

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I thank all parents and carers for your incredibly generous contribution to supporting the people of Jamaica, with your generous donations which were dropped at Hylands House School where they will be packaged and sent to Jamaica to help families and children in need. We sent two full car loads of food and supplies which were greatly received.



Secondly a huge thank you to all of the school staff and Ashmount Together volunteers who supported Friday's Winter Fair. We made over £1,000 which is absolutely fantastic! This money will go towards our fundraising for a school mobile kitchen which will enable a much stronger cooking curriculum offer across the school. It just shows that with cross community support we can both have a fabulous school community event but also raise significant sums to support the school.

I will today send out our second round of election materials for our

Parent School Governor Role.

The second round of nominations will open today and close on mid-day next Friday. Ballot papers will then be sent home that afternoon with the election process closing the following Friday at midday. That way we can appoint by the end of term.

As we approach the end of term can I remind families to collect any lost spare uniform from the space on the patio area outside the main hall. There are an array of items that have no name tags. Please collect by the end of term after which they will be recycled.

Thank you to all families who have responded to the offer of places at the Child and Parents Christmas Meal. The office team will get back to all families that were successful in the balloted ticket process early next week.

Our November winners of the Ashmount Fantasy Football league were:

- 1.N Lotun (Abdur Rahman 's Dad)
2. Abdur Rahman
3. Dan George

Finally, a reminder that when term ends on Friday 19th December school will finish at 1:30 p.m.

Best wishes, Anthony

School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

Educational Visits and Workshops

Thurs 11th Dec - Fire Station (5B)

Fri 12th Dec - In School Panto

Tues 16th and Wed 17th Dec 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 9th Dec 6 Green

Whole School/Ashmount Together Events:

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 12th Dec - Year 3

Term Dates

Autumn 2 finishes

Fri 19th Dec 1:30 p.m.

Spring 1 starts:

Monday 5th January 2026!





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

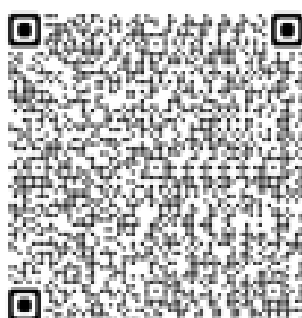
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities

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

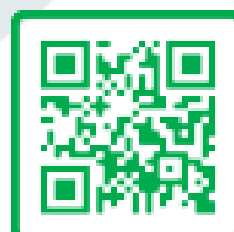
Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
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

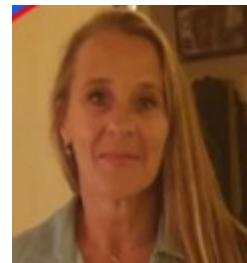


SCAN ME

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



Hidden Harms of Social Media.

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have made the focus of my Inclusion page to be on the **Hidden Harms of Social Media**.

There has been a stack of research showing the harm social media is doing to children's mental health. But it is not just a mental health issue it is a whole child problem.



Excessive screen time on smart devices is linked to a 30% higher risk of developing short-sightedness.

Did you know that children who use screens for more than an hour are more likely to develop problems like 'text neck' as well as wrist and back problems?

Increased screen time is linked to speech delay in children.

A & E departments are dealing with an increasing number of incidents they believe are related to social media such as: **self-harm, dangerous pranks and knife crimes**.

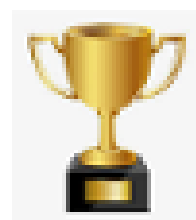
There has been a **big rise in skin conditions** due to girls as young as 7 watching videos of 12-step beauty routines using products that contain retinol which is very damaging for young skin.

Eating disorders have 'gone through the roof' with a significant increase in the number of boys diagnosed with **body dysmorphia** (a mental condition which affects how they see their body).

Most children don't start by trying to find this content, it ends up in their feed and within hours they are taken down a rabbit hole. The same can be said for adults I am sure you will agree!

One piece of advice given to parents is that if you can only do one thing, don't let your child have any devices in the bedroom. Hyperstimulation in the brain before bed, worrying about notifications, really interferes with sleep. Lots of studies show **higher social media usage is directly linked to lower sleep duration**. An obvious statement but if your child is tired then they cannot possibly focus in class.

Finally, research shows that children who have excessive screen time (over an hour) are more likely to have behavioural issues.



Lining up winners this week : KS1: 1 Green and KS2: 4 Green

Times Tables Rock Stars**Times Tables Rock Stars**

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

Year 3

Sydney

Ekram

Seena

Year 4

Mikiah

Abdulfattah

Lara

Year 5

Mumin

Yusuf

Abdullah

Year 6

Oliver

Kayden

Elham



Class	Percentage
Nursery	92.8
Reception Blue	95.9
Reception Green	82.1
1 Blue	93.9
1 Green	79.0
2 Blue	91.9
2 Green	88.8
3 Blue	87.4
3 Green	95.5
4 Blue	92.1
4 Green	95.0
5 Blue	95.6
5 Green	93.6
6 Blue	91.8
6 Green	94.2

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 1 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 exploring the story 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell.

Maths: We will be exploring and comparing the sizes of different objects using mathematical language.

Reception:

English: We will be learning to imitate the story of 'Here Comes Jack Frost'.

Maths: We will be learning about positional language.

Year 1

English: We will be publishing our stories

Maths: We will be counting to 20.

Year 2

English: We will be learning to orally retell our own stories.

Maths: We will be solving word problems relating to mass.

Year 3

English: We will be preparing and planning for our new 'defeating a monster' stories.

Maths: We will be dividing two digit numbers by one digit numbers.

Year 4

English: We will be planning our own adventure story.

Maths: We will be continuing to solve tricky word problems using all four operations..

Year 5:

English: We will be starting a new innovated story, based on a poem by Robert Frost

Maths: We will be looking at simplifying and comparing fractions

Year 6:

English: We will be beginning to write our independent journey stories.

Maths: We will be dividing decimals with renaming and dividing a decimal by a 2-digit number.

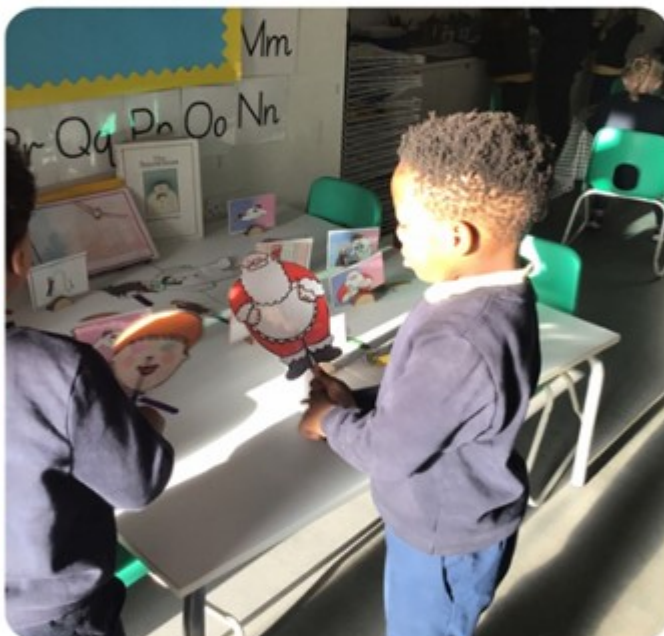
Our learning in pictures: Nursery



Our learning in pictures: Winter Fay're



Our learning in pictures: Reception

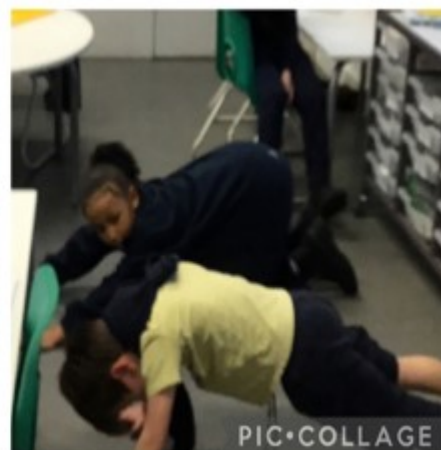


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Our learning in pictures: Year 1



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



Our learning in pictures: Year 6

