



# Ashlands News

Week beginning 2nd March 2026

## Diary Dates - w/c 2/3/26

### Ashlands Cross Country - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 3pm Year 1 - Share and Celebrate**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 3pm Year 2 - Share and Celebrate**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm – Year 3 - Celebration Assembly**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day come to school dressed as your favourite book character**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 2.45pm - Reception Stay and Play (Phonics update/share stories)**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm – Year 6 - Celebration Assembly**

Fridays 3 Apple swimming until July 2026

Running Club is never on the last week of every half term.

\*\*\*Coding Club is never on the first Thursday of every half term\*\*\*

### Messages from school

Ilkley Carnival Organisers are asking the town's community for volunteer support. If anyone is able to help please sign-up on the following link and if you mentioned 'Friends of Ashlands or Ashlands Primary School' when you sign-up then we will receive a donation -

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1033638680127/false#/invitation> "

### NUT AND SEED FREE

Please note we are a nut and seed free site.

This includes packed lunches, please remember no pesto and humous and seeded bread. We have children in school with airborne as well as ingested allergies so this is very important.

### Sickness and Diarrhea

Reminder - please return to school 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and diarrhea

### Water Bottles in Classroom

Reminder - the children are welcome to have a water bottle in the classroom but this must contain water and not juice.

There is a water fountain in school to refill during the day.  
Nursery and reception children do not require a water bottle.

**Please remember to name all uniform, coats etc**

### School Car Park – Important Update

Thank you for all your feedback regarding the recent changes to drop-off and pick-up arrangements. We appreciate your support as we continue to make these busy times safer and more efficient for everyone.

From Monday 2nd March, we will be placing metal barriers directly in front of the zebra crossing instead of using the metal bollards. This adjustment will help create more space within the car park during peak times.

In addition, pedestrian access to the main school playground will now be via the pedestrian gate near Year 6 or the zebra crossing gate at the top of the car park only.

Please note that the double gates near Year 6, which open directly onto the car park, will remain locked to pedestrians. This measure is in place to ensure the safety of all our children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Donna Russell  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm – Year 5 – Celebration Assembly**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 3pm – Year 4 – Celebration Assembly**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm - 7pm - Parents Evening**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Ilkley Toy Museum (AM)**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 3 trip to the Manor House**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - School Nurse to see Reception (Height, weight and audiology)**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm - 7pm - Parents Evening**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 – Leeds City Museum**  
**Break up - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

### School re-opens Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 Trip to Eden Camp**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 Trip to Oakwell Hall**

### Friends of Ashlands Dates for 2026

#### Spring Term

**1st – 14th March Auction of Promises**  
**Friday 27th March Easter hunt, hat contest and bake sale**  
**Thursday 30th April Curry and Quiz night**

#### Summer Term

**Monday 4th May Ashlands Parade at the Ilkley Carnival**  
**Sunday 17th May Pen Y Ghent Hike**  
**12th – 14th June Ashlands camping weekend**  
**Friday 3rd July Summer Fair**  
**Thursday 9th July End of Year disco**

### World Book Day Information.

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. This year we are asking children and staff to DRESS UP as their favourite character from a book.

Please bring in the book that your character features in on the day.

We will use this day in school as a real celebration of reading and the pleasures it can bring.

What do you do with books when you have read them? We are going to hold a Book Swap in school! Please bring in a book that you have read and would like to swap for a new treasure that you can take home.

The Book Swap will take place on World Book Day, but donations can be taken to your child's classroom from Monday March 2nd.

There will be prizes for the best costumes in the form of a Book Voucher that can be spent at our Book Fair that will be in school from Mon March 16th to Fri March 20th. World Book Day Vouchers will be given out on this day.

## Spring Term 2026 Parents' Evening

Spring Term Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday March 18th and Wednesday March 25th between 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

For 1 Oak there are also slots available Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 15.00 - 15.30

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As usual booking is via Arbor.

Booking window opens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

### LaunchPad Easter Holiday Camp at Ashlands. Years 2 - 6

We are looking into the possibility of running a Holiday Camp, run by LaunchPad Sports, at Ashlands Primary School, starting Easter 2026. The camp would be open to children in Years 2-6 and will run as a full multi-activity programme with both indoor and outdoor provision. We appreciate Easter is just around the corner, so would like to gauge interest levels in this.

#### Club Details:

Tuesday 31st March – Thursday 2nd April

Camp timings: 9:00am – 4:00pm - £30

Early drop off available from 8:00am: additional £5

10% discount for Ashlands families

To register your interest in the camp, please complete the following link (copy and paste into your browser)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWXIO7AvF0FIJ7TZ2gYmIFqei0FrHWDXGWFurT5v7vhXxg/viewform?usp=header>

Depending on interest to run the camp you will then be sent a booking link to confirm your place and make your payment.

### EASTER EARLY YEARS HOLIDAY CLUB

**Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April**

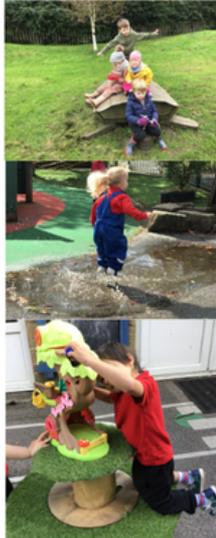
Open to children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.  
Booking window for Ashlands children will open on Arbor - Monday 2nd March at 9.00am

**Opening Times and Fees**

9.00am - 3.30pm = £45.50  
8.00am - 5.15pm = £60

We look forward to seeing your child at the Holiday Club, any questions please contact the school office.

**CONTACT US:**  
TEL: 01943 609050  
EMAIL: OFFICE@ASHLANDS.MLT.CO.UK  
WWW.ASHLANDSPRIMARY.ORG.UK



### MENU WEEK 1 | SERVED W/C: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov | 8<sup>th</sup> Dec | 19<sup>th</sup> Jan | 9<sup>th</sup> Feb | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar | 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar | 13<sup>th</sup> Apr

**THE FOOD EXPLORERS**  
Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	OPTION 1 Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry Noodles	OPTION 2 Ham & Cheese Pasta	OPTION 1 Cheese & Bean Lasagne	OPTION 2 Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	OPTION 1 Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Peas & Potatoes	OPTION 2 Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	OPTION 1 Vegetable Bolognese with Penne Pasta	OPTION 2 Chicken in a Katsu Curry Sauce & Rice	OPTION 1 Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips	OPTION 2 Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>VEGGIES</b>	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans					
<b>FILLED ROLLS</b>	Ham, Cheese	Chicken, Egg	Ham, Cheese	Tuna Mayo, Cheese	Egg, Cheese					
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b>	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans									
<b>SWEET TREATS</b>	Blueberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Peach & Pineapple Crumble	Apple & Cacao Sponge	Lemon Shortbread					
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b>	Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yogurt									
<b>KEY</b>	Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian  Vegan  Added Wholewheat									

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<b>VEGGIES</b>	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans					
<b>PASTA</b>	Tomato, Vegetable & Basil Pasta	Tomato, Vegetable & Basil Pasta	Tomato, Vegetable & Basil Pasta	Tomato, Vegetable & Basil Pasta	Tomato, Vegetable & Basil Pasta					
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b>	Our crunchy colourful salad and jacket potatoes with vegan cheese, beans, vegan cheese & beans or tuna with vegan mayo									
<b>SWEET TREATS</b>	Lemon Shortbread	Chocolate Banana Cake	Orange Jelly & Mandarins	Apple Sponge	Vegan Chocolate Brownie					
<b>KEY</b>	Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian  Vegan									

ALLERGEN AWARE MENU

### Hutchisons Catering

Don't forget to keep ordering, you can order up to 7 weeks in advance and can order / cancel up to 8.55am on the day.

If you forget we will of course feed them but we cannot guarantee they will get their first choice - they may get a sandwich or jacket potato option if there is not enough of the main meal choice. If you pay for dinners this will be on your account to clear when you make your next payment.

If you are having any problems please contact the school office for assistance.

#### SCHOOL TRIP INFORMATION

You can order a packed lunch on Appetite. Just log onto Appetite to order your meal as normal, there will only be a sandwich option on the school trip day and you can choose the filling. The packed lunch will contain a sandwich, biscuit, piece of fruit and a small bag of nachos. You are able to supplement the lunch with additional home treats and remember to pack a water bottle.

### Special World Book Day menu on Thursday 5th March This will replace the normal Thursday menu.

## Storybook BBQ Chicken Pizza

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## Storybook Roasted Vegetable Pizza

Both served with:

### Adventure Wedges

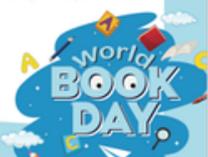
### Page-Turner Peas

Followed by:

### Enchanted Chocolate & Apple Brownie

Lightly dusted with Magic Spell Sprinkles

THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



### PE Kit Days this Half Term

Reception - Thursday  
 Year 1 - Monday (PE) and Friday (Forest Schools)  
 Year 2 - Friday  
 Year 3 - Thursday (Forest Schools) & Friday (swimming & PE)  
 Year 4 - 4 Rowan - Tuesday (Forest Schools) & 4 Yew PE  
 Year 5 - Thursday  
 Year 6 - Wednesday 6 Birch (Forest Schools) 6 Chestnut PE

### Music Lesson Days in School

Piano - Tuesday  
 Guitar - Tuesday  
 Drums - Thursday  
 Woodwind - Thursday  
 Strings - Thursday

### Lunchtime Clubs

Le Club Francais French Club - Monday  
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 Singing Club - Wednesday  
 Gardening Club Friday @ 12.30pm  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6

(please bring waterproof and wellies)

### Lunchtime Football with LaunchPad

Monday Year 3 (will need to bring kit)  
 Tuesday Year 4 (PE Day already in kit)  
 Wednesday Year 6 (PE Day already in kit)  
 Thursday Year 5 (PE Day already in kit)  
 Friday Year 1 & 2 (PE Day already in kit)

The session will take place on the school field. Children taking part will need to bring an additional pair of trainers as well as pair of tracksuit bottoms in the muddier weather - no studs. Any queries please email: [launchpadfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:launchpadfootballclub@gmail.com)

These are priced at £5 per session, payment and booking is direct with Launchpad - If your child is eligible for free school meals on economic grounds then you are eligible for a 33% reduction - If you indicate this on the link then LaunchPad will contact Ashlands to verify this.

**Saplings**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday 6th March 2026  
 3.30pm-5.30pm  
 £10.80 including snack & crisps  
 Booking closes on Arbor  
 Wednesday 4th @ 3.30pm  
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**\*\*Booking window for Summer Term opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March\*\***

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15.30 - 15.45	Registration & snack	Registration & snack	Registration & snack	Registration & snack	Registration & snack
15.45 - 16.45	Craft with Mrs Myers All	Get Active   All	Drama with Mrs Hunt KS2	Dance with Mrs Pastuszczak Nursery, Reception & KS1	Movie Night All
15.45 - 16.45				Coding Club with Mr Preece KS2	
16.45 - 17.30	Return to Saplings Room	Return to Saplings Room	Return to Saplings Room	Return to Saplings Room	

# Friends of Ashlands

## FRIENDS OF ASHLANDS 2025-26 EVENTS



<b>Thursday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>OCTOBER</b> HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP, PUMKIN COMP & BAKE SALE	<b>Saturday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>NOVEMBER</b> BONFIRE & FIREWORKS	<b>Friday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>DECEMBER</b> CHRISTMAS FAIR
<b>Thursday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>DECEMBER</b> SPARKLE & SHINE DISCO	<b>1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>MARCH</b> AUCTION OF PROMISES	<b>Friday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>MARCH</b> EASTER HUNT, HAT CONTEST & BAKE SALE
<b>Thursday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>APRIL</b> CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT	<b>Monday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>MAY</b> ASHLANDS PARADE @ IRLKLEY CARNIVAL	<b>Sunday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>MAY</b> PEN Y GHENT HIKE
<b>12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>JUNE</b> ASHLANDS CAMPING WEEKEND	<b>Friday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>JULY</b> SUMMER FAIR	<b>Thursday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>JULY</b> END OF YEAR DISCO

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## Auction of Promises! 2026 make a pledge



Email: [friendsofashlands@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofashlands@gmail.com) with

1. Your skill/service/gift
2. Your name and eldest child's class
3. A picture or logo (if relevant)
4. Price or estimated value

**By Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

5. We auction your promise on a special website from the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The highest bidder wins your promise

Can you - sew,  
cook, garden,  
provide IT  
support...?

Could your  
company donate  
a prize, offer a  
service...?

Be as inventive as you like!



## FRIENDS OF ASHLANDS ASHLANDS GO CAMPING

**June 12th - 14th**  
 Sleningford Watermill  
 North Stainley  
 Ripon  
 HG4 3HQ  
[www.sleningfordwatermill.co.uk](http://www.sleningfordwatermill.co.uk)

Booking system live 2nd March, email [friendsofashlands@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofashlands@gmail.com) if you would like to join for the first time this year and we will add you to the Camping Whatsapp Group where we share information.



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## FRIENDS OF ASHLANDS EASTER HUNT, HAT CONTEST AND BAKE SALE

**FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**

Children to wear their Easter hat to school, prizes to be won.

Easter Egg hunt will take place during school with a treat for every child.

Bake sale in the main playground 3.30-4pm.

Baked donations welcome on the day of the sale.

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