

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you for your generosity with foodbank donations for our 'Children in need' plan on Friday. We will be delivering to the local food bank on Monday morning. What a wonderful community response!

Several staff member and parents from the Jamaican community have asked that we support with the disaster response to the recent hurricane devastation in Jamaica. As Black Friday shopping and consumption approaches, we ask you to think about supporting Jamaica alongside this.

On Friday 28th November, children are welcome to wear green or yellow to school in exchange for donating an item from the list of essential supplies for the Jamaican community. You can see more details about this on Page 2 and 3.

I am including a Music Centre London flyer on page 4. If there are any families that would like to consider their children joining the Islington based choir then please use the details therein to contact them.

A reminder that we are still taking orders for our Ashmount Together Christmas and Festive card order from children's designs. See the details on page 5 of how to submit your order.

I have updated the diary with a rescheduled class assembly date for 5 Blue's class school assembly date. I have also added a new date for the annual Christmas Carol concert.

A reminder for that next week 5 Green Parent have their parent conferences this:

Wed 19th Nov 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thur 20th Nov 3:20 p.m.—7 p.m.

We look seeing you there,



Next week we begin our annual entry in



the national Time Tables Rock Stars competition — see page 6 for more details!

Finally, on Monday we have an information meeting at 9 a.m. in the Music Room for any parents interested in standing in our Parent Governor elections.

Best wishes,

Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Mon 17th Nov—Y4 Blue Orienteering

Tues 18th Nov— Year 3 Science museum

Thur 20th Nov—Year 4 Green Orienteering

Tuesday Class Assembly dates

Tues 18th Nov 4 Green

Tues 25th Nov 3 Blue

Tues 2nd Dec 6 Green

Tues 9th Dec 5 Blue

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events:

Mon 17th Nov—Governor Election info. Meeting—9 a.m. Music room:

Wed 19th Nov and Thur 20th Nov

5 Green Parent Conferences

Fri 5th Dec—Winter Fayre

Monday 15th December 3.45pm-4.45pm
Christmas carols in the main hall – all families welcome to come along to sing. Singing will be led by the choir, with performances from Billy's band and the staff choir.

Tuck shop dates

Fri 14th Nov - Year 6

Fri 21st Nov - Year 2

Fri 28th Nov - Year 4

Fri 5th Dec - Christmas event

Fri 12th Dec - Year 3

Term Dates

Autumn2 finishes Fri 19th Dec 1:30 p.m.



Thursday 13th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we invite our school community to come together in support of those affected by the recent hurricane in Jamaica. As Black Friday shopping and consumption approaches, we ask you to think about supporting Jamaica alongside this.

On Friday 28th November, children are welcome to wear green or yellow to school in exchange for donating an item from the list of essential supplies for the Jamaican community.

List of essential supplies:

As a school with many children and families who have proud Jamaican heritage, we feel it's important to show care, solidarity, and generosity at this time. Your contributions will help provide vital support and comfort to those rebuilding their lives after the disaster.

Nappies
Baby wipes
Baby Formula
Flour
Sugar
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Feminine Hygiene products
Soap

Toiletries
Non-perishable goods (e.g. beans, sardines, mackerel, vegetables)
Rice
Kidney Beans
Cooking oil
Bandages/ Plasters
Sleeping bags
Water

Thank you for joining us in making a difference.

Best wishes,

Ashmount Primary School



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Headteacher: Anthony Carmel



Friday 28th November 2025

Non Uniform Day to Support the island of Jamaica Disaster Relief Efforts!

**Donations required to support the Jamaican
community to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa.**

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MUSIC CENTRE LONDON APPLICATIONS 2025

The choirs of Music Centre London (MCL) are renowned across the UK. Founded in 1992 as the Islington Music Centre, MCL now runs some of London's most established and successful children's and youth choirs at its two centres in Islington and Southwark. Over the past 33 years our choirs have sung at eight BBC Proms and performed with many international artists such as Hugh Masekela, the Harlem Gospel Singers and Joyce DiDonato.

Recent successes include performances at the Barbican with Joyce DiDonato and Aoife O'Donovan, a soundtrack recording for an Oscar-qualifying film and a national fundraising video for WaterAid.

Listen to the soundtrack on Spotify:
'Lullaby of Silence' song, Roberto Mengoli, Music Centre London

Watch the WaterAid film on our website: musiccentrelondon.com

We are auditioning in November and December 2025 and January 2026. If you want to reach your potential as a singer and are prepared to make a commitment, this is the centre for you.

Go to our website musiccentrelondon.com to learn more

Click on Applications 2025 to apply.

For enquiries email: richard@musiccentrelondon.com
or call 07568-468000

ASHMOUNT CHRISTMAS & FESTIVE CARDS 2025

Support Ashmount this festive season by giving your loved ones gifts customised with your children's artwork. Ashmount Together will receive commission on all orders placed and paid for directly through the Class Fundraising website. Help fund our school with your festive joy.



HOW TO ORDER

Your child will bring home an 'HOW TO ORDER' card showing their design and their unique codes, together with brief instructions.

PLEASE KEEP THIS CARD UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ITEMS as it can help sort out any queries.

Go to: approve.myfundraisinghub.com (or use the QR code) and click on GET STARTED. You will be asked to approve the design. You will also need to enter your unique codes and your child's name and class (which will be printed on the back of the cards) .

DEADLINES

For those who are sending on further afield, Drop 1 orders must be placed by **MIDDAY MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER.**

Drop 2 orders must be placed by **MIDDAY FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER.**

These dates are to allow the items to be dispatched to school in good time, so that families can send them out before Christmas. Please note that no items will be produced until after the deadlines. They will then be sent to school in batches according to type, so for mixed orders not all items will come to you at once.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO AN ONLINE ORDER, OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: ashmountchristmascards@gmail.com
or call Class Fundraising on 01642 489000



EVENT DETAILS

START DATE:

November 18th 2025

END DATE:

November 20th 2025

TIME:

Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION:

England

DAILY CAP:

1 hour per player

On Tuesday the annual national Times Tables Rock Stars competition starts—we did well last year and would really like at least one of children from Year 3 to Year 6 to make the top ten nationally. Similarly, it would be nice for some of our classes to make the top ten rankings.

Last year we did well but with a little encouragement we could do even better!

We'll announce our successes in next Friday's newsletter! So watch this space!



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>



2025: Autumn Term 2 Events

Join us for a fun-filled half term of events and tuckshops! Every drink and cake sold helps raise funds to support our school community.

Band Rehearsals 19:00-21:00

- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 20th November
- Thursday 11th December

Friday Tuckshops 15:15-15:45

- Friday 7th November – Year 1
- Friday 14th November – Year 6
- Friday 21st November – Year 2
- Friday 28th November – Year 4
- Friday 12th December – Year 3

Special Event 15:15-17:30

- Friday 5th December – Winter Fayre

End of Term

- Friday 19th December – Last day of term, early finish at 13:15

Thank you for supporting Ashmount Together PTA! Together we make a difference.

Contact us / volunteer: hello@ashmount-together.co.uk

Ashmount Together: Registered charity number 1014761

Ashmount Together Just Giving



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
Diarhoea 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

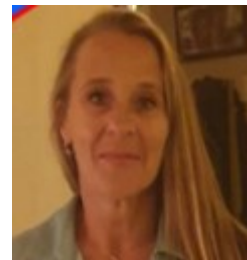


SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

Annabel's Inclusion Corner



Children with ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

As an inclusive school we celebrate neurodiversity and do our best to educate our staff and children to understanding ADHD (attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder), its strengths and challenges.

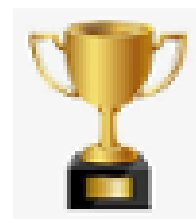
The term is used to describe children who most of the time have difficulty in paying attention and whose behaviour is overactive and impulsive. It is a neurobiological disorder that occurs in 5% of school children and is an imbalance in the brain's neurotransmitter. Dopamine affects the parts of the brain which controls reflective thought. ADHD is a medical condition with a medical diagnosis. Treatment may involve medication or behavioural therapy.

Positive	Negative
High levels of environmental awareness	Short attention span with periods of intense focus
Responds well then highly motivated	Distractible
Flexible - ready to change strategy readily	Poor planning
Tireless when motivated	Disorientated sense of time
Goal orientated	Impatient
Imaginative	Day-dreamer

Parents of children who have been diagnosed or are waiting for their child to be assessed by find the following website helpful: <https://adhduk.co.uk/>. You can access all their resources by registering for free.

The following link explains the process if you think your child may have ADHD: <https://adhduk.co.uk/adhd-diagnosis-pathways-children/>

Lining up winners this week : KS1: 1 Green and KS2: 5 Green



Congratulations to this week's current league table leaders in each year group! In line with our Growth Mind-set 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:

Year 3 Ekram, Usman and Oliver

Year 4 Cayan, Oliver and Lucci

Year 5 Mumin, Muhammed and Abdullah

Year 6 Elham, Kayden and Ayaz



Class	Percentage
Nursery	97.3
Reception Blue	94.8
Reception Green	87.9
1 Blue	97.9
1 Green	94.6
2 Blue	98.5
2 Green	86.8
3 Blue	97.7
3 Green	98.0
4 Blue	97.1
4 Green	95.7
5 Blue	97.8
5 Green	94.0
6 Blue	97.4
6 Green	93.1

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 2 Blue, 3 Green and 5 Blue

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 Millie at the school office.

What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be innovating elements of our text The Colour Monster.

Maths: We will continue exploring numbers 1-3, and beyond.

Reception:

English: We will be innovating elements of 'Room on the Broom'.

Maths: We will be continuing to learn about the composition of numbers to 5.

Year 1

English: We will be writing 5 sentence stories based on the Gruffalo

Maths: We will be subtracting by counting backwards.

Year 2

English: We will be learning to independently retell a story and to write the beginning of a story.

Maths: We will be measuring and comparing length in centimetres and metres.

Year 3

English: We will be planning our innovated stories using the dialogue and characterisation toolkits.

Maths: We will be using word problems to solve division and multiplication problems.

Year 4

English: We will be planning our innovated adventure stories.

Maths: We will be looking at multiplying by 9 and 11.

Year 5:

English: We will be innovating our adventure stories using our new text 'The Caravan'.

Maths: We will be doing word problems using division and multiplication.

Year 6:

English: We will be planning our innovated journey stories.

Maths: We will be dividing a fraction by a whole number.

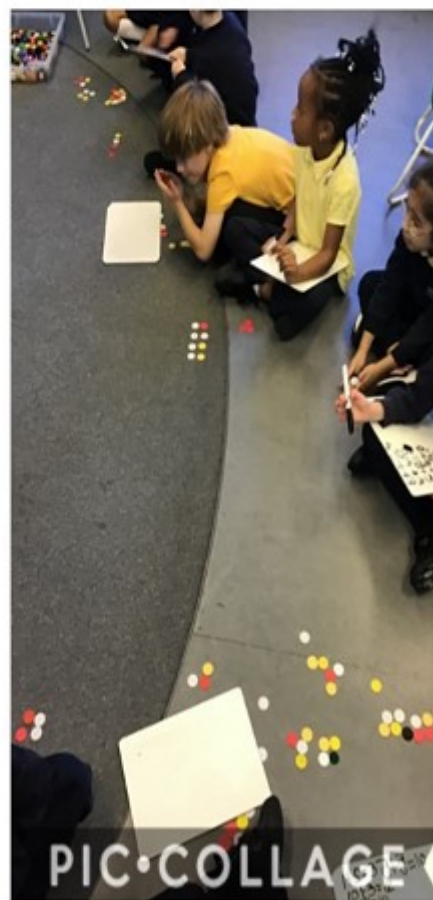
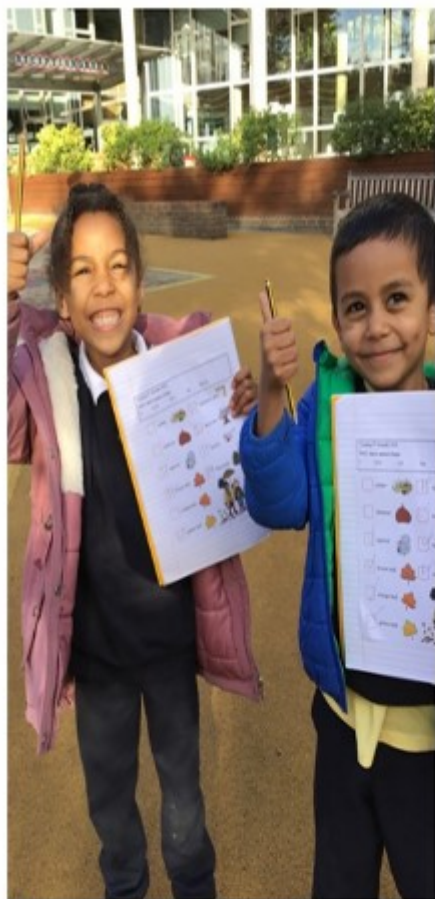
Our learning in pictures: Nursery



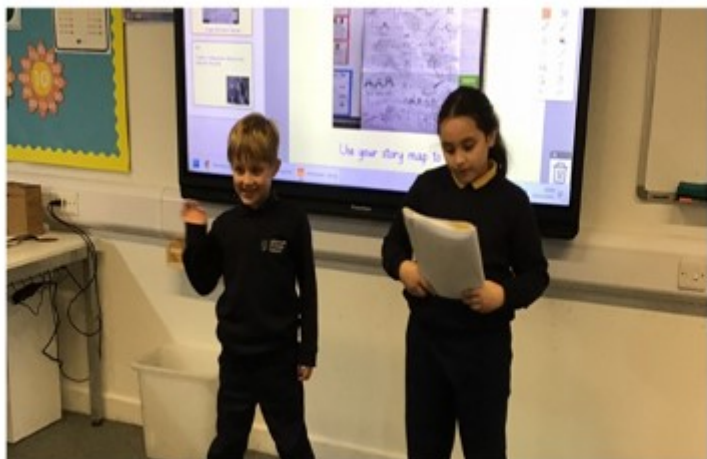
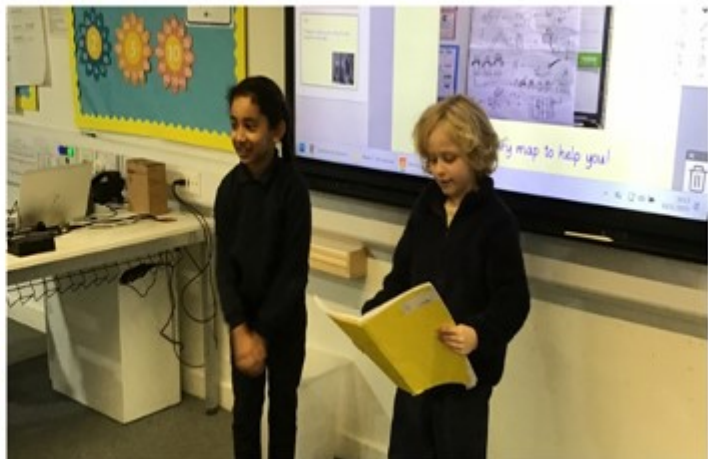
Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

