



Ashton Hayes Primary School weekly newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter of the final half-term. Whilst this half term is longer than most, it is a very busy one. Keep your eye on our newsletters each week to keep up to date with everything that is happening.

Parental questionnaire:

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parental questionnaire – your input is truly appreciated.

Over the next week or two, I will be sharing a summary of the responses, highlighting key themes, and outlining the actions we will be taking in response to your feedback. Your views play an important role in helping us reflect, improve, and grow as a school.

Looking ahead, we plan to make the parental questionnaire an annual event. This will help us track changes in your views over time and measure how effectively we are continuing to develop and enhance the experience we offer at Ashton Hayes Primary School.

Exciting News: Ashton Owls Wrap-Around Care from September

As some of you may have already heard, we are pleased to announce that from September, the school will be taking over the running of our wrap-around care provision – Ashton Owls.

We want to take this opportunity to thank DR Sports, who have supported our school community so well over the years. We have been – and continue to be – incredibly happy with their service. However, by bringing Ashton Owls in-house, we will have greater flexibility and the opportunity to generate additional income, which can be reinvested into enriching learning experiences for our children.

We are thrilled that most of the current Ashton Owls team have chosen to stay with us through this transition and beyond. We are also looking to expand the team for September and have a range of flexible roles available across different days and times. If you know someone who would love to be part of our wonderful team, please do pass the word on! We have included the job advert at the end of this newsletter for anyone who may be interested.

If you have any questions about your current wrap-around arrangements with DR Sports, please contact Dave, who is happy to help. For any queries about Ashton Owls from September onwards, feel free to speak to me directly.

Please note that DR Sports will continue to run our holiday clubs, and we're delighted to be keeping this valued partnership in place.



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Save the Date: Summer Fair – Friday 18th July

Our fantastic PTFA team are busy planning their next big event – the Summer Fair, which will take place on Friday 18th July, straight after school. It promises to be a brilliant afternoon for families and the wider school community, so please pop the date in your calendar!

More details will be shared soon, so keep an eye out.

The PTFA are also finalising the events calendar for the next academic year, and we will be sharing that with you in the coming weeks.

Owls:

This week in Owl class, we've been diving into some exciting new learning! In Science, we've been exploring the fascinating world of seed dispersal and discovering just how amazing fruits can be. To support our next lesson, **we kindly ask that all Year 3 children bring a fruit to school** – it will help us investigate how seeds travel and grow.

In PE, we've served up a new sport – tennis! The children had a fantastic time taking part in a carousel of fun tennis games, all designed to practise key skills such as coordination, agility, and teamwork. The energy and enthusiasm on the courts were brilliant to see!

Over in History, we've been stepping back in time to compare historical maps of our village, Ashton Hayes, from 1836 with maps from today. Using laptops, the children became young historians, spotting similarities and differences between past and present. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the local area and spark lots of curiosity.

Sparrowhawks:

This week in Sparrowhawks we have been learning about animals and their habitats. Whilst learning about David Attenborough's animal discoveries and subsequent naming of animals after him, we have designed our own 'not yet discovered animals' and thought about how they have adapted to their habitat.

We have been continuing to enjoy our new book- The Last Wolf- and discovered that there is a family of endangered animals living in a tree cave!!

Kestrels:

Kestrels have been very busy this week sorting both natural and man-made materials. They made beautiful spiral designs using the concrete materials. We are excited about our upcoming walk around Ashton Village and more details will follow. We read Rosie's Walk



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and drew detailed maps of her journey, along with making a model of Rosie's journey in the Tuff Tray. The children were absolutely amazing at re-telling the story in great detail!

Buzzards:

After a lovely half term break, Buzzard class have had a great first week back. In writing, we have been focussing on our editing skills. We have revisited some of our earlier pieces of writing, evaluating them and re-drafting them to show off all of the writing skills we have learnt this year. In Maths, Year 5 have been exploring and measuring angles whilst Year 6 have been working on algebra - describing number patterns and sequences as algebraic expressions. Our afternoons have been filled with RE, PE, Forest School, Art and Lion King fever! In RE, we are learning about Hinduism and have started to explore how Hindu's view God. In PE, we have been working on our tennis skills. We practised bouncing the ball in a controlled manner and aiming before playing a game of 'tennis battleships'. Rehearsals for our KS2 Lion King production have begun and Year 6 have wowed us with their acting skills and how many of their lines they have learnt already! Year 5 have made a start on costume design and our giant papier mache Pumba head is taking shape.

Peregrines:

This week in Peregrine class we have started our new topics in each subject. We explored the features of mosques and who leads the sermons during R.E. We also started to research seasonal foods for our D.T. topic which focusses on designing and making our own healthy salads. During P.E. we were developing our hand to eye coordination skills through Tennis, challenging ourselves to serve the ball into a hoop accurately and consistently. Our Year 5's have been getting to grips with protractors and learning how to measure angles in Maths whilst our Year 4's have been showing off their fantastic times tables knowledge in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check. Well done Peregrines. It's been a good first week back.

Forest School:

This week in Forest School both Owls and Peregrines have been using our engineering brains, designing, building rafts and floating them on the pond. Reception were very lucky as they have had the best weather this week, we enjoyed a story by our pond (which is slowly filling up thanks to the rain), made bubble wands and blew massive bubbles, it was so lovely. Going forward our Year 6 Leavers are taking charge of their sessions, this week Bentley and Jacob have set the bar very high, with a jam-packed session of dance off's, den building and 1,2,3 come to me, obviously with S'mores 😊. Sparrowhawks are exploring the ladybird pupa that they have found on the trees today.



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School Attendance:

Please see information for each class below.

Class	This week's attendance	Cumulative attendance for the year
Kestrel	97.78%	94.4%
Sparrowhawk	93.24%	96.5%
Owl	98.85%	96.1%
Peregrine	97.7%	96.7%
Buzzard	92.59%	96.2%
Whole School	96.09%	96.1%

Celebration assembly:

This week we celebrated the following superstars:

Kestrel – Freddie

Sparrowhawk – Elijah

Owls – Harry

Peregrine – Strath & Bella

Buzzards – Elin & Charlie

	Forest School	PE	Other
Monday	Owl	Kestrel/Buzzard	
Tuesday	Peregrine	Owl/Sparrowhawk	
Wednesday	Kestrel (Reception children only)	Peregrine	
Thursday	Buzzard		
Friday	Sparrowhawk and Kestrel Year 1 children only)		

Next week:



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Out of School Club Playworker

We are excited to offer a fantastic opportunity for a warm, caring, and enthusiastic individual to join our lovely team at Ashton Hayes Primary School, supporting children in our wraparound care provision: Ashton Owls Club.

We are looking for a team player who is passionate about working with children and brings energy, creativity, and commitment to their role. Ashton Owls provides breakfast and after school care during term time, offering a safe, nurturing environment where children can relax, play, and enjoy their time before and after the school day.

The successful candidate will be guaranteed a minimum of 10 hours per week, with the possibility of additional hours to cover staff absences. However, we are also happy to consider applications from individuals who are looking to work fewer hours, and we will do our utmost to offer working patterns that suit the right candidates.

Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential, enabling you to build positive relationships with children, parents, colleagues, and the wider school community. A flexible, reliable approach and a genuine interest in supporting children's wellbeing and development are key qualities for this role.

If you would like more information or wish to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01244 307408 or via email at admin@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk.

Online application can be accessed via the following link:

https://ats-cheshireschooljobs.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/315466?ga_client_id=b335332d-37a1-4161-afab-98b2463b1eeb&type=search



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Please note: Ashton Hayes Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All applicants will be subject to thorough vetting and induction processes.

Closing date: Wednesday 19th June 2025 at 12:00 noon

 **Tarvin Tennis Club** 

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

Member £30 per day
Non Member £35 per day

Ages 5 years and above
Coached by a Level 3 Accredited Coach

Bring coat / snack / drink

Tarvin Tennis Club, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8EW

**11TH - 14TH AUGUST
18TH - 21ST AUGUST
9:30 - 12:30**

TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE, PLEASE
EMAIL OR TEXT
**KATE.MERRICK@HOTMAIL.CO.UK
07304057258**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bell

Headteacher



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