



# Ashmead Primary School

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18th December 2023

## Dates for the diary

**19th Dec:** Y1 local trip to St John's church

**20th Dec:** Last day of autumn term

**21st Dec - 5th Jan (inc) Christmas break**

**8th Jan: INSET Day (school closed to children)**

**9th Jan:** Children back at school  
*(NB: Nursery home visits so Nursery closed until 10th Jan)*

**10th Jan:** Y5 Shakespeare Schools Festival workshops (in school)

**12th Jan:** Y1 trip to Cutty Sark

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

**16th and 23rd Jan:** Y4 trips to St Alfege Church

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

**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

**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

## Attendance

Our overall attendance for Reception - Year 6 for the last two weeks was 95.12%. **Really disappointingly our overall school attendance has dropped to 83% today, our lowest attendance of the whole school year. Over 50% of these absences are unauthorised holidays. Please do try to keep holidays within the school breaks and not in term time - families have 19 days off school this Christmas which is a long break!**

The class attendance figures for last fortnight are:

Holly (Y1): 98.33%  
Fig (Y1): 97.78%  
Maple (Y2): 97.67%  
Elm (Y2): 97.04%  
Pine (Y4): 96.88%  
Juniper (Y5): 96.67%  
Rowan (YR): 94.39%  
Sycamore (YR): 94%  
Cypress (Y6): 93.73%  
Oak (Y3): 93.33%  
Lime (Y4): 92.73%  
Birch (Y3): 92.15%  
Aspen (Y5): 91.87%

## Attendance Matters



**Every Day Counts....**

## Seasons Greetings from the PTA!

Wow what a start to the school year we've had! A new committee, quiz night, cake & costume sale, bulb planting, recycling projects, wreath making, calendars, tote bags, greetings cards, raffle...culminating with our fabulous Winter Fair where we made a whopping £5,900 profit!

What a phenomenal achievement, THANK YOU! We couldn't do this without the support of the school team but most importantly all of you kindly donating your time and money. All driving towards our goals of raising money, creating a great school community and enriching the Ashmead School experience.

Calendars still available to buy here: <https://ashmead-school-pta.sumupstore.com/products>

Seasons Greetings!

Ashmead PTA

(\*Please note figures are subject the change following final reconciliation but include costs.)



## Christmas Jumper Day - thank you!

Thanks for all the donations to Save the Children as part of our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day' fundraising. You donated an amazing £919 so, on behalf of Save the Children, thank you so much for your generosity. If you'd like to see how your donation has helped Save the Children you can watch the video here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>

If you didn't get a chance to donate and would like to, the link is still live here:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230007861>



## Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy

Ashmead have registered for the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show 2024. Any artist aged 4-19 who is interested in taking part, can submit one piece of artwork. The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme so artworks can be of any subject. To enter, you will need an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by a panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts. Please email your image and info to Catherine (Art Lead) at: [cnash@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:cnash@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk) by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024. For guidance on submission guidance visit: <https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/2024/YASS-Submission-Guidance.pdf> For support on how to photograph your artwork visit: <https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/2024/YASS-How-to-photograph-your-artwork.pdf>

### Key dates:

Registration and submission open:

8 January - 27 March 2024

Judging:

May 2024

Online exhibition opens:

16 July 2024

Display at the RA:

16 July - 11 August 2024



## Lower School News

### (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

A huge thank you to all those who were able to attend our class sing-a-longs last week and the Y2 Nativity. The children were very nervous and did so well to sing to such a large audience and Y2 did brilliantly with so many beautifully sung songs, lines to learn and staging directions – well done.

As the Autumn term comes to a close, I'd like to say thank you for your ongoing support with the weekly reading and the spelling homework in Y1 and Y2. We are so proud of the progress the children have made this term from their reading to their writing to their art and all the subjects in between! Hopefully you managed to see a sample of their writing on the corridor displays when you visited the Christmas Fair!



If you have any spare clothes that your child has grown out of like t-shirts, jumpers or trousers, these would really be welcomed. We are especially low in jogging bottoms ages 4-6, these are the most useful and versatile trouser style! Thank you in advance!

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

## Upper School News

### (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

A huge thank you to all those that were able to attend our class sing-a-longs last week. It really got me into the festive spirit!

Just three days to go but still so many exciting lessons and activities planned. As our first term draws to a close, I want to say thank you to our whole community - children, families and staff - for their hard work and support this half term. It's been a privilege to see the growth and progress already being made; we have so much to look forward to in the new year! Have a restful break and see you in 2024.

**Nicole Cox - Upper School Lead**



## Inclusion Matters

It has been a very long and busy term. Your children have been working really hard and throughout the school the staff have been assessing their progress across the Autumn term and considering the implications of these assessments for next term. After Christmas we will have pupil progress meetings to ensure the progress of all children is carefully considered. We will also review SEN provision and set new targets for those children. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

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**