

## Next Two Weeks

**21st March** Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

**Comic Relief** - This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Comic Relief. To celebrate, as a school we wanted to do something nice so we are doing a food bank donation drive for Ashby Food Bank! The food bank is entirely separate from comic relief and rely on donations. We want EVERY year group to donate at least 40kg overall. We will run this as a competition between year groups. Items can be donated on the following days: **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**



**Year 7 to 11 donations – Please take to the Library**  
**Year 12/13 donations – please take to common room**

List of Foodbank items **NEEDED**: Tinned carrots, peas and sweetcorn, Tinned hot meat, Instant coffee, Squash, Long life fruit juice, Jam, Soap bars, Shampoo and shower gel

## Other Key Dates

11th April	End of Term
28th April	Summer Term Starts
5th May	May Bank Holiday
8th May	School Early Finish 2pm
15th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening - Online
26th - 30th May	May Half Term

## In Our Classrooms

**A Reminder of what we are learning Spring Half Term 2** - Please find linked an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects at Ashby School during this half term to support them to become Empowered to Learn and know that Anything is Possible. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to a productive and enriching half term ahead!

[Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#)

## Achievements

On 29<sup>th</sup> January we had 40 students from Year 7 to Year 11 sit the Intermediate Maths Challenge where we had some spectacular results:

- Tom Hill in Year 11 was best in school.
- Liliana Dickson in Year 7 was second in school and best in Year 7.
- Sam Wilson, George Watkins, Corwin Morgan, Chloe Kendrick and Daisy Harvey in Year 11, and Rose Shepherd in Year 9 also got Gold Certificates for getting a score within the top 10% in the country.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

## Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

**It's Not OK Campaign - Online Safety Update**-The Students have had assemblies about online safety and have completed a survey so we can get some crucial student statistics.



## School Pantry



We are very lucky to be supported by MCKS charitable foundation which enables us to provide support to staff and students in the form of food and toiletries supplies.

Did you know that you can access our school pantry? If you or someone you know could benefit from help with food costs, please email [foodpantry@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:foodpantry@ashbyschool.org.uk)

All pantry visits are discreet and confidential.

## Other Updates

**Enquiry Form** - Don't forget our new [enquiry form](#) is live on our website. Please use this for all non-urgent and non-absence based enquiries.

**Holiday Activities and Food Easter Programme available to Free School Meals Students.** Please [click here](#) to find out more information. These HAF clubs will be run at the following schools and children from other schools can also attend: Braunstone Frith, Countesthorpe, Desford, Ibstock and Winstanley.

**Ashby School Awards Evening 2025** - We have Sponsorship opportunities for the Awards Evening 2025. Read our [letter here](#) for more information.

# What's been happening...



**Caught being Kind** - The benefits of being kind are numerous and impact those that are being kind, those that receive the kindness and even those that witness it. So many of our Ashby students demonstrate kindness on a daily basis so we wanted to celebrate them and encourage everyone to spread the kindness. A group of Students spent their break and lunchtimes designing wallets with names on for each member of staff. These held a 'caught being kind' slip which staff could give to students when an act of kindness was witnessed. These are now being collected up so that we can collate the numbers. Thank you to Hannah Stephens, Tilly Tipton, Kayla Dytham, Eliza Craggs, Deanice Cotton, Liv Morrissey and Blythe Salt for their hard work on the wallets. We did this activity initially for a week but we will be revisiting regularly – kindness is catching!



**Rewards** - Form 7Y enjoyed a rewards breakfast for winning the Form Quiz last term.



WORLD  
**BOOK DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

**World Book Day** was a huge success. The Library was busy all day with students from all year groups taking part in book related activities and quizzes. The biggest hit was

the Guess Who has been Caught Reading Quiz, which involved students trying to guess which member of staff had been photographed reading around school. There was shared reading throughout the day, with students being read a segment from the first chapter of "Who let the Gods Out" at the start of each lesson.

Our KS3 Book Club also had a World Book Day fancy dress party after school, where members could dress up as their favourite book characters. It was complete with party bags and snacks.

**Ski Trip - Italy 2025** - Over the February half term 59 students and 6 staff made the 26 hour journey to the Apennines in Italy. They spent the week skiing and snowboarding in Monte Cimone. The trip was a huge success and as well as students learning/developing the skill of skiing/snowboarding they also (and perhaps more importantly) made amazing memories that will last them a lifetime. Pleasingly there were no injuries – In fact this is now the second year running! As well as skiing/snowboarding for 5 hours a day students also went snow-shoeing, partook in a quiz, watched an ice hockey match, spent time shopping in a local village, had a pizza evening and spent an evening playing silly games. On the way home every student got an individualised certificate from the staff team. We have just launched our 2026 trip which is available to students currently in Year 9, 10, 11 (assuming they are planning on staying into Sixth Form) & 12.

