

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Ashmount! The children have had a wonderful start this week and it has been great to see them so engaged in learning across the school. You will have noticed the new fencing added to the perimeter of the school to make the playgrounds more secure. We think it looks great, but again a huge thank you to our parent/teacher association Ashmount for funding this. Working together as a community really does achieve the best outcomes.



This week we begin to issue the newsletter in a slightly different way as we review and seek to improve our communications with you all.

- Firstly, the newsletter will now be published on the website and we will send you a link to this. In due course all documents will be saved here, but as we revamp the website this will fully go live after half term.
- All attachments will now be included within the newsletter, hopefully this will help provide a simpler communications format.
- We will further review the newsletter format and see what would help you access it better on pc's, screens and phone. Again this will take a few weeks to work out the best solution so please bear with us.



This week a few plugs.

- Christianne is searching for Number Champions—adult volunteers who support small groups of children improve their Maths skills—see page 3.
- Ashmount Together are launching a Fantasy Football Premier League competition—if you're interested see page 4
- Annabel has her usual inclusion information on page 5 with our first great parent training offer on page 6 — Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities
- On page 10 we have our initial School Diary Dates—there will be a direct email by the end of the week which will have all key dates for the year, but also these will, by the end of the week be on the website calendar.

Finally, I will also send, separately this half terms Home Learning Documents—these will come as a separate Year group email.

The staff team are really excited about working with you and the children this year and we look forward to your continued support.

Best wishes,, Anthony



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Number Champions

1 2 3 4 5

fun + skills = confidence

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School Maths Volunteers

- One-to-one weekly sessions
- Working with Year 2 and Year 3



Would you enjoy...



- helping children improve their confidence in maths?
- using games and activities to make maths fun?

Are you...

- available one afternoon a week during school hours?

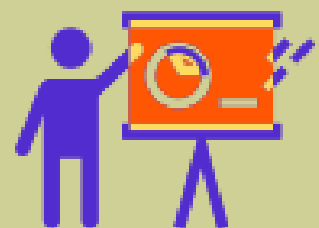
Contact Lorraine for more information:

✉ lorraine@numberchampions.org.uk

☎ 07918 410 847

Find out about us at:

www.numberchampions.org.uk



Training
provided



First fundraiser of the school year!

If you or your kids love football and want to join the ashmount fantasy league, set up your team, donate the minimum £5 per team to the Ashmount Together our school PTA, then contact your year rep to get the code to join the league.

It doesn't matter if you have never played it before or you are a seasoned pro. You can also join late and still be in with a chance of winning something. There will be prizes for the league and the cup. We will also recognise the managers of the month, so get picking your team!

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashmountschoolpta>

Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful summer!

For those new to Ashmount, every week I will add information about all things inclusive. This could include events, activities, offers, workshops, training and plenty more for our families.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions, want to meet with me or need support as my door is always open! Annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities parenting programme information with families (covers ages between 3-18). It will start next Wednesday and be at Jean Stokes Community Centre from 10am-1pm. Lunch will be provided and crèche is likely available.

The course will help parents/carers:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Meet others and share ideas

Furthermore, the **Incredible Years parenting programme** is now recruiting for the Autumn intake.

Details:

- Location: Dame Geraldine Hall 6-9 Manor Gardens N7 6LA
- Time: Tuesday mornings
- Start date: 7th October, 2025

This is a parenting programme for parents/carers with children aged 6 to 10 - it is especially helpful for parents struggling with:

- Positive behaviour management e.g. boundary-setting
- Challenging/defiant behaviours e.g. not listening
- Those waiting for an ADHD assessment/already diagnosed with ADHD
- Parents looking for general parenting tips/looking to meet other parents

~~*Parents of children with autism can be referred however it's important to mention that it is not a programme that provides autism specific strategies, and some strategies won't be appropriate*~~



Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities

A free inclusive 13- week course to help parents and carers to raise healthy and happy children.

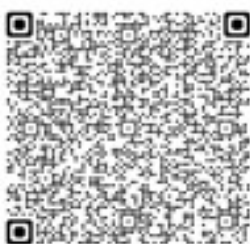
The course will help you to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- To book a place or talk about the programme, please contact:
- Please note we can only accept bookings until 23rd September
- Scan QR code below to link to booking page

Location: Jean Stokes Community Centre

Date: Wednesday
10 September

Time: 10.00am -
1.00pm





Incredible Years Parenting Groups

A course for parents who want to learn how to get the best behaviour out of their children

- Incredible Years Toddler: Parents of children aged 1-3
- Incredible Years Early Childhood: Parents of children aged 3-6
- Incredible Years School Age: Parents of children aged 6-10



<p>Bright Start Central Toddler 1 - 3 years Tuesday mornings from 30th September – 20th January New River Green Children Centre Brightstartcentral@islington.gov.uk 020 7527 8465 Amanda Lydon (Family Engagement Worker) Jill Cheever (CAMHS Clinician) jillian.cheever@nhs.net</p>	<p>Bright Start South Toddler 1 – 3 years Thursday mornings from 2nd October – 22nd January Bemerton Children Centre Brightstartsouth@islington.gov.uk 0207 527 4089 Tina Bailey (Family Engagement Worker) Anne-Marie Reid (CAMHS Clinician) anne-marie.reid3@nhs.net</p>	<p>Bright Start North Early Childhood 3 – 6 years Friday mornings from 3rd October – 23rd January Ambler Children's Centre Brightstartnorth@islington.gov.uk 020 7527 8441 Daniqua Chen (Parent Programme Coordinator) Maria-Clara Vejarano-Brill (CAMHS Clinician) m.vejarano-brill@nhs.net</p>	<p>Bright Futures 5-19 School Age group 6-10 years old Tuesday mornings 7th October – 27th January Dame Geraldine Hall, Manor Gardens Emma Clarke (Family Support Practitioner) Amal Ali (CAMHS Clinician) amal.ali10@nhs.net</p>
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Incredible Years Groups are for parents and carers of children aged 1-10 years. There are three groups depending on your child's age:

- Incredible Years Toddler:** Parents of children aged 1-3
- Incredible Years Early Childhood:** Parents of children aged 3-6
- Incredible Years School Age:** Parents of children aged 6-10

Incredible Years Groups are for parents and carers who want to:

- * Improve their child's behaviour
- * Learn more about what behaviours are normal for children
- * Meet other parents
- * Learn parenting skills
- * Feel more confident as a parent
- * Feel less stressed about parenting

Who is the group run by?
The group is run by either a Family Support Practitioner or Family Engagement Worker and a CAMHS Clinician from Islington CAMHS. Both facilitators are experienced in running groups and helping families.

Islington CAMHS
Phone: 020 3316 1824
Date published: 06/09/2023



What parents have said about the groups

"This course is not a lesson on what as a parent we are doing wrong – more so an insight as to how we can improve"

"Oh my! What changes haven't I seen?! It has become a joy to be a parent again and to enjoy my children the best way"

"I am feeling much more confident as a parent. I know how to react to specific situations. My child is behaving better. It was life changing for me"

"I have learned so much from sharing with the group and hearing about their experiences"

How can I find out more?

To register your interest you can contact talk to a Family Engagement Worker at your local children's centre stating the group you are interested in. The timetable is also on the Family Information Service website.

About Incredible Years

Programme aims

- * Promote children's all round development (social, emotional, language & behaviour)
- * Support parents' developing effective parenting strategies
- * Increase parents' support networks
- * Strengthen parents and children's relationships
- * Provide a safe, non-judgemental space to think about and share ideas with other parents

Topics

- * Parental attention and child directed play (promoting positive relationships)
- * Child-directed coaching
- * Social and emotional coaching
- * Praise and encouragement
- * Rewards & Incentives
- * Rules & Routines
- * Effective Limit Setting
- * Handling misbehaviour

About the group

- * The group will run for 13 or 14 weeks, term time only, at the same time each week

- * There will be a maximum of 12 parents in the group

Before the group

- * A group facilitator will contact you to think about whether the Incredible Years Group would be suitable.

During the group

- * Each week we will focus on a topic, using a mixture of group discussion, watching DVD's of parents with their children and role playing ourselves

- * There will be a home task each week to practice the strategies

- * The facilitators will call you in the middle of the week to check how you are getting on and whether you have any questions about the material covered in the group

- * As the group goes on, when you know one another a little more, we will encourage you to also make calls to a 'buddy' to help support each other.

Friday 5th September 2025

Weekly Attendance 04.09.25—18.07.25

Class	Percentage
Nursery	91.4
Reception Blue	98.4
Reception Green	91.4
1 Blue	90.8
1 Green	78.2
2 Blue	86.3
2 Green	78.6
3 Blue	89.1
3 Green	77.8
4 Blue	95.4
4 Green	87.8
5 Blue	87.0
5 Green	88.9
6 Blue	80.6
6 Green	90.7

Our best attending classes this year were:

Reception Blue, 1 Blue, 4 Blue and 6 Green

Well done children and parents. These classes will have an extra 5 minutes of play during the first week back and an ice cream!

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 Nadia, our School Home Support lead, or Katie and Shajia at the school office.

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:

TTRS will start
next week!
Watch this
space!



ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be reading and immersing ourselves into The Gingerbread Man.

Maths: We will be exploring 5 by singing nursery rhymes.

Reception:

English: We will be reading and immersing ourselves into The Gingerbread Man.

Maths: We will be reciting counting rhymes.

Year 1

English: We will be writing 5-sentence stories and exploring the story 'The Papaya that Spoke' through drama.

Maths: We will be counting from 1-10.

Year 2

Maths: We will be exploring numbers to 100.

English: We will be exploring the story 'The Papaya that Spoke' through 5-sentence stories and drama.

Year 3

English: We will be exploring the text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000.

Year 4:

English: We will be exploring the text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'.

Maths: We will be exploring Place Value and shall be counting in ones, tens, hundreds and thousands.

Year 5:

English: We will be exploring the text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000.

Year 6:

English: We will be exploring the text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'.

Maths: We will continue learning about place value and learning how to round numbers up to 10 million.

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Year 6 and Year 5 Secondary Transition Mtg Tues 9th Sept

Year 5 Swimming—29th Sept-3rd Oct

Year 6 British Museum—Monday 6th October

Parent Presentation Dates—15-25 Sept

15th Nursery, 16th Reception, 17th Year 1, 18th Year 2, 19th Year 3, 23rd Year 4, 24th Year 5, 26th Year 6

-all in classrooms at 9:05 a.m.

Tuesday Class Assembly dates

Tues 23rd Sept 4 Blue

Tues 30th Sept Year 6 Residential Assembly

Tues 7th Oct 3 Green

Tues 14th Oct 2 Blue

Tues 21st Oct 1 Green

Tues 11th Nov 5 Blue

Tues 18th Nov 4 Green

Tues 25th Nov 3 Blue

Tues 2nd Dec 6 Green

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events

Bring An Adult To School Day—Thur 16th Oct

Friday 24th October—BHM/Celebration event

Tuck shop dates

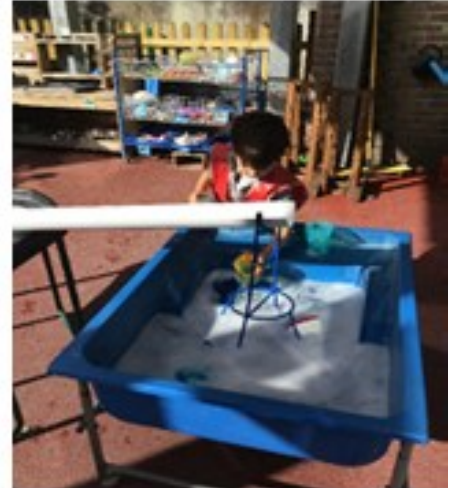
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Term Dates

Autumn 1 half term finishes on:

Friday 24th October 3:15 p.m.

Our learning in pictures: Nursery



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Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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Our learning in pictures: Year 2

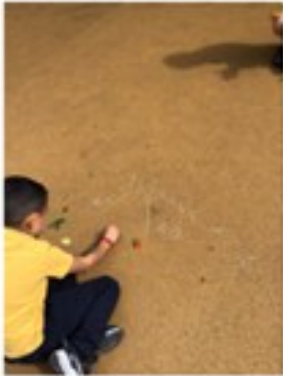


Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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Our learning in pictures Year 4



Our learning in pictures Year 5



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Our learning in pictures Year 6

