

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to those of you who kindly donated to the Jamaica hurricane appeal. Your donations have been collated and will be taken to a collection point later this week

For our Year 1 parents I have included the dates for our Year 1 Nativity performance—you are welcome to come to both sessions and we look forward to you joining us. It's always a great show so please book-mark the date.

Please note we have had to reshuffle Tuesday class assembly dates at the end of term due to staff absences, we apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused. (The dates for the last two assemblies are in the final column on this page.)

I am pleased to announce that Kirsty Mahagy has been elected unopposed as Parent Governor and her term of office will begin on 09.12.25. We will reopen nominations on Monday for the second Parent Governor position and nominations will remain open until lunchtime on Friday 12th December. Andy Parry the school's Chair Of Governors will be available in school on Thursday 11th December from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

to meet prospective Parent Governors who would like to gain a better understanding of what the role requires.

This coming Friday we have our final large scale Ashmount Together community event of the term. It's Winter Fayre and we would really love to see you all there for the after school festivities but also to see your generosity with donations for the Tombola. There is more information about what the PTA need on page 3. These donations can either be left with your child's class teacher or left at the main office.

Any final order for your children's festive card designs must be made by Monday. There is further information about this on page 2 from Ashmount Together. These purchases are really key for additional monies that the school uses for its curricular provision across an array of aspects across the school year.

Finally a reminder that on the last day of term, Friday 19th December we will finish early at 1:30 p.m. So please ensure you have child care provision in place for after school.

Best wishes,
Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Mon 1st Dec—Year 6 Science Museum

Thurs 11th Dec - Fire Station (5B)

Fri 12th Dec - Fire Station (5G)

Tues 16th and Wed 17th December 9.30am Year 1 Nativity - Families of children in Year 1 are welcome to come along and watch. The Year 6 recorder group will be accompanying the songs and parents of children in the Year 6 recorder group are also welcome to attend.

Tuesday Class Assembly dates

Tues 2nd Dec 5 Blue

Tues 9th Dec 6 Green

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events:

Fri 5th Dec—Winter Fay're

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.

Thur 18th Dec — School Christmas Dinner

Tuck shop dates

Fri 5th Dec - Christmas event

Fri 12th Dec - Year 3

Term Dates

Autumn 2 finishes Fri 19th Dec 1:30 p.m.





Tombola Donations

**Please bring to the office
between 1-4 December**

**Time to clear out your cupboards and
donate any pre-loved or nearly new:**

Toys

Teddies/Cuddly toys

Games

Toiletries

(unopened)

Alcohol (unopened)

Sweet treats

(unopened)

**Drop 2 is now open for orders until
MIDDAY MONDAY 1st DECEMBER.**

**Support Ashmount this festive season by giving
your loved ones gifts customised with your
children's artwork.**



Your child should have brought home their 'How to order' card
showing their design and all the codes you need to place an order.
Details on how to order can be found on the card.

**PLEASE KEEP THE 'HOW TO ORDER' CARD UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED
YOUR ITEMS as it can help sort out any queries.**

**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**

Help fund our school with your festive joy.



The Cuddle Club
Soft Toys!



Christmas
Decorations



Homeware



Cards, Wrapping
paper & Gift Tags



Gift Ideas



**Spaces available.
Register before 2nd Feb
to reserve your space**

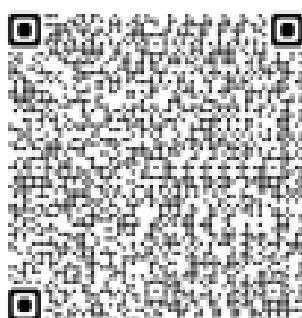
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities

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
- Meet others and share ideas
- To book a place or talk about the programme, please contact: BrightFutures@islington.gov.uk

- **Scan QR code below to link to booking page**



**Location: Willow
Children's Centre
Date: Monday 12
January
Time: 10.00am -
1.00pm**

THE ADVENTURES OF...

**Creative Writing Competition
For 7-12 Year-Olds**



**Open theme to tie
into your topic!**

**Opportunity for your
pupils to be published!**

**Win £1,000 for
your school!**

Sometimes all a child needs is the right spark to set their imagination racing. *The Adventures Of...* gives you that spark – a simple way to get pupils writing short, engaging pieces they can feel proud of. Whether you tie it into your current class topic or let pupils choose their own theme, the activity adapts easily to your needs.

It can be used for creative stories, recounts, diary entries or letters, giving pupils plenty of scope to explore ideas while still feeling supported. With a clear beginning-middle-end structure and a 100-word limit, every child has the chance to succeed, enjoy writing and share their work with confidence.

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

1. Use the enclosed worksheets. Photocopy or request as many as you need by giving us a call, email or requesting online at www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure
2. Ask pupils to write their mini saga (or an adult can scribe) ensuring their name and age are included on the worksheet.
3. Send your entries, along with your teacher entry form (use one per teacher – found on the reverse of the letter and online), to:

Freepost RSLY-AUJA-RAHY
Young Writers PS
Remus House
Peterborough
PE2 9BF

GO GREEN

Upload your entries at
www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter

OR email them to us at
competitions@youngwriters.co.uk

OR use the Online Writing Portal that your pupils can type directly into. Log in or create your teacher account at
www.youngwriters.co.uk/teachers

OR use the Word doc entry form available to download from our website – no printing needed!

AMAZING FREE RESOURCES

Find examples, idea generation activities, a lesson plan and more at
www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/adventure

PRIZES FOR SCHOOLS

1st Place

£1000 and Young Writers' Award of Excellence

Plus a free copy of the book your pupils feature in for every participating school.

(The more entries you send, the more free books you'll receive. See our website for further details.)

PRIZES FOR PUPILS

The top 5 writers will each win a fantastic goody bag, including a fitness watch and trophy!

5 runners-up will each win a £20 Smyths gift card.

Plus every entrant receives a bookmark & sticker for taking part. Pupils we'd love to publish also receive a certificate.

(School & pupil winners will be chosen from entries received in the Autumn Term 2025 and awarded the following term.)



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✦ **Flexible:** Works with any topic – from history and science to PSHE or free writing.
- ✦ **Engaging:** Prompts hook pupils instantly and spark creative thinking.
- ✦ **Achievable:** 100-word limit and clear structure keep writing manageable for everyone.
- ✦ **Versatile:** Use it for stories, recounts, diary entries, letters or knowledge reviews.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025

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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

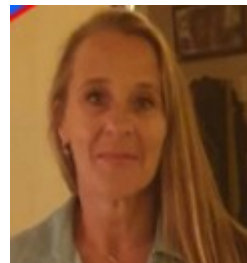


SCAN ME

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



Dear parents/carers,

I would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who have attended EHC support plan reviews this half term. It is really important that you are kept informed about your child's progress.

For parents of children with a SEND support plan, your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a meeting to share their progress and new targets. You may already have met with them and hopefully you are pleased with their progress!

If you have any concerns about your child whether this is social, emotional, learning or communication needs, please speak to your child's teacher or me. We can arrange a meeting in person or online if it is easier. Please email me directly : Anna-bel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk or the office: info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

I would like to remind you about all the support that can be offered in school and professionals via a wide range of external agencies. They all require referrals through school (me):

CAMHS – Neurodevelopmental Team and SEMH Pathways (social, emotional and mental health) - they are not just about assessing children for neurodiversity.

School Wellbeing Service (part CAMHS) – supporting emotional regulation in the home

Place2Be – 1 to 1 counselling

PIPT – service from Place2Be – personalised parent program to support behaviour management in the home

ELSA – emotional literacy support – Salman Ali has been trained by the Educational Psychology Service and is now an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Educational Psychologist

School Home Support – does what it says on the tin & so much more!!

Early Help (this has nothing to do with social services – this has been a common misconception) – Bright Start and Bright Futures

School nurse

The Bridge Outreach – for autistic children

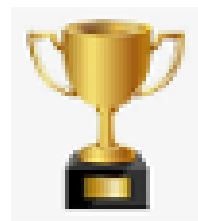
Samuel Rhodes Outreach – for learning difficulties

Islington Dyslexia Network

Speech and Language therapy and Occupational therapy offer in clinic support unless a child has a specific diagnosis of SLCN/autism/DLD/DCD (speech and language needs)

DLD (developmental language disorder) DCD(development coordination disorder) or have an EHCP which states this provision.

Lining up winners this week : KS1: 2 Blue and KS2: 5 Blue



Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's current most improved speedy timestable answering correct scores over the last seven days.

Gone Green - answering all questions under 4 seconds

4 Blue

Mikiah
Melissa
Ezekiel
Hannah
Carlos

4 Green

Ovidi

Rock Start Status - under 2 seconds

6 Blue

Xayne and Ericka

3 Blue

Leo
Sydney

Rock Heroes - Under 1 second

5 Green

Abdur- Rahman
Samuel

Headliner - Under 6 seconds

3 Green

Ani



Class	Percentage
Nursery	97.3
Reception Blue	95.6
Reception Green	87.2
1 Blue	95.0
1 Green	88.3
2 Blue	92.7
2 Green	86.7
3 Blue	90.4
3 Green	89.7
4 Blue	92.5
4 Green	95.0
5 Blue	93.1
5 Green	95.8
6 Blue	97.0
6 Green	98.2

Our best attending classes this week were:

Nursery, 1 Blue, 4 Green 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 Millie at the school office.

What we are learning next week:

Nursery

English: We will be inventing our own stories.

Maths: We will be exploring patterns.

Reception:

English: We will be immersing ourselves in our new text 'Here Comes Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kohara.

Maths: We will be continuing our learning on 2D shapes.

Year 1

English: We will be writing 5 sentence stories

Maths: We will be describing position using ordinal numbers

Year 2

English: We will be editing and publishing our stories based on the class text.

Maths: We will be measuring mass in grams and kilograms.

Year 3

English: We will be finishing and editing our innovated 'defeating a monster' stories.

Maths: We will be multiplying two-digit and 1-digit numbers.

Year 4

English: We will be continuing to innovate our adventure stories.

Maths: We will be looking at division with remainders and solving word problems.

Year 5:

English: We will be exploring a poem by Robert Frost called 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.'

Maths: We will be learning to multiply and divide decimals with renaming.

Year 6:

English: We will be independently planning a journey story using a new stimulus.

Maths: We will be dividing decimals without renaming and dividing decimals by a 2 digit whole number.

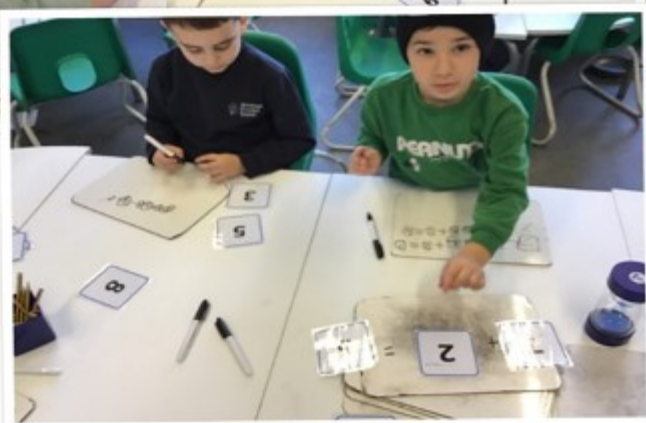
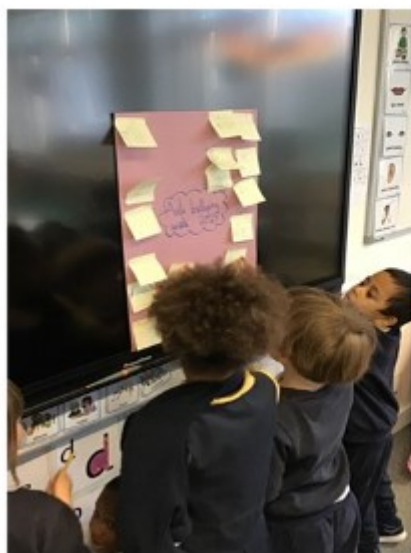
Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Reception



Our learning in pictures: Year 1



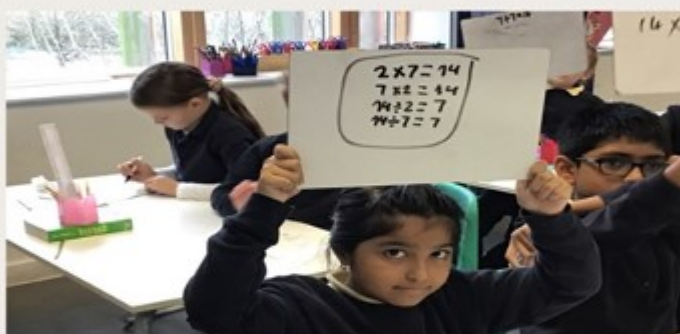
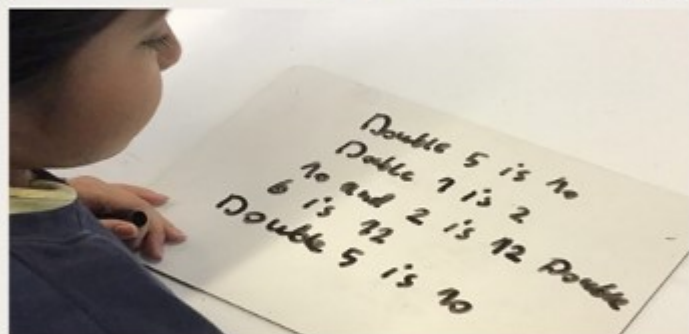
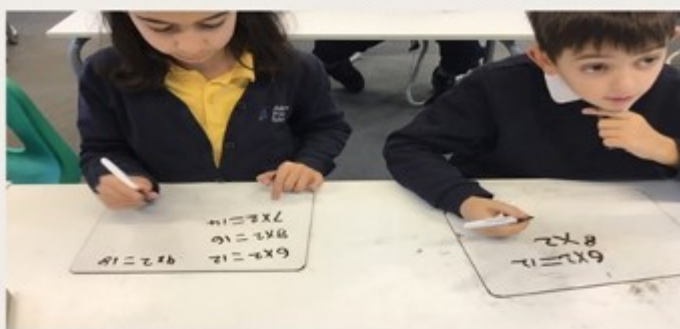
Our learning in pictures: Year 2



Our learning in pictures: Year 3



Our learning in pictures: Year 4



Our learning in pictures: Year 5



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

