Ash Grove Primary Academy
Newsletter 2nd October 2026

A message from the Headteacher

As we complete Week 5, it is wonderful to see how settled and focused our pupils are in their learning and play. A huge thank you to everyone who joined and donated to our Macmillan Coffee Morning—your generosity helped raise a fantastic amount for a wonderful charity! Our children continue to show brilliant community spirit, curiosity and kindness every day. We look forward to another week of progress and achievement. Don't forget to follow us on instagram @ashgroveprimary to get more of an insight into what is happening across school and sign up to Parents Evening to get an individual update on your child's first term in their new class.

Key Information

Important dates

09.10.26 - World Mental Health & Active Families Day
12.10.26 & 14.10.26 - Parents Evening
19.10.26 - Reception Halloween Disco
20.10.26 - KS1 Halloween Disco
21.10.26 - LKS2 Halloween Disco
21.10.26 - School Photo Day
23.10.26 - International Artist Day
23.10.26 - Non-uniform bring a bottle day

Reminders - Attendance

Our school is at its brightest and strongest when every single child is here to share in the day. Every lesson, every break time and every shared moment builds the connections, confidence and friendships that make our community thrive—and when your child is here, our whole school family is complete.

Curriculum Corner

Spotlight

Our 6W class have been working incredibly hard on their writing this half term. It's been wonderful to read their incredible descriptive writing as they have really immersed themselves into such a fantastic piece of work.

Reading

Did you know? Children who read for pleasure for just 10 minutes a day score significantly higher in vocabulary and maths tests than those who rarely read—giving them an academic advantage that lasts well into adulthood.

School Life & Celebrations

Pupils of the week

Reception - N Voroneckis
1/2E - H Middleton
2B - E-R Minto-Edwards
3/4BW - P Hodzha
4M - T Davison-Page
5B - E Healy
5/6J - N Ponton
6W - C Cowling
Whole school attendance - 91.37%
Winning class - 4M - 96.76%
Enjoy your extra break time!

Attendance

At our school, every single day matters. Regular attendance is key to your child feeling settled, building strong friendships, and making consistent progress in their learning—which is why our whole-school attendance target is **96%**. We know that mornings can sometimes be tricky or children might wake up feeling a little under the weather, but please do send them in! If they feel unwell during the day, you can trust us to take wonderful care of them and contact you if they genuinely need to go home. To celebrate fantastic attendance, we are introducing some exciting new initiatives this term, including our very own pupil **Attendance Champions**, alongside regular **attendance raffles** with great prizes for children who show brilliant commitment. Thank you for working with us to give your child the very best start to every week!

INSPIRE PARTNERSHIP

ACTIVE FAMILIES DAY

Friday 9th October 2026

We invite all children and parents to mark **World Mental Health Day** with us! Show your support by wearing something yellow or adding a bright yellow accessory to your active wear.

Event Highlights:

Obstacle Course: Fun challenges for parents and children to tackle together!

Parent Race: Finish off the fun with our grand finale parent race!

Please arrive at the EYFS gate at the following times:

EYFS - 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Year 1, 2 & 3 - 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 - 2:30pm - 3:00pm

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