

Ashley Park Primary School



1st May 2026

WELCOME

Dear Families,

If you are new to Ashley Park, welcome to your first newsletter of the term. You will receive these updates every two to three weeks, sharing highlights of the exciting experiences and learning taking place across our school and keeping you informed about any updates or changes.

As a staff team, we were delighted to welcome back our older pupils alongside our new, younger children as they began their journey with us. It has been wonderful to see how confidently the children are settling in together, with many lovely moments of shared play already emerging. Our team has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new pupils, and we very much look forward to building strong relationships with our new parents and carers too. We have been so proud of the way in which our older students have embraced our new children.

As we begin the next chapter of our school journey, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you are new. Over the coming term, we will be offering a range of opportunities for parents and carers to visit the site and meet different members of our team, including our clinical team. We look forward to welcoming you and continuing to learn more about your children.

Warm regards,
Ruth
Head of School

Term Dates: May half-term - End of Summer term -

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

Term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year can now also be found on our website.



The Great Walton Duckathon!

The Great Walton Duckathon: Each child brought home a 'virtual duck' this week, as we have purchased them to be part of the Walton Duckathon taking place this Bank Holiday Monday.

This is a fun way for us to get involved with fundraising in the local community.

If you are free on Bank Holiday Monday at 2pm, pop down to Walton Wharf, Manor Road (by the Swan) to watch the ducks being released!

CLASS UPDATES

Birch & Willow Class

Birch and Willow have had an exciting couple of weeks settling in to the new term. Although these students know Ashley Park School very well, it was still a different start for them with new children joining and many familiar faces having moved on. We have been incredibly impressed with how adaptable they have been. It has been a delight to see their confidence grow a little more and witness the kindness they have shown towards our younger children.

The students have been incredibly busy; getting our beautiful sensory garden ready for the spring and summer months, visiting our friends at Adelaide House Care Home and starting their swimming lessons. Between these activities, they have continued with their learning, already making progress, and have enjoyed learning through play and practical activities. Some of the changes we have made to the resources available in our outside space have been really beneficial and enjoyable to our older children too.

Maple Class

It's been a great day full of curiosity, creativity, and collaboration—well done to everyone for their effort!

Maple class have been diving into a vibrant and exciting topic—colours! Our learning has been inspired by the wonderful story, *The Colour Monster*, which helped us explore how different colours can represent different emotions. The children loved exploring the different colour monsters and connecting them to their own feelings—yellow for happiness, blue for sadness, red for anger and so much more. We had some fun activities across the curriculum. We have also been incredibly busy with a range of art activities. From painting, collage, tie dye and expressive mark-making, their creativity has truly shone through. We have been focusing on number recognition and quantity, helping the children to connect numerals with the correct number of objects. Through games, counting activities, and practical resources, the children have been practising counting carefully and recognising numbers in different contexts.

