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 – Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Easter Break:** Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Good Friday: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Easter Monday: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**SUMMER TERM**

**First Half:** Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**May Day:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

**Second Half:** Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**INSET DAYS**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's current league table leaders in each year group! In line with our Growth Mindset philosophy, this charts the biggest improvement in correct scores over the last seven days.

The top 3 most improved children for each year group this week are:

Y3 will start next week

Y4: Ryan, Elyza, Ebrahim

Y5: Adil, Evelyn, Angelina

Y6: Cairo, Maysa, Maher



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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## What we are learning next:

### **Nursery:**

English: We will be talking about starting Nursery and discussing our likes/dislikes.

Maths: We will be continuing to recite/learn number songs and rhymes.

### **Reception**

English: We will be reading the story 'Owl Babies'.

Maths: We will be continuing introducing a number of the day from 6-10.

### **Year 1**

English: We will be starting our learning in Phonics and joining our groups

Maths: We will be exploring numbers to 20 counting forwards and backwards.

### **Year 2**

English: We will be developing our descriptive writing inspired by our key text 'The Girls'.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning about place value of 2-digit numbers.

### **Year 3**

English: We will be investigating Roman Myths. We will be retelling the story of Romulus and Remus.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning on Number and Place Value. We will be representing numbers in different ways and comparing numbers to 1000.

### **Year 4**

English: We will be beginning to explore Egyptian Myths. We will be using drama and story mapping to understand and investigate an Egyptian Myth.

Maths: We will be continuing to focus on Number and Place Value. We will be ordering numbers, looking at the 6, 7 and 9 times table and rounding numbers.

### **Year 5**

English: We will be planning and writing a diary entry.

Maths: We will be comparing numbers within 1 000 000.

### **Year 6**

English: After our School Journey, we will be writing a newspaper article.

## School Diary Dates

*Full school term dates are on our website.*

## Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 6 School Journey—12th-16th Sept

Year 5—Jewish Museum—Thur 15th Nov

Year 3—Romans Workshop—22nd Sept

Year 4 — British Museum 11th October

Parent presentations: (All in class from 9 a.m.)

Year 1—Mon 12th Sept

Year 2—Tue 13th Sept

Year 3—Wed 14th Sept

Year 4—Thu 15th Sept

Year 5 - Fri 16th Sept

Year 6- Mon 19th Sept

Rec—Tue 27th Sept

Nur—Wed 28th Sept

## Whole School Events

Ashmount Together Coffee morning 16th Sept 9-10 a.m.—  
Main school hall

Bring an Adult To School Day Fri 3rd Oct

BHM Extravaganza 3:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m. Fri 21st Oct

Bonfire night Disco and Fireworks 3:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.  
Fri 4th Nov

## School Calendar

Term starts : Monday 5th Sept

End of half term: 21st Oct

2nd Half term starts:

Monday 31st Oct

# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Attendance 05.09.22 — 09.09.22

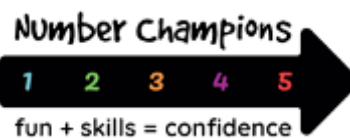
Class	Percentage
Nursery	89.2
Reception Blue	86.8
Reception Green	97.9
1 Blue	92.0
1 Green	93.8
2 Blue	94.0
2 Green	76.1
3 Blue	91.7
3 Green	93.1
4 Blue	97.0
4 Green	93.0
5 Blue	97.8
5 Green	99.6
6 Blue	98.0
6 Green	91.7

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Blue, 4 Blue and 5 Green

Well done children and adults. The best attending classes at the end of half term will get a Friday film afternoon with hot chocolate and biscuits. At Ashmount, we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class. Attendance for all pupils is a huge focus with the mantra being: "Every minute matters , Every second counts"

If you need support with attendance contact Peter, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.



## Volunteer in Ashmount with Number Champions

Be part of Number Champions, the charity helping children to learn and enjoy maths - including in Ashmount Primary School from November 2020.

Our trained volunteers provide one-to-one support to children who have fallen behind in maths. Through games and other activities they help children to develop skills, confidence, and enjoyment in maths.

Young children who find maths difficult often develop a "can't do, won't do" attitude, and never properly re-engage with the subject. This can impact their whole education. Early intervention can help them learn skills and gain the confidence to participate fully in class.

**If you'd enjoy volunteering regularly for one and a half hours each week during the school day, and would find it rewarding to help 6 to 8 year-olds, you could be one of our in-school volunteers.**

As well as bringing enthusiasm, you will need to be competent with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – and also be confident in explaining them.

We provide training on how to interact with children in a school setting, on the early years maths syllabus, and on creative and fun ways to engage young children with maths.

To find out more please visit [www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk) and contact [volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk).



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## Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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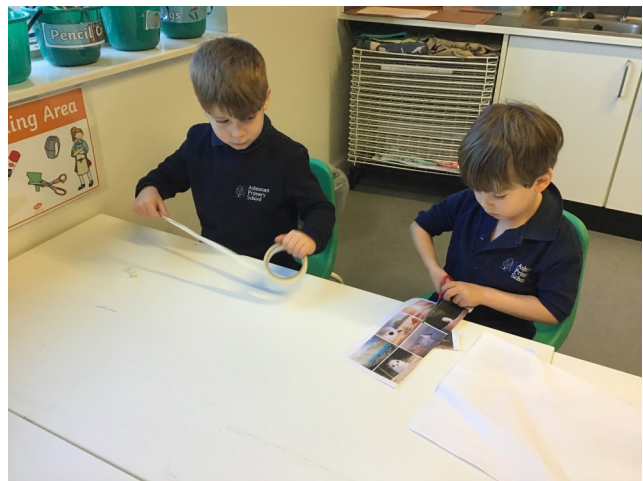
## Our learning in pictures: Reception





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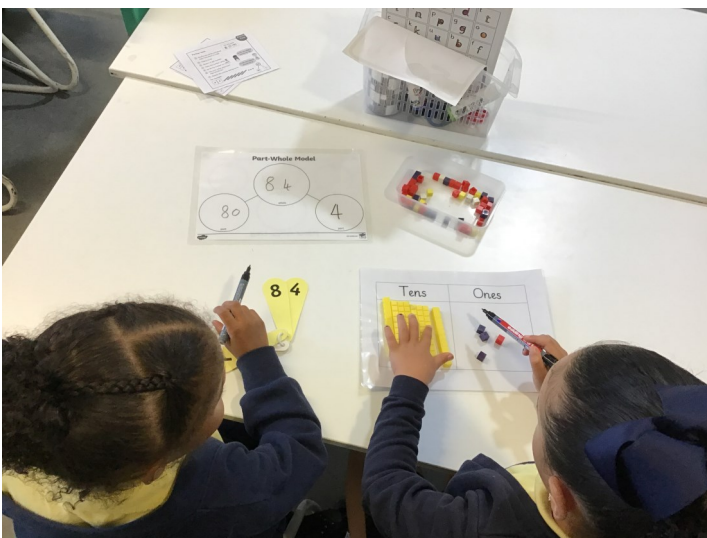
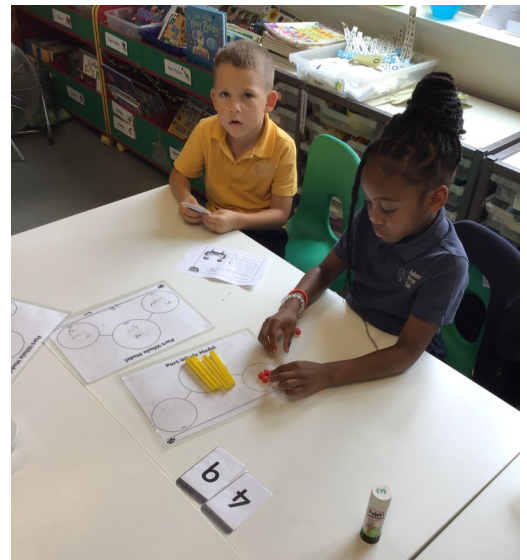
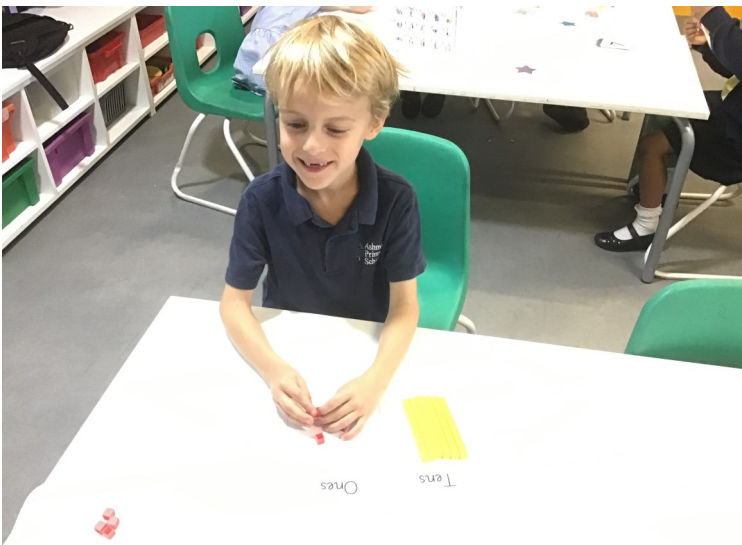
## Our learning in pictures: Year 1





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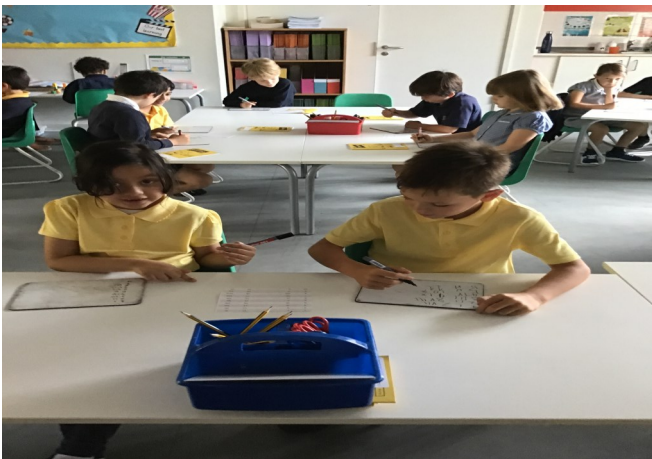
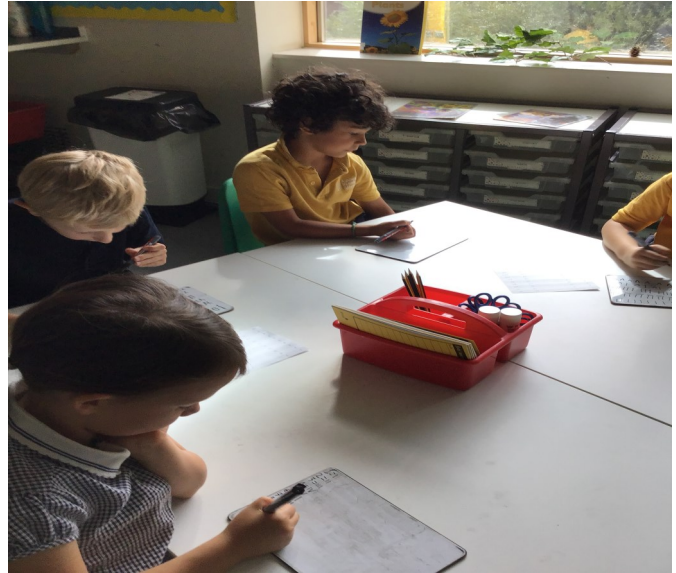
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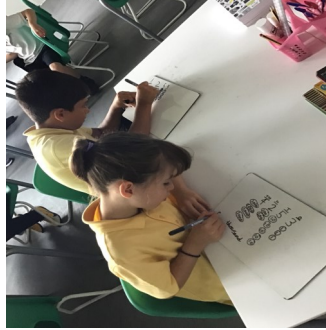
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## Our learning in pictures: Year 4





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## Our learning in pictures: Year 5

