

Dear Parents and Carers,

**A few reminders for the next few weeks! Firstly, this coming Tuesday we will start our Tuesday morning class assemblies. On Tuesday it will be 1 Blue who are presenting their learning journey. The dates for the rest of the terms class assemblies can be seen in the third column on this page.**

**Secondly, a reminder that our first major Ashmount Together event will be our Valentine's Disco, which will take place on Friday 6th February straight after school. Ashmount Together will issue more details about this event at the end of the week, so please look out for promotional details.**

**A reminder that our main communications app for families is Arbor, and looking down our parent list there are a number of you who aren't currently utilising this. Katie and Millie will be in touch this week to resolve this but it would really help us all if you could check your app functionality.**

**Finally a reminder about term time leave. As I am sure you are aware that school attendance is essential for children making great progress and good attendance is deemed as children attending for a minimum of 96% during the school year. I can only allow short term absence for specific family circumstances, predominantly around weddings and funerals. We closely liaise with both Islington and the Department for Education nationally around attendance guidance and any family that take a 2 week or more leave of absence will now be fined. I recognise that many community members have family that reside in other countries, as I do. Hence this summer I visited them during the school break. I would similarly request that you utilise the school holidays to do the same.**

**Best wishes,**

**Anthony**

### School Diary Dates

Full school term dates are on our website.

### Educational Visits and Workshops

Fri 23rd Jan—Year 4 Sealife Centre

Thur 29th Jan—Year 2 Judaism Workshop

Fri 30th Jan—Year 6 Neasden Temple

Thurs 5th Feb—Multiplication Check Parent workshop at 9.10am

### Tuesday Class Assembly dates

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1 Blue

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2 Green

Tues 3rd Feb Reception Blue

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 5 Green

Tues 3rd Mar 6 Blue

Tues 10th Mar Reception Green

Tues 17th Mar 2 Blue

Tues 24th Mar 1 Green

### Whole School/Ashmount Together Events:

Fri 6th Feb - Valentines Disco

Thur 12th March—Bring An Adult To School Day

### Parent/Child Conferences

Tues 17th March 2:15 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

Wed 18th March

Fri 20th March — Quiz Night

### Tuck shop dates: TBC

### Term Dates

Spring 1 starts:

Monday 5th January 2026

Spring 1 finishes:

Friday 13th February

# ★ Upcoming Events 2026



# Chicken Club!

## What is it?

- Chicken Club is a group of amazing volunteers who help care for the chickens over the weekends.

## Who can join?

- Any families with a child currently attending Ashmount school.

## What do we need to do?

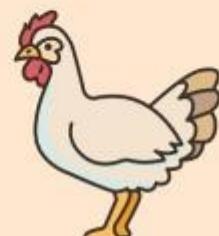
- Looking after our school chickens is like having a mini farm adventure. Children get to feed them, let them out to explore, collect fresh eggs, and help keep their hutch clean, all while learning how to care for animals.

## How often would we have to do it?

- The chickens need care every weekend but weekends are divided up between volunteers. You could do it as often or as little as you would like!

## How do I join?

- If you would like to join or have any questions please contact Amy via your class rep or join the what's app group linked below.



# Take a Book Leave a Book



Our free mini-library is full of exciting books for all readers to read, share, take and enjoy! Thank you to everyone who has added to the Pop-up Book Hut so far.

Here's how it works: **simply take a book, leave a book, or swap a favourite** to keep our shelves full of stories for everyone to enjoy. It's a fun and easy way to discover new books and share ones you've loved.

Next time you're in school, stop by the Book Hut and see what treasures you can find!



**SEPTEMBER 2026 – JULY 2027**  
**TERM DATES**  
**ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**AUTUMN TERM**

First Half:	<b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026</b> <small>(Children return to school Thursday 3rd September)</small>
<i>Half Term Holiday:</i>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026</b>
Second Half:	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026</b>
Christmas Break:	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027</b>

**SPRING TERM**

First Half:	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>
<i>Half Term Holiday:</i>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>
Second Half:	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b>
Easter Break:	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027</b>
	<b>Good Friday: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b>
	<b>Easter Monday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027</b>

**SUMMER TERM**

First Half:	<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027</b>
May Day:	<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</b>
<i>Half Term Holiday:</i>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>
Second Half:	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</b>

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2027**



**Bright  
Futures  
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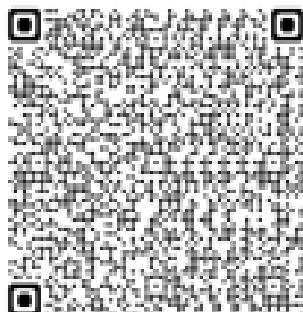


# **Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities**

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: [Bright.Futures@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Bright.Futures@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**



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>



# 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>.

# Annabel's Inclusion Corner



## NHS London Waiting Room

**London Waiting Room** is a website to help everyone understand the help and support options for mental health and well-being. This platform offers a one-stop shop for mental health support in North Central London, with resources for all ages, tools, and information on accessing services.

**Islington Neurodivergent Families**

DESIGNED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS, CARERS, & PROFESSIONALS.

On the Islington Neurodivergent Families site, you can find information about the help and support available for neurodivergent children and young people and their families across childhood.

DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS AND INDEPENDENCE

EDUCATION

COMMUNICATING

UNDERSTANDING NEURODEVELOPMENTAL CONDITIONS

WELLBEING AND SELF-CARE

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

<https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/islington-neurodivergent-families>

<https://londonwaitingroom.nhs.uk/>

The following links are for parents/carers to access training and support on the following areas:

### Making Sense of the Sensory

January

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-sense-of-sensory-how-to-use-a-sensory-toolkit-at-home-tickets->

February

Supporting toileting independence

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-toileting-independence-for-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-1963331533468?aff=odddtcreator>

March

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-sense-of-sensory-how-to-use-a-sensory-toolkit-at-home-tickets->

## **Islington SENDIASS: Workshops & Coffee Mornings**

22nd Jan	Coffee Morning 10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre Tribunal / General drop in, Lough Road Centre
18th Feb	Understanding your EHCP 1pm-2.30pm, Centre 404, 404 Camden Road, N7 0SJ
25th Feb	Workshop 10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre
19th March	Coffee Morning 10am-12pm, Lough Road Centre Tribunal / General drop in, Lough Road Centre

## **Contact**



[islingtonSENDIASS@ldnlondon.org](mailto:islingtonSENDIASS@ldnlondon.org)

Or register on our website

[ldnlondon.org/IslingtonSendiassService](https://ldnlondon.org/IslingtonSendiassService)

61-71 Lough Road Centre, Lough Road, N7 8FF

This week's lining up winners are: KS1: 2 Blue and KS2: 4 Green . Well done to both classes.



Class	Percentage
Nursery	98.8
Reception Blue	97.0
Reception Green	90.0
1 Blue	96.1
1 Green	96.6
2 Blue	95.9
2 Green	92.8
3 Blue	88.0
3 Green	96.6
4 Blue	95.7
4 Green	95.4
5 Blue	98.4
5 Green	93.2
6 Blue	96.3
6 Green	97.1

Our best attending classes this week were:

**Nursery, 1 Green, 3 Green and 5 Blue**

Well done children and parents. These classes will get an additional 5 minutes playtime one day this week.

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.

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

**Year 3:**

**Ekram, Leonardo and Delina**

**Year 4:**

**Mikiah, Ovidi and Luke**

**Year 5**

**Mumin, Yusyf Ali and Abdullah**

**Year 6**

**Oliver, Kayden and Ayaz**



# **What we are learning next week:**

## **Nursery:**

English: We will continue to imitate 'The Three Little Pigs.'

Maths: We will be continuing to explore the numbers 4 and 5.

## **Reception**

English: We will be continuing to imitate 'Supertato'.

Maths: We will be counting using five frames and ten frames.

## **Year 1:**

English: We will be exploring our story through drama and story maps.

Maths: We will be exploring more and less.

## **Year 2:**

English: We will be learning to identify and understand what speech is within a text.

Maths: We will be consolidating our learning on pictograms and exploring worded problems.

## **Year 3:**

English: We will be planning our suspense stories based on 'The BFG' after working on our toolkit this week!

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

## **Year 4:**

English: We will be planning our own suspenseful and action-packed story using our writing toolkit.

Maths: We will be looking at the expanded method for division and the bus stop method.

## **Year 5:**

English: We will be planning our own innovated stories based on our source text 'The Attic'.

Maths: We will be multiplying mixed numbers by an integer in multi-step word problems.

## **Year 6:**

English: We will be imitating and planning our quest narrative which is based on the story Stormbreaker by Alex Ryder.

Maths: We will be exploring percentages and solving problems involving percentages.

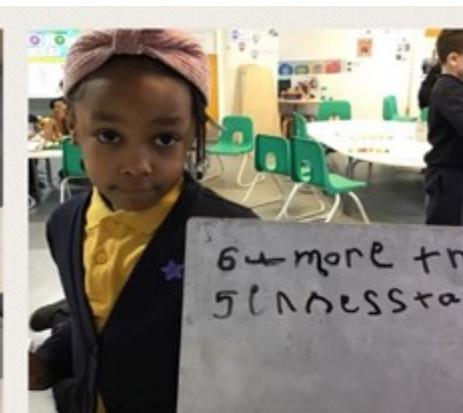
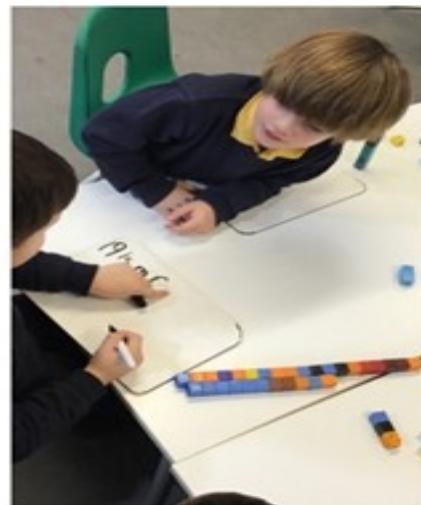
# Our learning in pictures: Nursery



# Our learning in pictures: Reception



# Our learning in pictures: Year 1



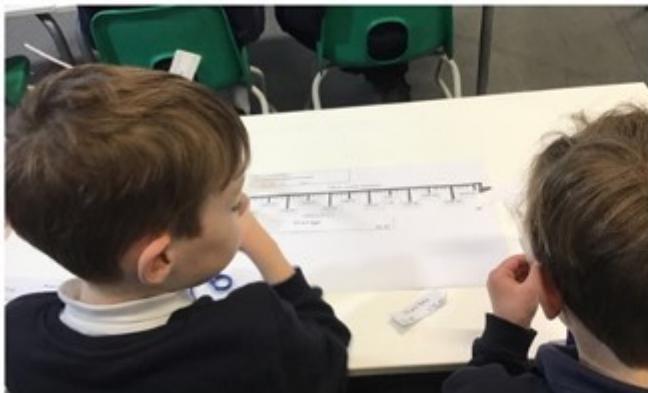
# Our learning in pictures: Year 2



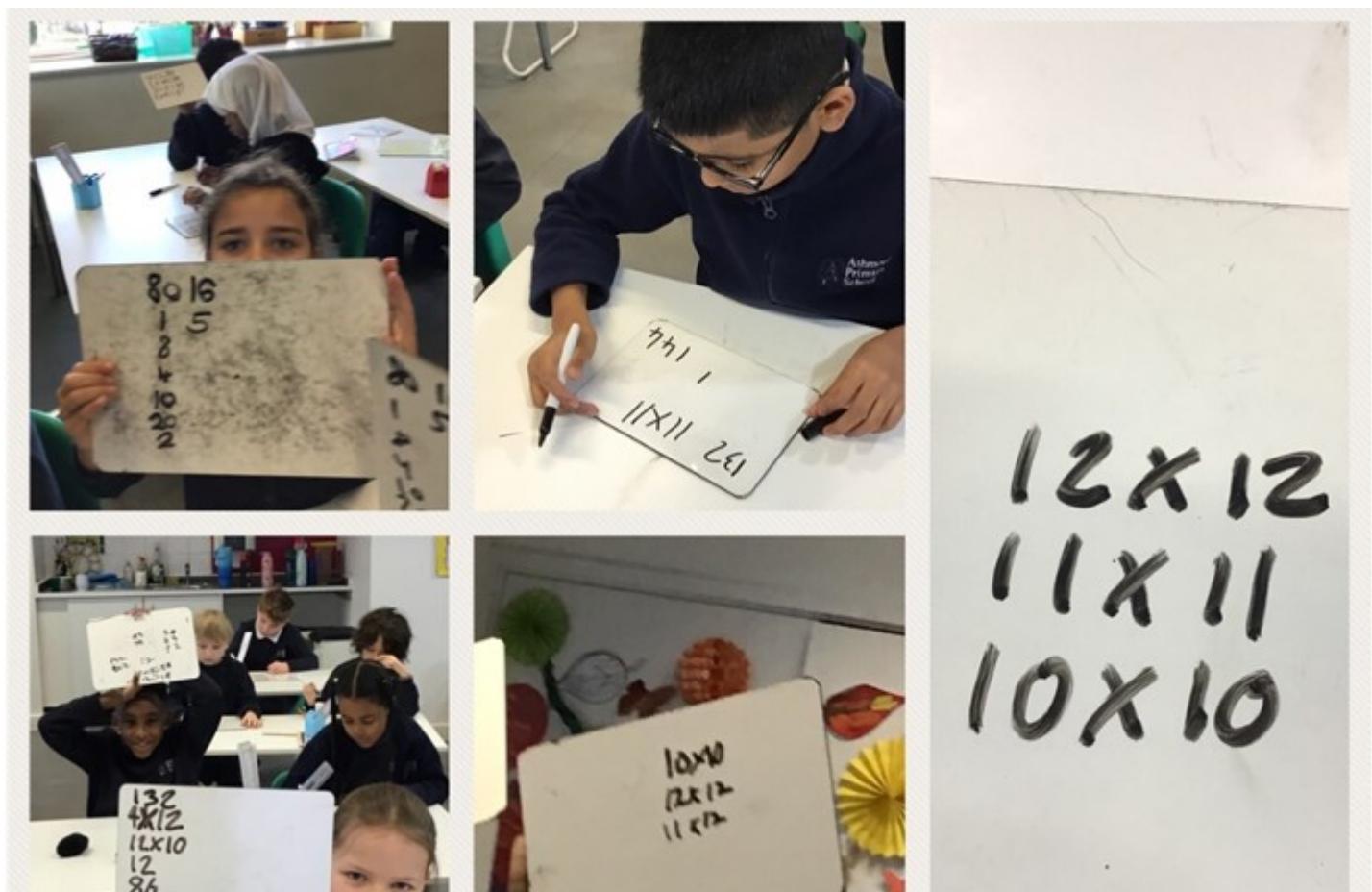
# Our learning in pictures: Year 3



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## **Our learning in pictures: Year 4**



## **Our learning in pictures: Year 5**



# Our learning in pictures: Year 6

