

Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School

29th September 2025

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Diary Dates

October

Monday 6th Harvest Celebration and Macmillan Coffee Morning, Parents invited 9:05-10:30 am

Wednesday 15th - Individual and family photos starting at 8.30am

Wednesday 15th— Open Afternoon (2-3pm) and Open Evening (3:30-5pm) for children joining school or nursery in September 2025

Friday 24th —End of Term

November

Monday 3rd - Return to School

Wednesday 5th - Indian Dance Workshop

December

Friday 5th—Reception to Snowman

Wednesday 17th—KS1 to Panto

Safeguarding - Everyone's Responsibility

It is everyone's responsibility to do something if there are concerns that a child is suffering from or is at risk of significant harm. The safeguarding@ashbrook-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk is monitored regularly. If you have any concerns that a child is at risk of serious harm then contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 or visit <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint> NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800500 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Ashbrook Tigers



Tigers is taking bookings for October half-term, week commencing 27th October. If you would like to book your child on to any day that school is closed to children, please email Lynne at lynne.flinn@ashbrook-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Boost their HYDRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Cool Milk

Our school works with Cool Milk to provide fresh school milk

FREE FOR UNDER 5S | SUBSIDISED FOR OVER 5S*

- Calcium for strong bones and teeth
- Protein for muscle repair and growth
- Vitamin B12 to boost the immune system
- Vitamin B2 to aid energy release
- Potassium to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- Phosphorus to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- Iodine to support healthy cells and metabolism



Don't let your child miss out!
Register online today at www.coolmilk.com

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.
*Over 5s in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk.
Please speak to the school for details.



Attendance

Attendance Matters

We have high expectations for children's attendance and punctuality and we ensure that these expectations are communicated to families.



Every Day Counts....

Children are expected to attend school punctually every day and they are required to be at school, for the full day. The morning register will close at 9.05am. Pupils will receive an unauthorised absence mark (U) if they do not attend school before this time.

We understand children sometimes can be poorly and they can't come in to school. However, if they have a cough or cold and feel well enough in themselves they still should come to school and we will contact you if we need too.

If your child is too unwell to come to school you must contact the school office before 8.30am on the first day and every subsequent day of their child's absence – it is a legal requirement that you provide an explanation for the reason for absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

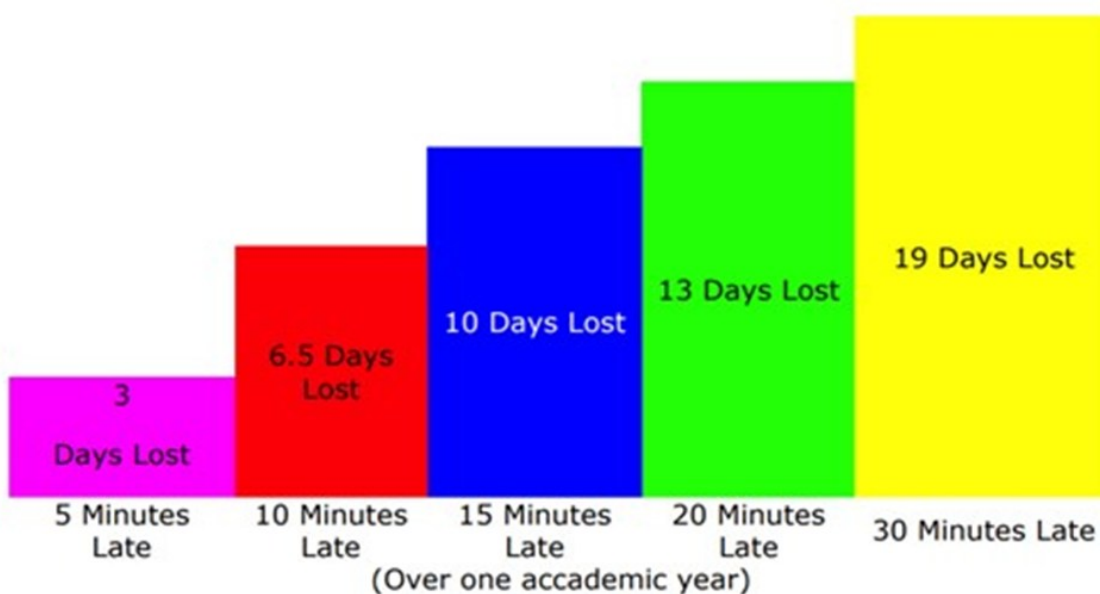
Our attendance policy has just been updated and approved by governors. You can find it here: <https://www.ashbrookinfantandnursery.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=280&type=pdf> on our website. We expect all of our children to have at least 96% attendance throughout the school year.

Why not download the Handi app - The HANDI paediatric app is a free app designed for parents, offering simple and straightforward advice to help you feel more confident to deal with a range of common childhood illnesses.

<https://derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/0-5-years/handi-paediatric-app>

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Drop off and collection from School

Please can we remind everyone that the school start time in main school is **8.50am**. The gate (and Hazel tree classroom door) will be opened at 8.45am to allow children to get in to their classes and settled. The gate for Acorns will also be opened at 8.45am.

Acorns Nursery

If your child has a school lunch, please don't forget to log on to ParentPay and pay for the meals your child has received, Thank you.



Derbyshire Music Centre

Do you play an instrument or do you enjoy singing (or even both) and are of school age? We have a music group for you to join, for all ability levels and instruments. A new school year is the perfect time for you to come along and see what we do on Saturday mornings. There is a class for younger children age 3+. <https://www.derbymusiccentre.com/post/music-classes-for-younger-children>

Derby Music Centre is offering a FREE term to all new members.

If you don't already play an instrument, our Voices choir and Samba percussion groups are open to all pupils and there is no previous experience needed. [Join Derby Music Centre](#)

Flu vaccination

FOR ALL THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Dear Parent / carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/efa44381>



The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Thursday 19th November 2025. The link will close on the 4th November 2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

Easy Fundraising

You can raise FREE donations for Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School EVERY time you shop online. Just use easy-fundraising! Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashbrookinfantnursery/?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=wa-1 or use the QR code to start helping us raise money for our children.



Dear All,

We have been having a very busy time in school since the start of the year! Our new children are well settled now and our older children are working hard. In our Friday assemblies we have been focussing on seeing who has shown 'Caring Kindness' around our school.

We had a visit from the Image Theatre Group last week and the Key Stage One children took part in the story of 'The Jungle Book', this week they are following up on this in their learning. We are fortunate to have an 'Indian Dance' workshop booked for the whole school on 5th November which we are all really looking forward to

I wanted to draw your attention to our Harvest Celebration on Monday 6th October at 9.05am. All the children in school will be taking part and you are most welcome to join us. If you would like to donate cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, please do bring them with you. We would also be grateful for help serving tea and coffee.

If you would like to make a contribution to our Harvest collection, please send some tinned or packet goods in to school with your child.

With Best Wishes,

Mrs Roebuck

Class Attendance

The class with the best attendance since our last newsletter went to

ELM TREE CLASS

CONGRATULATIONS!

| Class | Weekly Attendance W/C 8.9.25 | Weekly Attendance W/C 15.9.25 | Weekly Attendance W/C 21.07.25 | Attendance for Year to Date |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Oak Tree | 99% | 97% | 99% | 98.57% |
| Willow Tree | 100% | 98.26% | 97.39% | 98.45% |
| Elm Tree | 98.7% | 97.1% | 100% | 98.91% |
| Hazel Tree | 95.14% | 94.46% | 98.57% | 96.3% |



The children are working hard to earn Dojo points. These can be given for hard work, great manners or having a fabulous attitude to life in school. In Reception, when the children get to 10 points, they can choose a book to take home and keep. Children in Key Stage 1 can choose a book when they have earned 20 points.



Key Stage 1 Celebrations!

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates on 19.9.25: Liliana, Maxwell, Oscar G, Tommy, Harper and Kaine.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates on 26.9.25: Erin, Jagveer, Alvin, Charlie, Joshua H and Ebou.

Congratulations to all of our winners!!

