

Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School

24th October 2025

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Diary Dates

November

- Monday 3rd - Return to School
- Wednesday 5th - Indian Dance Workshop
- Tuesday 11th - Remembrance Day
- Friday 14th - Reception to Bluebells Farm
- Monday 17th - Parents Evening— 3.30pm– 5.50pm
- Tuesday 18th - Open morning 10-11am for children joining school in September 2026
- Wednesday 19th - Flu Immunisation
- Wednesday 19th - Parents Evening— 3.30pm– 5.50pm
- Friday 21st - Open afternoon 2-3pm for children joining school in September 2026

December

- Friday 5th - Reception to Snowman
- Monday 8th - KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
- Tuesday 9th - KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 10th - Early Years Christmas afternoon— 1.45pm
- Wednesday 17th - KS1 to Panto
- Friday 19th - End of Term

January 2026

- Monday 5th Term Starts

Reminder

We finish School and Acorns Nursery today for the October Half Term Holiday. Tigers is open for Holiday Club from Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October. If you need Tigers, please email Lynne at lynne.flinn@ashbrook-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk. School and Acorns Nursery return on Monday 3rd November.

Parents Evenings

Meetings for you to chat to your child's teacher if they are in Hazel Elm, Willow or Oak classes will be held on Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th November from 3.30pm until 5.50pm. This will be an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class. Information about booking a time slot for your meeting will be sent after half term. A Uniform Swap will also be available on both evenings.

School Pick Up Time

We finish earlier than the Junior School with our earliest finish time being at 3pm for Nursery. Please be mindful of the fact that the juniors are still working beyond our finish times and that some children may be having PE lessons outside on the field or the playground.

For the safeguarding of ALL our children, if you have collected your child at 3pm and need to wait for others, please do not go beyond the Infant path and remain at the nursery end of the school entrance until 3.15pm.

Please do not allow children to play on the bank, the field or on the equipment within our reception playground whilst you are waiting.

Thank you.

Dojo points are earned by all the children in main school. When the Reception children get 10 Dojo points and the Year 1 & 2 children get 20 points they come and get a new book from the office as their reward.

This Half Term, we have given out books to:

Lillie, Willow, Alvin, Maxwell.

Congratulations and Happy Reading!



Attendance and Safeguarding

“Safeguarding is everyone’s business”

From a school perspective, **poor attendance is a safeguarding issue**. A child who is not in school may well not be achieving and could have their academic development, as well as their social and emotional development, wellbeing and safety compromised. If we don’t know where children are, how do we know if they are safe?

We need your help! We need to maintain our school attendance in all classes. We know we have only been back in school for a short while, but missing two days has already dropped your child’s attendance to below our school target of 96%. Please can you help support us by sending your child in to school on time?

Children who are consistently late are disrupting not only their own education but also that of other children in their class. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern, we will contact you to discuss how we can help.

We are monitoring every child’s attendance and will be sending letters home for children who have low attendance. When your child’s attendance dips, we will also be holding individual meetings with you, so we can help to support you with your child’s attendance.

Attendance data for this half term in each year group is as follows:

Reception: 95.56%

Year 1: 97.57%

Year 2: 97.56%

Congratulations! We have exceeded our Government set whole school attendance target of 96% - **96.78%**. Nationally, school attendance typically dips after October half term as seasonal illnesses become more common. Please help us to ensure great attendance during the winter months by following this advice:

Is my child too ill for school?

We know how hard it is if your child says they aren’t feeling well and do not want to come to school. If your child has a cold / cough please send them to school. If your child becomes too poorly for school we will ring you.

Take a look at the NHS website for further information.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Or download the HANDi app - it aims to provide advice and support to parents and carers when your child is unwell.

The HANDi app offers simple and straightforward advice for lots of conditions in children. Each of the illnesses has a home care plan to help you provide the best support for your child, and give you confidence in caring for them when they are unwell.



Here to help you juggle family life:

Apply now for your childcare code to start in January

The government is committed to giving every child - no matter their background - the opportunity of a brilliant early education.

From 1 September, over 300,000 eligible parents in England started accessing 15 hours childcare for 9 month olds as part of the second phase of the childcare support expansion.

Now imagine what the support could do for YOUR family - whether it is about helping you juggle family life, returning to work, or saving more money.

If you are an eligible working parent in England, you can [apply for your childcare code online on your childcare account on gov.uk](#) for:

- 15 hours childcare per week for your child aged between 9 months old until they turn 3, over 38 weeks of the year.
- 30 hours childcare per week for your 3 or 4 year old, over 38 weeks of the year.

The deadline to apply for a code is 31 December to use from 1 January.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply for your code, [read our Education Hub blog](#) or watch the below video with Early Years Educator, Steff, explaining the application process.

Key Stage 1 Celebrations!

During assemblies this half term we have been giving certificates to our children who have been spotted showing "Caring Kindness".

Last week's certificates went to: Lucas, Sehaj, Pearl, Liara, Rosie, Austin

This week's certificates went to: Oscar, Max, Ava, Orla, Neve, Cherrie

These children have been spotted being lunchtime superstars: Ethan, Pearl, Tommy, Jaden, Shiloh, Amelia

Next half term is all about 'Extraordinary Effort' so let's see who is spotted trying their best!



Well what a busy half term we have had! The children have been brilliant at settling in to their new classes and have been working so hard. Reception children are on their way to becoming early readers, writers and mathematicians whilst Key Stage 1 children have been busy learning about chronology in history and sketching and media to produce self-portraits in art, all under our Global Theme of Identity and Diversity.

After half-term, we will welcome Miss Tivey to teach in Hazel Tree Class on a Tuesday and Wednesday. This is so that Mrs Quinn can take over the SENDCo role from me.

The Governors and Senior Officers at Derbyshire have been working hard this half term to find your next Headteacher and more information regarding this will be sent next half term.

Thank you to the children, staff and all of you in our school community for making this half term a great start to the year.

Wishing you a very Happy Half Term of family time,

Mrs Roebuck



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



ASHBROOK INFANT & NURSERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

VICTORIA AVENUE, DERBY, DE72 3HF

THURSDAY TENNIS CLUB(AM)

08:00AM - 08:45AM

6TH NOV - 18TH DEC

£35.00

THURSDAY BASKETBALL CLUB

15:15PM - 16:30PM

6TH NOV - 18TH DEC

£35.00

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TENNIS(AM)



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