

Ashley Park Primary School



22nd May 2026

Half-Term Already!

Dear Families,


As we head into the May half-term break, our team has been reflecting on a positive first half-term as 'Ashley Park Primary'. Although we have shared many positive moments, one of our highlights has, without a doubt, been watching the new relationships begin to form between our new students and staff. It has been a pleasure to get to know our new children and we look forward to continuing to build relationships and communication as the year goes on.

This week we were lucky enough to welcome Imogen from the Riverhouse Barn, located in Walton-upon-Thames, to our school. Imogen worked with the children to provide a special bird-making workshop as part of an exciting community art project connected to the Riverhouse Barn exhibition. Using a variety of materials including paint pens, cardboard and feathers, the children designed and decorated their own unique birds. Pupils enjoyed experimenting with colour, texture, and pattern to bring their creations to life, with each bird showing lots of imagination and individuality.

It was lovely to see some of you at our coffee morning this week. We will be offering more of these sessions which are aimed at giving parents a chance to come into school, get to know the team and discuss how we can support your child.

We are looking forward to welcoming new children next half term. As we adapt to meet the needs of a growing number of children, we will make some changes to the organisation of our staff and classes to make sure every child is appropriately supported. We hope you have an enjoyable half-term and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final chapter of this academic year.

Kind regards, Ruth

If you are new to Ashley Park (or just have not followed us yet), we'd love for you to visit us online: 

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ashley-park-school>

<https://www.instagram.com/ashleyparkschool/>



News and Events

Term Dates: We return on Monday 1st June after the half-term break.

Our term dates for the rest of this academic year can be found here: www.ashleyparkschool.co.uk/parents-and-carers/

Riverhouse Barn Community Festival: 23rd May 11.30-4.00

Parent Coffee Morning: 1st July - Meet the Clinical Team

If you have a moment, please support our school by nominating us for a National Book Tokens competition, to win money to buy more books for our new primary classrooms. Thank you!

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CLASS UPDATES

Birch & Willow Class

Birch and Willow class have engaged really well with their PE lessons and outdoor activities, practising their hand-eye co-ordination skills. They have also benefitted from sensory circuits to help them feel calm and regulated when they start their focussed learning tasks. They have been enjoying listening to the staff read, listening as a class. In creative arts this week, they created dioramas, developing their cutting skills through a creative task.

As the warmer weather appeared, they have continued to maintain our garden beautifully. We have been proud to see the way they continue to get to know our younger children, greeting each other and, at times, playing together.

Maple Class

This week, Maple Class enjoyed taking part in a range of colourful food-themed activities linked to learning about healthy eating and food hygiene. The children explored different coloured foods through exciting tuff tray activities, including rainbow sorting, phonics games, and a handwashing station. The children especially enjoyed the hands-on learning experiences and discovering new fruits, vegetables, and healthy habits in a fun and engaging way.

We continue to be impressed by the way in which they are settling into new routines and can see them responding more confidently to visuals and instructions around school. They have loved the bubble machine at lunchtime!



Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance has a significant positive impact on children's long-term outcomes. It also supports them in forming trusting relationships with key staff and developing meaningful friendships. If your child is unwell or absent from school for any other reason, please inform the school as soon as possible by calling **01932 379043** or emailing info@ashleyparkschool.co.uk. Should you experience any challenges around attendance, we are here to support you.

