ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 22nd November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of today's newsletter we have a celebration of last week's national TimesTable Rock Stars competition. Almost 17,000 children competed across the country as individuals and classes to see who was the best. I am incredibly proud to announce that two of our Year 6 children Mumin and Yusuf came 2nd and 3rd in London, but 9th and 11th nationally. Both will be presented with a special award at Monday's class assembly!

Also this week our focus in school is Computing but the opportunities it offers and the risks that can come with online access. With this in mind one of our Reception parents Reema, an author on online safety, will be running a special assembly for our children in Year 1 and Year 2 about how to keep safe. I am attaching a flier with this week's newsletter about this and also how you can buy the books linked to the assembly.

A reminder that Friday is a dress down day for the tombola at the Winter Fayre. We are asking for a donation of a new or unwanted item from each family in return for the children wearing what they choose.

We're a few weeks away yet but on the last day of term we finish at 1:30 p.m.. Our after school club will run until 4 p.m. but there will be no after school Cape offer until 3:15 p.m. so please ensure you have child care provision in place if you are not picking your child up at 1:30 p.m.

Finally, at the winter Fayre there will be a bake off competition. So it would be great if you and your children could get creative in the kitchen. I'm attaching details with the newsletter!

Best wishes,
Anthony Carmel, **Headteacher**

Riddle of the week: I am tall when I am young, and short when I am old. What am I?
Find the answer at the end of the newsletter!
Want to submit a riddle? Email it to me at head@ashmount.islington.sch.uk with the subject 'riddle' and it might be featured! If your riddle is featured you will be given 5 dojo points!

ASHMOUNT'S PICTURE OF THE WEEK



A fabulous picture this week from Year 4 on their school trip, learning as ever at the forefront of all we do , but as importantly unadulterated joy!

DATES AND REMINDERS

DAY AND DATE	START AND FINISH TIME	EVENT CATEGORY	EVENT NAME	CLASS AND YEAR GROUP	LOCATION AND NOTES
Tuesday 24/11/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 3 Green Class Assembly	Year 3 Green	Main hall
Thursday 26/11/2026	9:45 a.m. and 10.45 a.m.	Class assembly	Year 1 and 2 Online Safety Assembly and author visit	Year 1 and Year 2	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
Friday 04/12/2026	9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Winter Fair Tombola Donations	Dress Down For Tombola Day	Nursery - Year 6	Main Reception
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
15/12/2026	p.m..	Class parties	Class parties	Years 2,3 and 4	Classrooms
16/12/2026	9.30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Year 1 Performance	Year 1 Nativity	Year 1 Parents	Main Hall
16/12/2026	p.m..	Class parties	Class parties	Nursery a.m. Reception, Year 1, 5 and 6 p.m.	Classrooms
17/12/2026	All day	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Jumper Day	Nursery - Year 6	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
18/12/2026	a.m.	Christmas Panto	Christmas Panto	Year 1 - Year 6	School hall
18/12/2026	School closes at 1:30 a.m.	End of term	SChool closes early	Nursery - Year 6	SChool closes at 1:30 p.m.

NOTES FROM KATIE AND MILLIE IN THE OFFICE

Do you have a query? Please follow the guidance below so that your enquiry can be handled efficiently.	
School office phone number: 0207 272 7145	For urgent messages, same day requests or last minute daily arrangements or changes, call the school office.
info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk	For all general enquiries. Please note, our turn around time is a minimum of 4 working days, so please check the newsletter, emails and letters sent home carefully before emailing us in case your query has already been answered.
absence@ashmount.islington.sch.uk	To report your child's absence e.g. for short term illness or medical appointments, or to request leave during term time.
clubs@ashmount.islington.sch.uk	For queries or requests regarding school extra-curricular clubs or tax-free childcare payments.
office@ashmount.islington.sch.uk	NOT for parent use. This is a business only email address. We will not respond to parent enquiries sent to this email address.
After school club phone number: 07426 861 050	For urgent messages or arrangements relating to Ashmount's after school club, please use the after school club mobile phone number.

Attendance	
Illness queries and absences	If your child has a minor illness and you are unsure whether they should attend school, please click this link for further information: Is my child too ill for school? or check the poster at the end of the newsletter. To report your child's absence, medical appointments, or to request leave during term time, you must email absence@ashmount.islington.sch.uk
Unauthorised absences	Please remember that children are not permitted to take holiday days on school days, and all children are expected to be in school for all 195 school days. All holidays during term term will be marked as unauthorised absences unless prior permission is given for significant and valid reasons e.g. for a major family event such as a wedding or funeral. Families taking unauthorised leave will be fined by the local authority.

General Reminders	
Our school app, Arbor	Our school app Arbor is an easy way for us to send you quick and/or urgent updates, and for you to see key information about the school day and your child's attendance. If you haven't signed up yet, please download the app 'Arbor', and ask the school office for your log in details.
Your contact details	For safeguarding reasons, please ensure your contact details are up to date at all times. If you change your address, phone number or email address, please email us on info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk or come into the school office to let us know.
Labelling school uniform	Please ensure that all school uniform items including coats, bags, lunchboxes and water bottles are marked with your child's name or initials and class, as it helps ensure any lost items can be quickly reunited with your child. If you are looking for name labels suitable for all of these items, for every purchase made through Stikins **https://www.stikins.co.uk/** using our unique school fundraising number (36702), Ashmount Together (the PTA) earns 30% commission, at no extra cost to you.
Cars on school site	A polite reminder that only cars with pre-authorised permission are allowed on the school site in Crouch Hill Park for drop offs and pick ups. This is a condition of having the school on this site and must be adhered to. This currently includes a total of 6 families so there should be no issues with congestion on the school site at any time.

ANNABEL'S INCLUSION CORNER

About the Sunflower Project

The Sunflower Project is a specialist recovery programme for children and young people who have experienced domestic violence and abuse (DVA). The programme provides a safe, supportive space where children can explore their feelings, build confidence and begin to heal from their experiences in a safe and nurturing environment. Sessions are age appropriate, trauma informed and delivered in small groups within their school. The programme combines art, play and recovery activities to gently support children and young people in understanding their experiences and rebuilding emotional wellbeing. The programme is not about asking children to disclose their experiences. Instead, it provides a safe, nurturing and empowering space where children can explore their feelings, begin to make sense of their experiences and develop healthy coping mechanisms. However, if a child or young person chooses to share their experiences because they feel safe and ready to do so, trained facilitators will respond appropriately and ensure they receive the support they need.

How a referral is made:
Referrals are usually made through the schools Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or professional supporting your child/young person.
If you feel your child would benefit from the programme, you can:
- **Speak directly to your child's/young person school**
- **Contact the designated safeguarding lead**
- **Ask for more information about the Sunflower Project**

Please see attached leaflet for more information.

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: 1 G and **KS2: 4 G**

Best table manners: 1 B and KS2: 3 G

Well done to all classes!

ATTENDANCE

Annual attendance:

Mon 16/11/2025 - Fri 20/11/2026
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	90.3
Reception Blue	**98.1**
Reception Green	85.4
1 Blue	97.7
1 Green	97.5
2 Blue	**98.5**
2 Green	97.5
3 Blue	92.9
3 Green	93.7
4 Blue	**95.0**
4 Green	88.6
5 Blue	92.3
5 Green	94.4
6 Blue	88.9
6 Green	**98.1**

Our best attending classes this week were:

Reception Blue, 2 Blue, 4 Blue 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 **Week beginning 23/11/2026**	**A focus this week on Computing and online safety.**
Nursery **(Early Years Foundation Stage - EYFS)**	**English: We will** begin to innovate our class story 'The Colour Monster'. **Maths: We will be** exploring shapes within our environment. **Topic: Colour and Light** **Class reading: The Colour Monster**
Reception **(Early Years Foundation Stage - EYFS)**	**English: We will** start innovating the story of 'Room on the Broom'. **Maths: We will be** exploring 2D shapes. **Topic: Fantasy** **Home learning:** Daily reading and phonics. Books returned on Friday.
Year 1 **(Key Stage 1 - KS1)**	**English: We will be** writing our own recount letters. Then, we will be exploring information texts! **Maths: We will be** using ordinal numbers. **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 our new class text 'How to Make a Disgusting Sandwich?'. **Maths: We will be** solving measurement word problems. **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** writing our innovated non chronological reports based on The Giant Hunters' Guide. **Maths: We will be** continuing to use multiplication and division facts for 3,4 and 8 times tables. **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 'How to Cook a Rainbow'. **Maths: We will be** solving word problems on 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** exploring our new class text 'How to Trap a Stone Giant'. **Maths: We will be** investigating tables and line graphs. **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** writing, editing and publishing our quest stories. **Maths: We will be** writing fractions as decimals and multiplying with decimals. **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. Book Bag Books will be changed in class every XXXXday. 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.

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!

See the last page of this week's newsletter to hear about our brilliant performance in this week's England Rocks Competition!

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 ? and ?.

Children should be reading at home independently or with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes every day.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY - GET INVOLVED!

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

In January 2026, Beyza (Class 6 Blue 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 volunteer, please sign up by following this link: Ashmount Chicken Volunteers - Calendar or if you have any questions, please email hello@ashmount-together.co.uk to ask for 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.

Thanks 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 our lovely community events, tuck shops, raffle, EasyFundarising, Christmas cards, Fantasy Football league, donations to the Justgiving account.

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.

2026/2027 EVENT DATES				
EVENT	**DATE**	**TIME**	**WHO**	**LOCATION**
Black History Month Extravaganza	Friday 16th October	3.30pm – 6pm	Whole School	Main Hall & KS1 Patio
Halloween Tuck Shop	Friday 23rd October	3.15pm – 4pm	Whole School	KS1 Patio
Winter Fayre	Friday 4th December	3.30pm – 6pm	Whole School	Main Hall & KS1 Patio
Winter Tuck Shop & PJ Party	Friday 15th January	3.15pm – 6pm	Whole School	Main Hall
Valentine's Disco	Friday 12th February	3.30pm – 6pm	Whole School	Main Hall & KS1 Patio
World Book Day Tuck Shop & Catwalk	Thursday 4th March	3.15pm – 5pm	Whole School	Main Hall & KS1 Patio
Eid Event (TBC)	Friday 12th March	3.30pm – 6pm	Whole School	Main Hall & KS1 Patio
Wonka Chocolate Sale	Friday 19th March	3.15pm – 4pm	Whole School	KS1 Patio
Band Nigh	TBC	7pm to late	Adults only	Main Hall
May Tuck Shop	TBC	3.15pm – 4pm	Whole School	KS1 Patio
Run Kids Run	Sunday 27th June	9am – 12pm	Whole School	Highbury Fields
Summer Fayre	Saturday 3rd July	11am to 4pm	Whole School	Halls & Patios

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

Our purpose is to bring the school community together while raising funds to enrich our children's education, improve their school experience and enhance the school offering and facilities.

Support can be given by attending events, buying raffle tickets, visiting tuck shops, joining sales and coffee mornings, donating items, attending discos, sponsoring fun runners or setting up monthly donations via our Justgiving account.

Volunteers are needed to run event stalls, games, crafts, bars, cooking, BBQs, sell raffles tickets, face painting, decorating, clean-up, run and donate for tuck shops and second-hand sales, creating posters, support with compliance, risk assessments and TENS licences, write funding or grant applications; connect with local businesses.

To volunteer, respond to requests in year-group **WhatsApp groups**, speak to your **class rep**, join the Ashmount Together WhatsApp group, or email **hello@ashmount-together.co.uk**

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/ashmountschoolpta

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.

☆ COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, GROWTH ☆

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DRESS DOWN DAY

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Kids will be able to swap the uniform for casual clothes in exchange for donations for the ***Winter Fayre Tombola*** and ***Christmas Jumpers Second Hand Stall***

- Toys & teddies (car, dolls)
- Games (board games, cards)
- Toiletries (Unopened bath & beauty sets)
- Alcohol (Unopened)
- Sweet treats (Unopened sweets, chocolates - no nuts)
- Home gfts (Candles, mugs)
- **Christmas Jumpers**

Please leave all donations at the school reception








ASHMOUNT TOGETHER
WINTER FAYRE
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 3.30 PM
JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC, DANCE,
TOMBOLA, FACEPAINTING, GAMES, BAKE OFF,
FOOD, DRINKS & DELICIOUS TREATS
SANTA'S GROTTO

Ashmount Primary School

Term Dates

2025/2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Mon 1st Sept – Fri 19th Dec 2025	**Mon 5th Jan – Fri 27th Mar 2026**	**Mon 13th Apr – Mon 20th July 2025**
Half term:	**Half term:**	**Half term:**
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct 2025	*Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb 2026*	*Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2026*
INSET days:	*Mon 30th Mar – Fri 10th Apr 2026*	**INSET days:**
Mon1st Sep 2025	**INSET days:**	*Fri 10th July 2026*
Tue 2nd Sep 2025	*Mon 23rd Feb 2026*	

Calendar Key

Pupil's 1st day back to school	Normal School days	INSET Days	School Holidays	Bank Holiday	Weekend

September 2025

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WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE OFFERINGS

Wraparound Childcare Offerings			
Ashmount Breakfast Club	8am - 9am	£2.00 per session	Pre-booking and pre-payment is essential. Please book and pay on our school app Arbor.
Ashmount After School Club	Session 1 - Short Stay 3:15pm - 4:30pm (no evening meal)	£6.50 per session (subsidised rate available)	Pre-booking and pre-payment is essential. Please book and pay on our school app Arbor. If no slots are available when you try to book a session, this likely means the after school club is full. If your child has not been booked in for a session, we will call you to come and collect your child. For urgent contact with the after school club team during after school club hours call 07426 861 050.
	Session 2 - Mid Session 4:20pm - 5:50pm (includes evening meal)	£9.50 per session (subsidised rate available)	
	Session 3 - Full Stay 3:15pm - 5:50pm (includes evening meal)	£13.00 per session (subsidised rate available)	
Ashmount Extra-Curricular Clubs	Various times	Various prices	Every term we host various extra-curricular clubs throughout the week. Please look out for our email at the beginning of term for more info.
Cape Adventure Playground	3:15pm - 6:15pm (no evening meal)	Free (registration required)	For children aged 6 - 13 years old. Register for Cape here: https://awesomeadventureplay.org/playgrounds/cape/ If your child is going to Cape after school, they will need to join the walking bus led by a member of staff. Please ensure your child is booked onto the walking bus through our school app Arbor as we are unable to book on your behalf. Please inform your children of their after school plan before dropping them to school as we are unable to remind your child about their arrangements.
External After School Club at Brickworks Community Centre	3:15pm - 6:00pm (includes evening meal)	£12.00 per session (subsidised rate - £5.00)	For children aged 4 - 11 years old. https://hanleycrouch.org.uk/childrens-services/ Children going to Brickworks will be collected by a member of the Brickworks team who will walk the children down to Brickworks Community Centre. Please inform your children of their after school plan before dropping them to school as we are unable to remind your child about their arrangements.

MUSIC AT ASHMOUNT

At Ashmount we have an amazing music offering run by Laura Maple, our specialist music teacher and music lead including free music clubs and performances throughout the year.

We also offer:

- Group violin lessons (including free violin hire) for all Year 4 students
- A walking bus led by a member of staff to the Music Hub at Arts and Media School Islington for a weekly music club as part of our extra-curricular clubs offering
- Optional fee-paying 1-2-1 music lessons

Free Music Clubs! **No need to sign up, just ask your child to come along as little or as often as you like to one or more of the following weekly rehearsals**				
Tuesdays	8:25am - 8:55am	Mixed Choir	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Music room (enter via school office)
Tuesdays	Lunchtime	Mixed Choir	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Music room (join after lunch)
Wednesdays	8:25am - 8:55am	Boys Choir	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Music room (enter via school office)
Wednesdays	Lunchtime	Recorder Club	Year 6	Music room (bring your recorder) If your child would like to join the recorder club and you are unsure which recorder to buy, please email Laura on info@ashmount.islington.sch.uk for guidance.

Optional Fee-Paying 1-2-1 Music Lessons			
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	After School	Drums	For info and sign ups email Ben Burton on jbbpercussion@gmail.com
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays	After School	Piano	For info and sign ups email Alice Higgins on alicehigginsmusic@gmail.com
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays	After School	Singing	For info and sign ups email Alice Higgins on alicehigginsmusic@gmail.com
Thursdays	After School	Guitar	For info and sign ups email Harry Christelis on harrychristelis@gmail.com

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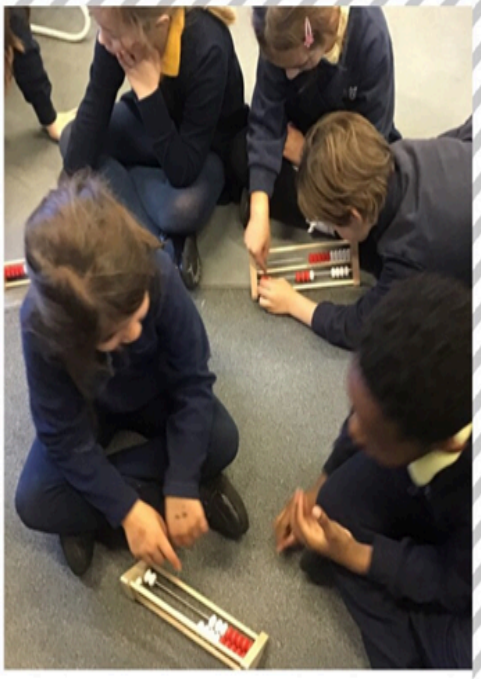









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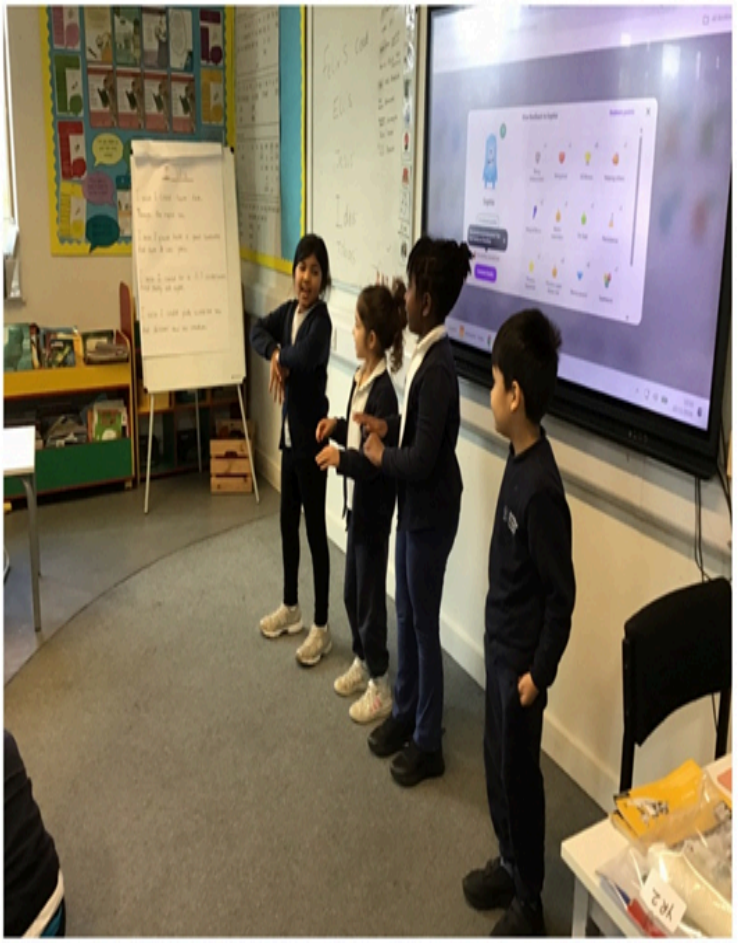





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Riddle answer:

A candle!

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England Rocks – Times Table Rock Stars

A huge well done to all the children who took part in this term's England Rocks competition. We had some fantastic results across the school.

Our top 3 classes:

6 Green

6 Blue

4 Blue

Our most valuable players:

Mumin 6G

Yusuf 6B

Abdullah 6G

Last but not least, a massive congratulations to Mumin 6G and Yusuf 6B who came 2nd and 3rd in the highest scoring players in London! Not only that, they were the 9th and 11th highest scoring players across the whole country. What an incredible achievement! We are so proud of your efforts and hard work.



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

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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.

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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

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.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

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.

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.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

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.

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.

Seek treatment before returning to school

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.

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.

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.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

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.

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.

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).

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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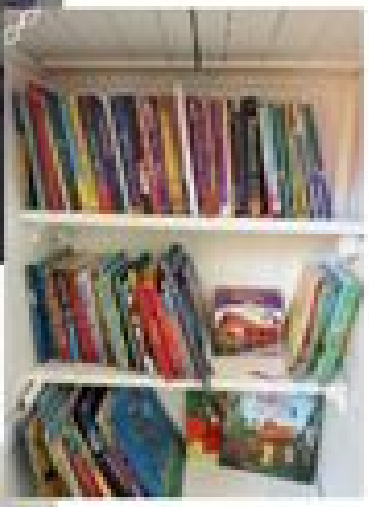

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