Ash Grove Primary Academy
Newsletter 23rd October 2026

A message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. It has been fantastic to see our children settling in so well, working hard and demonstrating our school values every single day—they should all be incredibly proud of their achievements! I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing and safe half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the new term.

Key Information

Important dates

02.11.26 - Return to school
09.11.26 - Diwali
11.11.26 - Remembrance Day
16.11.26 - Anti-bullying Week
16.11.26 - 27.11.26 - Chocolate Competition
19.11.26 - Scholastic Book Fair
19.11.26 - Early Years Open Evening
20.11.26 - Children in Need

Reminders

To prevent any distress over misplaced items, please ensure your child leaves personal toys and belongings safely at home, as the school cannot be held responsible for them.

Curriculum Corner

Spotlight

Our 4M class have been working incredibly hard on securing their timetable knowledge. It's amazing to see the progress they have made in such a short time which will equip them to tackle the year 4 maths curriculum. We've been especially impressed with how quickly they have been using TTRS to answer times table questions. Well done 4M!

Reading

Wakefield Libraries have lots going on over the half term break for the family and are free to attend. Please follow the link to take a look and don't forget to send a photo in to your class teacher via Class Dojo!
https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/libraries-and-local-history/library-information/library-events

School Life & Celebrations

Pupils of the week

Reception - Paisley Mitchell
1/2E - Olivia bolisega
2B - Bobby-Blake Liddle
3/4BW - Lennon Hepton-Wright
4M - Willow White
5B - Leo Askham
5/6J - Betsy Fretwell
6W - All of 6W
Whole school attendance - 94.95%
Winning class - 5/6J with 97.5%
Enjoy your extra break time!

Half Term Break

Mrs Applegarth delivered a fantastic assembly this week all about staying safe during the half-term break. With Halloween and Bonfire Night quickly approaching, the children revisited some key safety rules to ensure everyone has a fun and safe holiday:

- Be Bright, Be Seen: Wearing reflective or bright clothing when out in the darker evenings.
- Trick-or-Treat Safety: Always stay with a trusted adult and only visit well-lit, familiar houses.
- Fire & Candle Safety: Take extra care around pumpkin candles and sparklers.

We hope you have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 2nd November to start our new half term.

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INSPIRE PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT OUR POPPY APPEAL!

Poppies and Remembrance items are available starting tomorrow!

WHEN: Friday, October 16th – Remembrance Day

WHERE: School Office

- Paper Poppies: 20p
- Poppy Reflectors: 50p
- Pencils: 50p
- Snap Bands & Wristbands: £1.50

Please send correct change with your child where possible. All proceeds go directly to support veterans and their families through the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you for your support!