ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone for all of your support this half term. We had an array of really successful learning events across the school and are grateful for all families' engagement with our school assemblies, school trips, Bring An Adult to School event but also our tuck shops events and Ashmount Together events. Without your support the school isn't quite the same and we are really grateful for this and look forward to your continued support after half term.

A reminder that Coolhurst have advertised their free Girls Squash sessions from 7th November for a six week block. There are more details about this offer on page 18.

Additionally, a reminder that we have now sent out the links to purchase the children's own Festive card designs. These orders must be placed by Wednesday 11th November and the details about this can be found on page 17.

Another reminder that we return for the second half of the autumn term on Monday 2nd November and the week after we will have our first Parent Conferences of the year. Please ensure you book a session to meet with your child's class teacher to get an update on their learning so far this year but also to gain an insight into how you can further support their learning at home.

As well as our usual Our Learning in Photos at the end of the newsletter I've also included an array of photos from our Ashmount After School Club which offers wrap around care for those families that need it until 6 p.m.. Take a look on page 20 to see what the fabulous activities that the children get up to! If you need to access the offer late Millie and Katie know in the office!

Lastly, on your return can I ask families to check the lost property table on the Key Stage 1 patio area outside the main hall as there are a significant number of coats but other uniform items and perhaps before Monday write your child's initials and class name into their uniforms.

Anthony Carmel, **Headteacher**

Riddle of the week: **What has many rings but no fingers?**

Want to submit a riddle? Email it to me at head@ashmount.islington.sch.uk with the subject 'riddle' and it might be featured!

ASHMOUNT'S PICTURE OF THE WEEK



On Friday we had a dress down day for Halloween and here's a snap from some of our Year 6 children who had a fabulous time!

DATES AND REMINDERS for 2026-2027

DAY AND DATE	START AND FINISH TIME	EVENT CATEGORY	EVENT NAME	CLASS AND YEAR GROUP	LOCATION AND NOTES
Monday 02/11/2026	8:45 a.m.	Start of Autumn 2 half term	Start of autumn 2	Whole school	Classrooms
Tuesday 10/11/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 4 Blue Class Assembly	Year 4 Blue	Main hall
Tuesday 10/11/2026 and Wednesday 11/11/2026	3.20 p.m. - 6.35p.m. 3:20 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.	Parent Conferences	Individual Parent Conferences	Whole school	Classrooms
Tuesday 17/11/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 5 Blue Class Assembly	Year 5 Blue	Main hall
Tuesday 24/11/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 3 Green Class Assembly	Year 3 Green	Main hall
Tuesday 01/12/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 6 Blue Class Assembly	Year 6 Blue	Main hall
14/12/2026	3.45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Carol Concert	Whole School Carol Concert	All year groups	Main Hall
15/12/2026	9>30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Year 1 Performance	Year 1 Nativity	Year 1 Parents	Main Hall
16/12/2026	9>30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Year 1 Performance	Year 1 Nativity	Year 1 Parents	Main Hall
17/12/2026	11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Parent and child Christmas Lunch	Parent and child Christmas Lunch	All parents via a parent ballot	Main Hall
Friday 18/12/26	1:30 p.m.	Last day of autumn term	End of term school finishes at 1:30 p.m.	Whole school	End of term finishes at 1:30 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- If any of you have changed your contact details over the summer - address, phone number or email address then please let us know.

- As of September 4th only significant absences will be authorised. Any family taking leave will be fined via the local authority. All children are expected in school for 195 school days.

- If you're not sure if your child should be in school with a minor illness check the link below!
  https://attendancetoolkit.blob.core.windows.net/toolkit-resources/NHS%20guidance%20sheet.pdf?es_c=D951D798E4DB68E93BEBAEC36D7E4F43&es_cl=29519489A184968132ABDB474DA05F67&es_id=ph7%C2%A322

- Please ensure that all uniform items and coats are marked with your child's initials and class as it helps ensure any lost items are quickly back with your child.

Thank you!
Katie and Millie
info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

ANNABEL'S INCLUSION CORNER

Families for Life

feeling good and living well

Islington are currently recruiting for their next cohort of Families for Life Parent Champions, so Ashmount is helping to spread the word to parents or carers who may be interested.

They are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help promote health and wellbeing in schools through gate outreach, workshops and community engagement. They provide free training, DBS checks and paid work opportunities for parents, as well as offering a great way to strengthen health promotion in schools through trusted community voices.

What you can do:

✅ Help out with exciting health programmes like Family Kitchen and Taste Education
✅ Support school gate activities (flu jabs, oral health, parent surveys)
✅ Run parent workshops on healthy snacks, lunches, and breakfasts
✅ Share info through your networks and help families thrive

What you'll get:

🎓 Free training & certificates
🚌 Travel reimbursements
💼 Boost your CV & explore paid opportunities
🤝 Build friendships & community connections
💡 Learn more about local services and healthy living

Flexible commitment: Just one activity per half term, with full support and training provided.

Training takes place 10am-12pm every Thursday from the 6th November to the 18th December at Kings Square Community Centre (EC1Y 8DY). (see attached flyer for the QR code)

Please speak to me (Annabel) on the gate if you would like to meet me to discuss your child or email me: annabel.lemoine@ashmount.islington.sch.uk

Deputy Head and Inclusion Lead, Annabel Le moine

LINING UP WINNERS

Every week I choose one class from KS1 and one class from KS2 that have impressed school staff with their lining up skills and responsible transitions around the school.

Each class is presented with a trophy in celebration assembly on a Friday morning to recognise their achievement.



This week's winners were: KS1: 2 Blue and **KS2: 6 Blue**
Best table manners: KS1: 1G & 1B and KS2: 3G and 5 B

Well done to both classes!

ATTENDANCE

Annual attendance:

Mon 19/10/2025 - Fri 23/10/2026

At Ashmount we are aiming for at least 97% attendance in each class every week as we believe that:

'Every minute matters, every second counts'

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.8%
Reception Blue	90.9%
Reception Green	**92.3%**
1 Blue	90.8%
1 Green	93.6%
2 Blue	86.4%
2 Green	**93.2%**
3 Blue	94.8%
3 Green	**96.4%**
4 Blue	95.5%
4 Green	82.9%
5 Blue	97.1%
5 Green	90.0%
6 Blue	91.2%
6 Green	**96.9%**

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Green, 2 Green, 3 Green and 6 Green

RWell done children and parents! These classes will have an extra 5 minutes playtime one day during the week.

Would you like support with improving your child's attendance and punctuality?

Please email Millie or Katie at info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk .

IN SCHOOL LEARNING

Whole School Learning Monday 02/11/2026 - Friday 06/11/2026	**A focus this week on Diwali and Bonfire Night**
Nursery (Early Years Foundation Stage - EYFS)	**English: We will be** immersing ourselves into our new text 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. **Maths: We will be** recognising and representing the numbers 1,2 & 3. **Topic: Colour and Light** **Class reading: The Colour Monster**
Reception (Early Years Foundation Stage - EYFS)	**English: We will be** immersing ourselves in our new core text 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. **Maths: We will be** learning about time. **Topic: Fantasy** **Home learning:** Daily reading and phonics. Books returned on Friday.
Year 1 (Key Stage 1 - KS1)	**English: We will be** exploring our new text called 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. **Maths: We will be** exploring subtraction within ten. **Topic: Toys** **Home Learning:** Daily reading, phonics from Oxford Owl and Spelling learning checks on Thursdays
Year 2 (Key Stage 1 - KS1)	**English: We will be** exploring and identifying the key features of our new class text 'Rockabilly Island'. **Maths: We will be** exploring multiplying by 2, 5 and 10s. **Topic: Indian Spice** **Home learning:** Daily reading, phonics from Oxford Owl and Spelling learning checks on Thursdays.
Year 3 (Key Stage 2 - KS2)	**Year 3** **English: We will be** exploring our next information text, 'Tree Giants'. **Maths: We will be** starting our learning about multiplication. **Topic: Extreme Survival** **Guided Reading Book: Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf** **Home Learning:** Daily reading, Times Tables Rock Stars, Spelling learning and checks on Thursdays
Year 4 (Key Stage 2 - KS2)	**English: We will be** exploring our new class text 'The Ferocious Hydra'. **Maths: We will be** exploring multiplication and division. **Topic: Our Country** **Guided Reading Book: The Diary of a Killer Cat!** **Home Learning**: Daily reading, Time Tables Rock Stars, Spelling checks will be on Thursdays.
Year 5 (Key Stage 2 - KS2)	**English: We will be** informative and persuasive writing through our text, 'Turquoise Bay'. **Maths: We will be** using long multiplication to multiply 2- and 3- digit numbers by 2- digit numbers. **Topic: North and South America** **Guided Reading Book: Kensuke's Kingdom** **Homework/Spelling Check Day:** Daily reading, TTRS, Homework will be marked in class on Fridays and new homework issued ready for the weekend. Spelling learning and checks will be on Thursdays.

Year 6 **(Key Stage 2 - KS2)**	**Year 6** **English: We will be** exploring and learning our new model text ‘Stormbreaker’. **Maths: We will be** adding and subtracting unlike fractions and mixed numbers. **Topic: Natural Disasters** **Guided Reading Book:** Stormbreaker **Home Learning:** Daily reading, TTRS and CGP learning

AT HOME LEARNING - EYFS AND KS1

Busy Things is an award-winning collection of online educational games and activities directly linked to the school curriculum across various subjects including English, maths, science, geography, music, coding and more.

https://www.busythings.co.uk/

Busy Things is available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Children can play Busy Things at home to support their learning in a fun and accessible way. If your child cannot remember their log in details, please contact your child's class teacher or Katie or Millie in the school office.

Read Write Inc. is an award-winning phonics program developed by Dame Ruth Miskin, designed to teach all children to read fluently and spell effortlessly. It aims to create a solid foundation in literacy to support all learning at home and in life.

https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/

Read Write Inc. starts in the first term of Reception and continues until a child progresses to our English program.

When children are ready they will bring home 'book bag books' to enjoy with parents and carers and reinforce their learning. Children should be reading at home independently or with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes every day. Books will be changed in class according to a child's need. We also expect Reading Record books to be returned to class twice each week. Please remember to return all books sent home.

RESOURCES (EYFS, KS1 AND KS2)

All Subjects: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Maths (hit the button game): https://www.topmarks.co.uk
Book recommendations designed to reinforce the idea that children should see themselves reflected in the books they read:
https://www.ruthmiskin.com/windows-and-mirrors-booklist-2/

AT HOME LEARNING - KS2



Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) is an award-winning maths program proven to improve children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division through fun games, motivating rewards and friendly competition.

https://ttrockstars.com/

TTRS is available to children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Year 3 -Ayaz, Maja, Abdullah
Year 4 - Ella, Seena, Leonardo
Year 5 - Georgia, Nylah, Maisha
Year 6 - Usman, Abdur Rahman I, Mumin

We encourage children to play TTRS at home on the website or the app. If your child cannot remember their log in details, please speak to your child's class teacher or Katie or Millie in the school office.

Every week the three children with the most improved speed answering questions correctly will receive a certificate in celebration assembly on a Friday morning and have their name displayed on a noticeboard outside the school library.

Congratulations to this week's winners!

READING ROAD MAP

The Reading Road Map initiative is aimed at 'broadening children's reading horizons' in the books they bring home to read for pleasure, by including titles that span across genres and authors.

Reading Road Map is available to children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Children should be reading at home independently or with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes every day.

☆ **COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, GROWTH** ☆
☆ **WE ARE KIND, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, WE ALWAYS TRY OUR BEST** ☆

SCHOOL COMMUNITY - GET INVOLVED!

Pop-Up Book Hut!
Take a Book, Leave a Book

In January 2026, Beyza (Class ? and Reading Lead) introduced a free-for-all, community-led mini library in the waiting area of the main school entrance.

Our bright green hut is full of exciting books for readers of all ages to take home, read, share, swap and enjoy!

How it works:

- help yourself to any books you might enjoy reading. You are free to take books from the pop-up book hut home and you do not have to bring them back. Swap any favourite books you have when you are finished with them with something new to read.

- please donate any books from home that you no longer want to help keep our shelves full of stories. Just leave any donations in the book hut for someone else to enjoy.

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

Join the Ashmount Together (PTA) Fantasy Football League!

If you or your kids love football please join our Ashmount Together Fantasy Football League. There will be prizes for the winners of the league and the cup. We will also recognise the football managers of the month, so get picking your team!

It doesn't matter if you have never played it before or if you are a seasoned pro. You can even join late and still be in with a chance of winning.

How to join:

- contact the PTA through your class rep or by emailing hello@ashmount-together.co.uk to get the code to join the league

- donate a minimum of £5 per team you will enter via the Ashmount Together Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashmountschoolpta

- Join the league via: https://fantasy.premierleague.com/

Volunteer with the Chicken Club!

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

Any families with a child currently attending Ashmount can get involved.

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 the chicken hutch clean, all while learning how to care for animals..

The chickens need care every weekend, with weekends divided up between our group of volunteers. You can help out as often or as little as you would like!

How to get involved:

If you would like to join or have any questions, please contact Amy (a school parent) via your class rep, or email hello@ashmount-together.co.uk and ask for Amy's contact details and the link to the Chicken Club Whatsapp group.

Join the Ashmount Parent's Band AB⚡CD!

The parents band is made up of Ashmount parents who perform once a year for an amazing night of music and fundraising for the school at our annual AB⚡CD Parents Band Night!

Any parents can get involved whether you have musical or performance experience or not. We welcome all instruments and singers, there's a place for everyone.

Come along to a rehearsal (usually in the evening in the school or at a local venue or studio) to meet the band, have some fun and get involved.

How to join the band:

If you would like to join or have any questions, please contact Rhiannon via your class rep, or email hello@ashmount-together.co.uk and ask for Rhiannon's contact details and the link to the AB⚡CD Parents Band Whatsapp group.

Ashmount Together is formed by a group of volunteers made up of parents, staff and friends of the school.

Our purpose is to bring the Ashmount School community together whilst raising vital funds for the school to help enrich our children's education, improve their school experience and enhance the school building for their benefit and enjoyment.

We are always on the look out for support and volunteers!

Please attend our events, buy raffle tickets, grab a treat from a tuck shop, enjoy a bargain at our school uniform and 2nd hand book sales, come for a coffee and biscuit at one of our coffee mornings, donate items for our raffles and tombolas, dance at our discos, sponsor our fun runners or set up a monthly donation through our Just Giving page.

DAY AND DATE	START AND FINISH TIME	EVENT NAME	WHO	LOCATION AND NOTES	AMOUNT RAISED
Previous Fundraising **T**hanks to the incredible support of parents and the school community, Ashmount Together (PTA) generated over £7,000 of income in the last school year (2025/2026) This was raised during lovely community events, tuck shops, EasyFundarising, donations to the Justgiving account, Christmas cards, Fantasy Football league. These funds will be invested directly in the school, and will go towards new playground equipment, additional equipment for the brand new mobile kitchens, as well as a range of clubs, activities and resources. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, organised, donated, attended events or supported our fundraising. Please see below the dates for this year's events and initiatives.					
Friday 16th Oct	3::30pm -5:30pm	BHM Event	Whole school	School Main Hall	£600
Friday 23rd Oct	3::30pm -5:30pm	Dress down day and Halloween Tuck Shop	Whole school	School Main Hall	
Friday 4th Dec	3:30pm - 530pm	Winter Fayre	Whole School	School Main Hall	
Friday 15th Jan	3:30pm - 6:00pm	Winter Tuck Shop and Pyjama Party	Whole School	Main and Small Hall	
Friday 12th March	3:30 p.m - 5 p.m.	Eid event	Whole school	Main hall	
Friday 19th March	3:15pm - 3:45pm	Wonka Sale and Tuck Shop	Whole School	Main hall patio	
May TBC	TBC	Band Night	Whole school and Community	Main Hall	
May TBC	TBC	May Tuck Shop	Whole school	Main hall patio	
Sunday June 27th	TBC	Run Kids Run	Whole school	Highbury Fields	

Saturday July 3rd	11 am - 3pm	Summer Fayre	Whole school and Community	School grounds	

We are always grateful for people willing to: run a stall, game, craft, bar or buffet at an event; cook or BBQ to serve delicious dishes at an event; gather raffle prizes and sell raffle tickets; donate snacks and treats for a tuck shop or run the tuck shop; prepare 2nd hand books or school uniform for a book or uniform sale; do facepainting; decorate before or clean up after an event; create event posters or stick up posters; drum up support and ticket sales from fellow parents and members of the local community; support with compliance, risk assessments and TENS licences, write funding or grant applications; connect with local businesses that could support us, and the many, many more jobs and roles it takes to make our events possible and enjoyable for the whole community!

If you are able to volunteer please:

⦿ **look out for volunteer requests in your year group Whatsapp group and jump in whenever and wherever you can!**

⦿ **speak to your class rep and ask to be put in touch with someone from Ashmount Together or to be added to the Ashmount Together Whatsapp Group**

⦿ **email us on hello@ashmount-together.co.uk to ask any questions and/or let us know how you can help**

Thank you!
Ashmount Together
Charity Number: 1014761

EASY WAYS TO HELP US RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR ASHMOUNT SCHOOL!

Easy Fundraising

We are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help raise funds for us, for FREE!
Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online or shop directly through the app on your phone:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashmounttogether



Stikins



Stikins are versatile, white, stick-on name labels designed for clothing, school gear and personal items, eliminating the need for ironing on or sewing in name labels to your child's school uniform. Stickers are made of a dirt resistant, gloss material to ensure they are soft and gentle against skin.

Featuring a strong, wash-resistant adhesive, they are safe for washing machines, tumble dryers, dishwasher and microwaves, making them ideal for labeling school uniforms, shoes and lunchboxes.

For every purchase made through Stikins using our unique school fundraising number, Ashmount Together earns 30% commission, with no extra cost to you!

Help us eliminate lost property whilst raising money for the school!

https://www.stikins.co.uk/
Unique school fundraising number: 36702

Just Giving

JustGiving is an easy way to donate directly to Ashmount Together either as a one off or as a regular donation.

All you need to do is follow the link below and click 'Give Now'. Donations can be public or anonymous:

https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashmountschoo

Match Funding

Match funding (or match giving) is a simple way to give Ashmount Together's fundraising efforts a big boost!

It is a benefit offered by a company to an employee as part of their corporate social responsibility initiative (CSR). Usually the company will pledge to match a sum of money raised at an event you have volunteered at, or an amount of money you have donated to a cause.

Many large corporations such as these companies offer this benefit, but smaller independent companies may also support charitable giving in this way too.

Please speak to your employer's HR or CSR department to see what might be available to you and then email hello@ashmount-together.co.uk to let us know.

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Ashmount Primary School

Term Dates
2026/2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Tue 1st Sept – Fri 18th Dec 2026	Mon 4th Jan – Thurs 25th Mar 2027	Mon 12th Apr – Tue 20th July 2027
Half term:	Half term:	Half term:
Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30th Oct 2026	*Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb 2027*	*Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2027*
INSET days:	*Fri 26th Mar – Fri 9th Apr 2027*	INSET days:
Tue 1st Sep 2026	INSET days:	*Fri 9th July 2027*
Weds 2nd Sep 2026	*Mon 22nd Feb 2027*	

Calendar Key

Pupils 1st day back to school | Normal school days | INSET Days | School Holidays | Bank Holiday | Weekend

September 2025

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July 2026

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UK Health Security Agency

NHS

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.

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Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

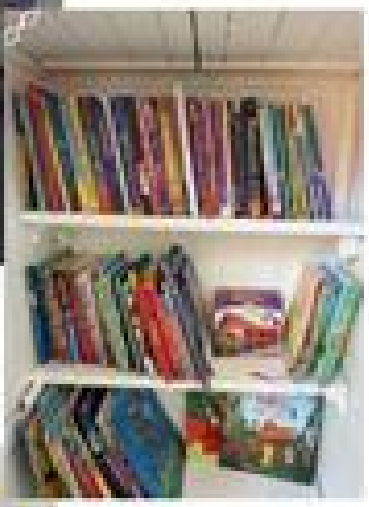
To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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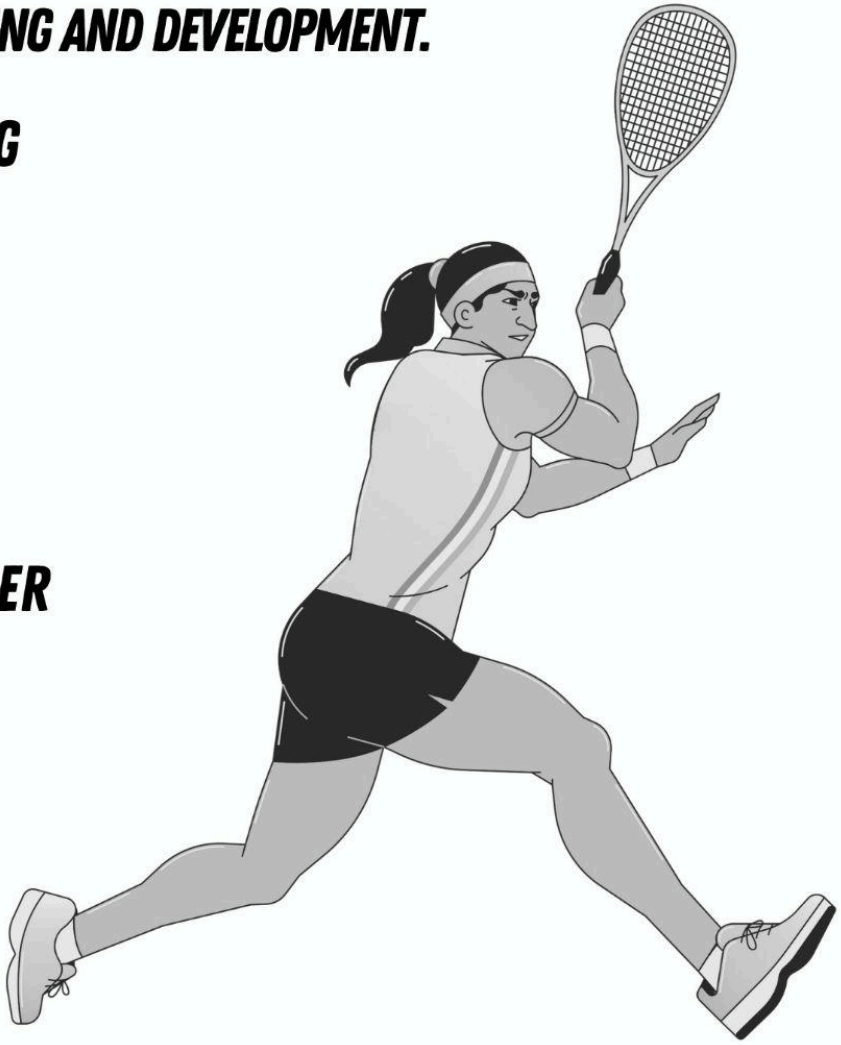
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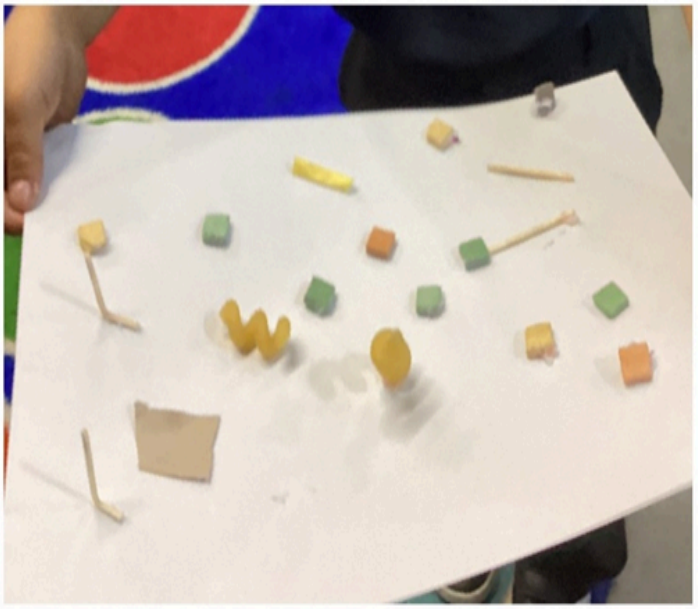
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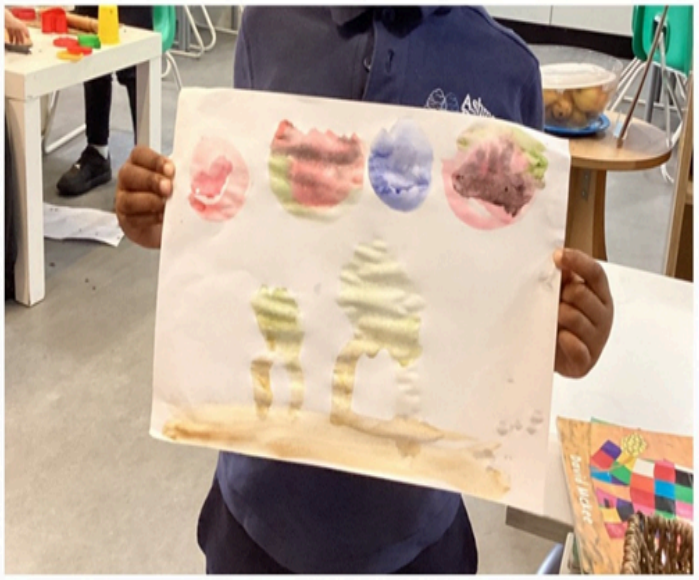
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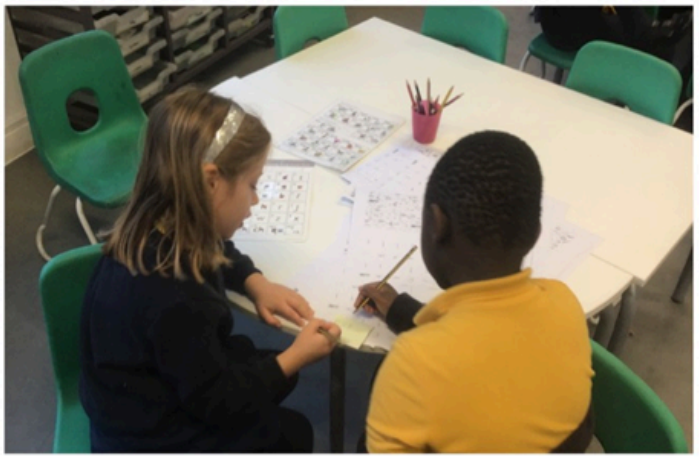




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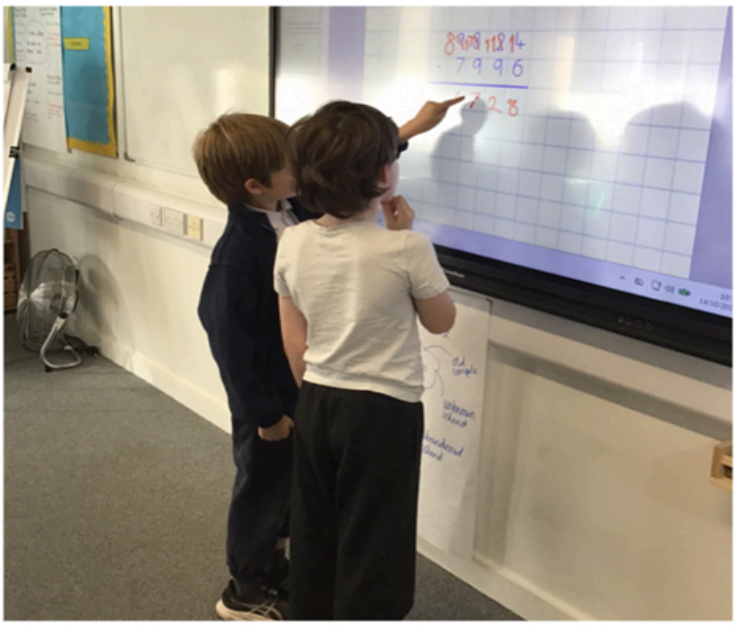





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Riddle answer: A telephone!
