Ashmole Primary School – EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 (2026-2027)

EYFS Message

This term we will be exploring 'Celebrations and Light' exploring how families celebrate special occasions through stories, songs, creative activities and play. Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent conferences. It was lovely to share your child's progress and achievements in learning. Your continued support and partnership are truly valued. We look forward to a wonderful half term filled with exciting experiences, including our theatre trip and winter performance!

Warm Wishes

Mrs Henry and the EYFS Team.

Reading/Phonics:

We encourage all families to share books together as often as possible. Developing a love of reading.

Reception: Reading books go home on Fridays and need to be returned on Mondays.

Show and Tell:

Please help your child select an item from home that they can talk to the class about. Prepare your child by talking to them about it first. Ask them questions about their item.

Reception: Monday or Wednesday.

Nursery: Daily – as and when.

This term, our learning will be based around the theme of 'Celebrations and light'

Literacy: We will continue to develop early reading skills through our Little Wandle phonics programme. Children in nursery will explore listening games, rhyme and alliteration. Children in reception will practice blending and segmenting words, reading decodable books and recognising tricky words. We will encourage mark-making and correct letter formation.

Mathematics: Children will explore circles, triangles and shapes with four sides, compare sizes and quantities We will develop counting skills through songs and practical activities. Reception will explore numbers to 5 and investigate number composition.

Understanding the World: Children will explore celebrations festivals and family traditions, discovering how people celebrate around the world. We will investigate light and dark and observe seasonal changes as autumn moves into winter.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will design and make lanterns, Christmas decorations and festive artwork, exploring colour, shape, texture and repeating patterns.
They will learn songs and actions for our winter performance.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children will continue to develop friendships, show kindness and respect.

Physical Development: Children will strengthen their fine motor skills through various activities. Dance and movement will develop balance and coordination.

Communication and Language: Children will enjoy listening to and discussing stories linked to celebrations and family traditions. They will develop their listening skills, learn new vocabulary, answer questions in full sentences and practise retelling familiar stories.

Upcoming dates for your diary.

Children in Need Friday 13th November 2026.

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 16th – Friday 20th November 2026. (Odd Socks Monday 16th November)

Parent Café: Oracy at Ashmole & Introduction to Voice 21: Thursday 19th November

PSA Winter Fair: Friday 27th November 2026.

Polka Theatre Trip-See Festive Flyer

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Thursday 10th December 2026.

Music Masters Winter Concerts and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 11th December.

End of Term: Friday 18th December @ 2pm.

