



Can you believe that we are at the end of another school year?!

Looking back, it is hard to believe the changes that have happened over the last 12 months. We were still working in 'bubbles' this time last year and were unsure as to whether we could mix together in September. With a few minor hiccups, this year has begun to be a little more back to normal. We have managed to go on residential visits, welcome visitors in to school, take part in sporting events and get PTFA events well and truly back on track.

We will be saying some fond farewells to a number of people this week, including our fabulous Year 6 children. These children were my first class at Ashton Hayes when I taught them in Year 1. It has been so lovely to see the journey they have been on over the years and to see them develop into a truly wonderful group of children. They have achieved great things over their time with us, including some fantastic results in their recent SATs! We are proud to be sending them off to their various high schools as ambassadors for our school. I am sure you will make a huge success of your futures!

Also moving on this year is Miss Carter who has been at Ashton Hayes for 8 years. In that time she has been class teacher to the vast majority of our children and has had such an impact. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the next steps in her career.

On behalf of the staff, governors and myself, have a wonderful summer!



A leavers' picnic in a heatwave was a little different to usual! We had a lovely evening, which ended in a seriously soggy way!

Sporting Events

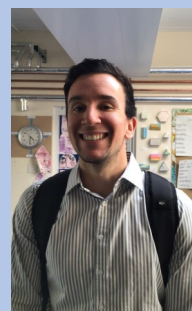
It has been brilliant to get back to a calendar of sporting events this summer term. The whole school loved the day of fun that was Sports Day. We have sent teams from KS1 and KS2 to events and competitions such as tri-golf, girl's cricket and the District Sports. There are lots of exciting sporting events planned for the new year, so watch this space.



Extra Curricular Clubs

Dave Richards from DR sports will be working with us in the next academic year, providing before and after school clubs each day in a range of sporting activities. We will also be welcoming House of Dance back to school as well as Mad Science and Digital Wizards. Please check fliers and websites for more details. Dave will also be supporting teachers in the delivery on our PE curriculum as well as doing squad training session to build up to inter-school competitions.

A Few Warm Welcomes



In September we welcome Mr García into the Ashton Hayes team. Mr García will be teaching in Peregrine Class. He has been to school a number of times over the last few weeks to meet the children and work with the staff. Mrs Mason will also be joining the team in September as a Teaching Assistant in Peregrine class. They are very excited to get to work in the new school year and to meet everyone.

We also welcome Miss Binns who will be supporting Mrs Stubbs in the school office. She will be working M,T,W mornings and Friday all day.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



On the weekend of the 4-5th June we were proud to be part of the village's celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. Our artwork was displayed in the Village hall, which was much admired by the community.

On the Saturday we hosted our Dog Show and Fun Day which was a huge success. It seemed as if there were hundreds of dogs competing in many categories. A massive thank you must go to our fantastic PTFA for their organising and putting on such a brilliant community event.



Secret Reader

A huge thank you to all those who have been a secret reader this term. The children are so excited to see who it will be! If you are available in the autumn term, please get in touch.



School Meals

School Meals will increase in price to £2:45 from September. EYFS and KS1 meals are still free. You may be eligible for free school meals in KS2, more information about this will be sent in September.

Residential to Burwardsley, Conover and Conway

Getting the children back out on residential visits has been wonderful!

The things that the children learn whilst away with friends and school staff are things that cannot be taught in school. They are things that will stay with them forever, which has been clear from comments by Y6 children in all of their leavers speeches.



Amasing

In June, 30 children from KS2 took part in the Amasing Concert at the Storyhouse in Chester. They worked hard to learn songs and dances and performed in front of a packed house. The children were fantastic!



Forest School and PE

In September PE will be delivered by class teachers supported by Dave Richards. Please see the table below to see which class will have PE on which days. Children will continue to come to school in PE kit on their day as this significantly increases the curriculum time that can be spent active.

Kestrels will have Forest school every Wednesday.

All other classes will alternate their forest school week with sessions with Mrs Bacchus. She will be doing music and PSHCE sessions across the school. Below are the arrangements for forest school. Along with this newsletter we are sending a paper copy and a digital copy of a planner for the year. On it you will notice a blue week (1) and a white week (2). These colours will enable you to keep track of which week forest school will be for each class. Please put the printed copy somewhere safe - perhaps on your notice board or fridge, so that you can keep track of what to wear when.

	Week 1		Week 2	
	Forest School	PE	Forest School	PE
Monday	Buzzard	Kestrel	Peregrine	Kestrel
Tuesday	Owl	Buzzard , Peregrine	Sparrowhawk	Buzzard , Peregrine
Wednesday	Kestrel	Sparrowhawk, Owls	Kestrel	Sparrowhawk, Owls

Leave of absence

The last two years have seen absence levels within schools much higher than in previous years. This has been inevitable due to the pandemic, school closures and reduced numbers. More recently, there have also been a large number of requests for absence approval for rearranged holidays, as families have been able to get away and also to visit relatives that have not been seen for some time.

Regular, punctual attendance at school is of course essential for children to maximise their educational opportunities. Interruptions in school attendance disrupts their education; make it difficult for them to catch up on missed work and feel settled and involved in school. It is the school's responsibility to provide the best education possible. We can only do this if our children attend regularly. We monitor attendance on a regular basis and will contact you if your child's attendance is causing a concern, to see if there are ways that we can support.

In line with UK law, the FAVSP group of schools' policy is that absences must be arranged for during school holidays in all but exceptional circumstances.

If your child is taken out of school on at least 10 consecutive school sessions (five school days), you may face a fine from the local authority of £60 per parent per child this fine increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days, and may result in prosecution if not paid within 28 days. Please note that this means those sessions either side of a weekend or school holiday will be counted as consecutive.

From September, the school gates will be closed at 8:50 and children will have to enter via the school office after this. The children get to work straight away on arrival to school and miss out on vital learning if they are late. Just 5 minutes a day adds up to over 15 hours of lost learning time across the year!

If you have any questions, you may find the answers in the school's attendance policy, leave of absence protocol and Leave of absence request form, all of which are available on the school website.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please get in touch.