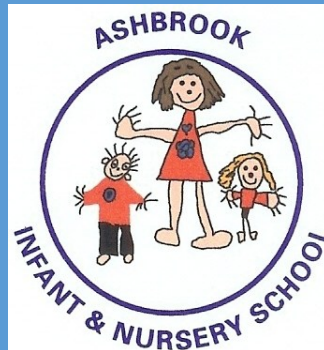


Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School

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Diary Dates

February 2026

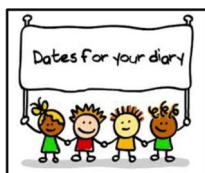
Wednesday 4th	Parent session– Supporting Emotional Regulation in children– 1.45pm-2.15pm
Wednesday 4th	Cuppa and Chat– Mrs Quinn 2.15pm
Friday 6th	Number Day - Parent Assembly at 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th	Key Stage 1 visit to the Sea Life Centre– please be at school for 8.20am
Tuesday 10th	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 12th	Break up for February Half Term
Friday 13th	INSET DAY– School and Nursery Closed to all children– Tigers open
Monday 23rd	Return to School
Tuesday 24th	Valentine’s Disco

March

Wednesday 4th	Dental Survey—information and parental consent forms to follow
Friday 27th	End of Term

April

Monday 13th	Return to School
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Snack and Activity Money for Acorns, Hazel Tree and Elm Tree Classes

Activity and snack money for this term will be £1.00 per week or £6.00 for the term. Please pay via ParentPay, if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your support.

A Message from Our New Headteacher

It is with a deep sense of privilege that I write to you as the new Headteacher of our school. From the moment I first stepped through the doors, I was struck by the warmth of the community, the enthusiasm of the pupils, and the dedication of the staff. This is clearly a school where children feel valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their very best—and I am delighted to now be a part of it.

Over the coming weeks, I hope to meet many of you—whether at the school gate, during events, or through informal conversations. Listening to your thoughts, aspirations, and hopes for your children will help shape our shared vision for the future. Together, we can create a learning environment where children feel safe, confident, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I feel honoured to serve this community and excited for all that lies ahead.

With warmest wishes,
Lynette Hardwick
Headteacher

Number Day - 6th February 2026

We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day by asking children and staff to take part in the theme 'Pirate Treasure Hunt.' Dress as a pirate and get ready to solve number clues to find the pirate treasure!

Number day is something we all look forward to in school each year. A maths inspired fundraising day, having fun with maths and raising money for the NSPCC.

Please send your £1 voluntary donation via ParentPay. We would like to invite you all to our Number assembly for all the children in Nursery and school, starting at 2.30pm.



“Safeguarding is everyone’s business”

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.

Starting Point is Derbyshire’s first point of contact for children and younger adults for advice and support or if you have concerns for a child. The service is available Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm. Telephone 01629 533190 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint or contact NSPCC free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0800 800 5000 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk. However, if you are concerned that a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police.

Since our last newsletter we have given out books to:

Meadow, Eliza, Willow, Ethan G, Erin, Oscar C, Max F, Kaine, Jessie, Jessica, Ffion, Lacey, Oscar G.

Congratulations and Happy Reading!



Did you know

School receives a Pupil Premium payment for the year in which families are eligible for free school meals and automatically for the following five years? This year it is £1,515 per free school meal pupil. This additional funding will be invested in your child to help them achieve more at school and support your child to access breakfast and after school clubs held in school.

Also, did you know that the school receives a Premium of £350 for children of Armed Service Personnel?

To enable school to claim this additional money please can you log on to the Derbyshire Parent Portal and check if you are eligible and apply for Free School Meals

<https://caya-apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/Synergy/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

All enquiries are handled sensitively and confidentially. If you are eligible please send a message via Dojo to Nathaniel Coxon or Jenny Wallace so that they may update our systems, thank you for your continuing support.

Class Attendance

Class	Weekly Attendance W/C 12.01.26	Attendance for Year to Date
Oak Tree	100%	96.8%
Willow Tree	93.91%	95.31%
Elm Tree	93.48%	96.79%
Hazel Tree	98.4%	93.71%

The class with the best attendance this week went to :

Oak Tree Class!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Overall school attendance this week: **96.47%**



Reception and Key Stage 1 Celebrations!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attend our Celebration Assembly this morning. These assemblies will be held weekly on Fridays at 9:05 after Registers close. Parents and Carers are always welcome to attend.

Teachers will send families a message on Dojo if your child is receiving an award.



Attendance Ladder



Cool Milk

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact

Winter Weather



The children play outside for long periods throughout the school day, please can you make sure your child comes to school in a named, winter coat, hat and gloves.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Central Soccer

There are spaces at our after-school Football Club which takes place after school on Mondays until 4:30pm. Children will learn a different football skill each week in a fun and enjoyable way. All coaches are enhanced check to DBS level, qualified and experienced and with full insurance in place. If you would like a booking letter, please contact the school office.