Ashmead News

Through excellent teaching and care every child knows they are both loveable and capable



A busy first half term

Well, the weather has eventually turned and we are now definitely feeling the autumn term chill! Please make sure that your child brings a coat every day (and that it is clearly named please as we still have a lot of lost property in school!)

Before the half term, all Year 6 had a brilliant adventure on their residential school journey, with a whole host of exciting activities like archery, raft building, giant swings, zip wires and two birthday celebrations! We are so proud that every child took part and they all worked brilliantly as a Year 6 team, this has set them up for a great final year to end their primary school careers.

We also had our PTA AGM before half term and now have a new committee who are excited to develop ideas and launch new projects, see the PTA News section about an upcoming Ashmead Cookbook. This has been launched in assemblies and all children should have brought home details of how to take part (more details below).

Thanks to all the parents who came to the Parent-Teacher meetings in the last week too. It is such a valuable opportunity to be able to have the time to talk about how your child is doing at school and we really appreciate the time you gave to this. During these afternoons we also held our annual Scholastic Book Fair and thanks to your purchases we have raised almost £500 to put towards some new books for classes and our indoor and outdoor libraries. Thanks so much for all your support.

Jane Bickley - Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING – RISK ASSESSMENTS

As you're probably aware we carry out risk assessments for lots of activities in and around school including school trips and certain activities (like woodwork).
If a child sustains an injury outside school, we need to carry out a risk assessment for that child. This should be done before the child comes back into school and will be with a parent and a member of SLT.
Please do not send your child into school with a sling, cast or bandage without having spoken to SLT, especially if the injury needs adjustments made like missing PE or staying out of the playground. Thank you!

Spring Clubs

Although we have only just started the second half of the Autumn term, we are already thinking ahead to Spring term. We have a few new clubs planned so will be in touch with details soon!

School trip donations

Trip donations

We have some exciting trips coming up so please do make a donation (via Arbor School Shop) if you haven't already - thank you!



Attendance

Our 'year to date' attendance is 96% *(just above the National Average of 95.4%).*

Every day counts!

Dates for the diary

11th Nov: Y3 trip to Horniman Museum and Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am

12th Nov: Individual and sibling photos

13th Nov: Y6 School Journey assembly for parents - 9.10am

Sat 14th Nov: Y5/6 football team playing at Blackheath

24th Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am

25th Nov: Y4 trip to Maritime Museum and Y6 Goldsmiths' workshop

27th Nov: Winter Fair sorting at school - from 9am

Sat 28th Nov: Y5/6 football team playing at Blackheath

1st Dec: Reception trip to The Albany Theatre

2nd Dec: Y1 Holly trip to Abbey Wood

3rd Dec: Y1 Fig trip to Abbey Wood and Y6 trip to Goldsmiths

4th Dec: Winter Fair 3.30 - 6pm

8th Dec: Y2 Nativity - 2.30pm

9th Dec: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

11th Dec: Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am

Sat 12th Dec: Y5/6 football team playing at Blackheath

15th Dec: Reception Christmas singalong - 9.05am & Y1 Christmas singalong - 3.00pm

16th Dec: Y5 Christmas singalong - 9.05am & Y4 Christmas singalong - 3.00pm

17th Dec: Y6 Christmas singalong - 9.05am &Year 3 Christmas singalong - 3.00pm

19th Dec: Last day of autumn term

21st Dec - 1st Jan (inc) Winter break

PTA News

As we head towards the end of the year and the festive season, there's so much going on at Ashmead!

Save the date: Winter Fair
3:30–6:00pm, Friday 4th December
Our biggest event of the year is only a few weeks away! Come along and bring grandparents, friends and neighbours so we can make this the best one yet.

If you can spare an hour on the evening to help, join the volunteer group HERE and sign up for a shift on our task list.

And look out for this year's donation requests via your class WhatsApp.

The funds from the winter fair supports projects and initiatives across our school community, including the Y5 Shakespeare project, the school disco, and two new mural projects. So please come and show your support.

Get your Christmas tree from Ashmead!
Pre-order your Christmas tree from Ashmead and collect it from the car park. More info to follow.

Project announcement: What's Cooking at Ashmead?
We're making a cookbook!
We want to celebrate the recipes, flavours, family traditions and stories from all the families at Ashmead. We'd love you to be part of it.

Parents & carers - send us a recipe and the story behind it. No dish is too simple! Click HERE to upload it.
Children - get drawing! Decorate the blank postcard you received in class with something inspired by your recipe, family or culture. Return the postcard in its envelope, labelled with child's name and class, to the school office.
Deadline: Tuesday 1st December.

The cookbook will launch in 2027, stay tuned!

Thank you!
A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes or came along to our Cake & Costume Sale last month. Together we raised £439.40 in one hour!

INSET DAY FOCUS

During our INSET training day on October 23rd, all Ashmead staff enjoyed a full day training with Dr Jennifer Nock who led a workshop on how, as adults, we can best support children who may have experienced trauma.

In the Spring term, Ashmead's aim is to become Lewisham's first recipient of the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School's Award. The award aims to ensure that everyone at school has a good knowledge of the needs and children and young people who have experienced adversity and of the strategies and resources that are available to meet any such needs.

The awareness of how to support children and young people's emotional needs and development is a key factor in promoting better learning and mental/physical health outcomes for all.

Ashmead Winter Fair 2026

FRI 4TH DECEMBER
3.30–6PM

PLAYGROUND & THE HALL
ASHMEAD SCHOOL, SE8



ASHMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Come and support Ashmead's annual Winter Fair! We are raising funds for special projects like the Y5 Shakespeare project, the school disco, our Ashmead cookbook, two murals and much more.

- Santa's Grotto
- Kids' Tattoos & Glitter
- Raffle
- Games & Prizes
- Christmas Trees
- Crafts
- Cakes
- Lego Lucky Dip
- Secret Santa
- Street Food: South Indian, Hot Dogs, Dumplings
- Bottle Shop
- Winter Bar
- Santa's Pre-loved Festive Emporium
- Personalised Baubles