

# Ashmead Primary School

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15th January 2024

## Dates for the diary

**15th Jan:** Ashmead Choir singing at O2 as part of Young Voices (all day plus evening performance)

**16th Jan:** Y4 Lime trip to St Alfege Church

**23rd Jan:** Y4 Pine trip to St Alfege Church

**26th Jan:** PTA coffee morning (9am in school)

**2nd Feb:** Y6 trip to Kagyu Samye Dzong London Buddhist Centre

**2nd Feb:** PTA Disco in evening (Y1 - Y6)

**6th Feb:** Shakespeare Schools Festival (rehearsal during day plus evening performance)

**7th Feb:** Y3 trip to V&A Museum

**9th Feb:** Y2 on Great Fire of London trip

**12th - 16th Feb (inc)**  
**Half term break**

**19th Feb:** Children back at school

**23rd Feb:** PTA coffee morning (9am in school)

**7th March:** World Book Day - Valerie Bloom visiting

**11th - 13th March:** Parent-Teacher meetings from 3.50pm

**21st March:** Y1 boat trip

**22nd March:** PTA playground planting 9am

**25th March:** Y3 trip to Natural History Museum

**29th March - 12th April (inc)**  
**Easter break**

## Attendance

Happy New Year! Our overall attendance for Reception - Year 6 for the last week of term and the first week back was 94.35%, a little lower than we'd like but we are hoping to see this rise over the next fortnight.

The class attendance figures for last fortnight are:

- Elm (Y2): 98.47%
- Pine (Y4): 96.73%
- Lime (Y4): 95.96%
- Juniper (Y5): 95.83%
- Maple (Y2): 95.24%
- Cypress (Y6): 94.93%
- Birch (Y3): 94.81%
- Holly (Y1): 94.18%
- Fig (Y1): 93.73%
- Sycamore (YR): 93.1%
- Rowan (Y4): 93.05%
- Oak (Y3): 90.48%
- Aspen (Y5): 90.06%

## Attendance Matters



**Every Day Counts....**

## School Street



Thanks for the support we've had tweaking our systems before and after school around the school street on Ashmead Road and staying safe on the roads.

Just a reminder that Ashmead Road is a designated School Street which means that the traffic is restricted between 8.30am and 9.30am and 3.00 - 4pm. The road is NOT closed and so walking down the road or standing in the road gives really mixed messages to children about road safety. The road

is still open to bikes, residents' vehicles, people already parked in the road and often delivery drivers drive down during school street times too so it is likely that there will be traffic in the road at some point during the restrictions.

We have been reminding children in assemblies to PLEASE walk on the pavements (we draw parallels to when pavements might be busy elsewhere, e.g. during Christmas shopping times, we wouldn't walk on the road then, we'd just be a bit more patient!) so if you could reinforce these messages at home and in your own behaviour that would be great!

So, to be clear, **please avoid standing or walking in the road at any time as this gives mixed messages to your child about road safety!** We will continue to monitor the systems at the beginning and the end of the day and keep tweaking to make them as safe as possible for everyone. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Coming in and out of school at the end of the day (Ashmead Road)

Please keep to the left!

It can get quite busy coming in and out of school at the end of the day so please do help us keep everyone as safe as possible by walking on the left both coming in and going out of school. The orange line, which marks our accessible route across the school site from one entrance to the other, is a good guide to support this. Thank you!

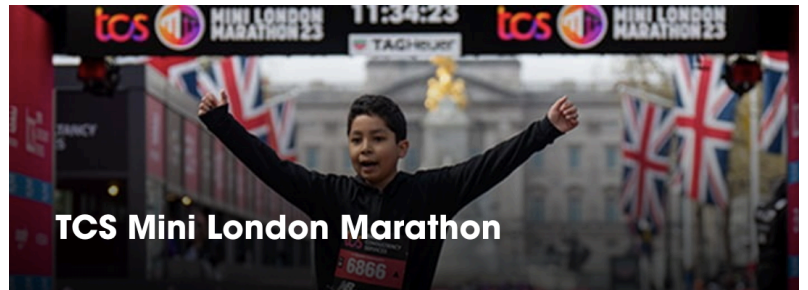


## The TSC Mini London Marathon

We have registered as a school for any children who are interested in running the Mini London Marathon on Sunday 20th April. This will be an event that parents/carers take their children to (not a school trip).

Children and young people are being encouraged to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile or 2.6K in the heart of the capital. The event is free to enter and the marathon sponsor, TCS, is giving schools £10 for every participant aged 17 or under who finishes the event! Participants cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and receive a TCS Mini London Marathon medal. There is a one-mile event for children in Reception to Year 7 and a 2.6K route for those in Years 4 to 12 who can go a bit further. Schools can register up to 50 children in each distance. *Please note adults need to join children in Reception to Year 2 on the course, with a minimum ratio of one adult for every eight children.*

You can find out more details here: <https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/tcs-mini-london-marathon> Once we have more details about how to register children we will let you know!



**TCS Mini London Marathon**

### Lower School News (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Welcome back and a happy new year. It's so lovely to see how quickly the children settle back into their class routines, friendships and love of learning. A special welcome to the January starters in Nursery- welcome to the Ashmead family.

The cold weather means extra layers and gloves/mittens and hats. Please make sure these are named. It can be a sticker or written on the label with a Sharpie. We can write names with a Sharpie if needed. We are teaching the children to be responsible for their own possessions either putting their gloves in their coat pocket or in their hat and then in their sleeve or where the class have a basket, the children pop their mittens in their hat and then in the basket. Many children are very well routined in this from home so thank you for this!

Any loose mittens (and other clothing) are given out at the end of the day from the classroom or cloakroom. If your child is missing a mitten/glove/any piece of clothing it has most likely been lost in the big playground or lunch hall and has hopefully found its way to Lost Property. After we dismiss children they can go with their adult to Lost Property to check or check the next day during lunch/playtime. For reference, Lost Property can be found under the overhang by the corridor doors. Thank you for your support in advance; No mitten shall be left behind!



**Emma Dodsworth - Assistant Head and Lower School Lead**

### Upper School News (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

Happy new year and welcome back - we hope you had a restful winter break! It's a history half-term in KS2 and the classes are already underway with topics on the Shang Dynasty, Anglo-Saxons, Tudor and Stuart Britain and Civil Rights. The choir are off to the 02 this evening to perform at Young Voices - well done to the choir and James and Emily for all their hard work. That's not the only performance this half term though, as Y5 are set to perform Macbeth and Romeo & Juliet at the Greenwich Theatre in February. Y5 had a workshop with the SSF this week and the performances are beginning to take shape. If your child is in Y5, please make sure you check your parentmail for information about the performance day. Cypress and Oak classes will be sharing their learning with us in their class assemblies later this half-term. Don't forget to check the calendar section of the newsletter for these and other important diary dates.

**Nicole Cox -  
Upper School  
Lead**



### Inclusion Matters

Happy new year to everyone - I hope you have had a safe and happy holiday. With a new year beginning, and with my support, teachers are currently reviewing the provision in place for SEN children at Ashmead. We are a term into the year and it is vital the strategies and outcomes we are working towards for all children are reviewed and assessed. Teachers will have finished these reviews by the end of the month and will share them with relevant parents at our next Parent-Teacher meetings in March.

*As always you can reach me at [dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk) for anything inclusion related.*



**David Fielding - Assistant Head and Inclusion Lead**

**Dates for the rest of this academic year  
(previously shared in Sept 23)**

**15th Jan:** Choir taking part in Young Voices at O2

**6th Feb:** Y5 performing at Greenwich Theatre as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival (eve)

**12th - 16th Feb (inc)  
Half term break**

**19th Feb:** Children back at school

**7th March:** World Book Day - Valerie Bloom visiting

**11th, 12th and 13th March:** 3.50pm - 6pm: Parent-Teacher meetings and 'Take One Picture' exhibition in school

**28th March:** Last day of spring term

**29th March - 12th April (inc)  
Easter break**

**15th April:** Children back at school

**15th - 26th April:** Y4 Pine Swimming sessions (daily)

**13th - 16th May:** Y6 SATs week

**13th - 23rd May:** Y4 Lime Swimming sessions (daily)

**24th May: INSET day  
(school closed to children)**

**27th - 31st May (inc)  
Half term break**

**3rd June:** Children back at school

**24th - 28th June:** Sports Week (exact dates of each Sports Day to be confirmed)

**8th - 12th July:** Report afternoons

**18th July:** Y6 production (evening)

**25th July:** Last day of summer term

**Summer break from 26th July**

**2024-25 dates opposite**

**Term dates for 2024-25**

**Autumn term 2024**

Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October  
(40 days)

**Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov (inc)  
Half term**

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December  
(35 days)

**Monday 23rd Dec to Friday 3rd Jan (inc)  
Christmas break**

**Spring term 2025**

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February  
(30 days)

**Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb (inc)  
Half term**

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April  
(30 days)

**Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April (inc)  
Easter break**

**Summer term 2025**

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May  
(23 days)

(NB: The early May bank holiday will be taken on 5th May)

**Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May (inc)  
Half term**

Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July  
(37 days)

**Summer break from 23rd July 2025  
(2025 - 26 dates to be confirmed)**

**INSET Days (school closed to children):**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025