



Our fortnightly newsletter will be sent out via email at the end of each **Week A**.

Next Two Weeks

19th September	Jeans for Genes Non-uniform day We are a cashless site this year so contributions will need to be paid onto Wisepay accounts please.
26th September	European Day of Languages

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - We ask that you support your child and Ashby School with their attendance and specifically request that you do not take your child on holiday during term time. Penalty Notice fines will be considered if there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Important! School Aged Immunisation consent update - [Please read the letter from the immunisation service here.](#)

Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund - [Please read the flyer here.](#)

Operations Updates

Dropping Students off at school – For the safety of all Students and Parents/Carers, please can you either park in one of the visitor bays at the front of our main reception, or pull into the car park to allow your child to get out safely. Please use the marked walkway to go to reception, where your child must sign in with the reason for being late. Please do not stop in the driveway to drop off your child as this is dangerous when other cars are driving in and out.

Ashby Statutes - Ashby Statutes will be returning Friday 12th to Tuesday 16th September. The fun fair occupies Market Street and Brook Street and the traffic management system impacts on the many roads surrounding the town centre.

Roads closed: Market Street and Brook Street

One Way system to include: Lower Church Street, South Street, Bath Street, Derby Road, Elford Street, The Green and North Street. You may wish to plan extra time for your journey to and from school.

Other Key Dates

October	Black History Month
2nd October	Y7 2026 Entry Open Evening 5-7pm Read more information here
10th October	World Mental Health Day
15th October	Y7-Y11 Flu Vaccinations
16th October	Y7 and Y12 Settling in Evening (OL)
20-24 October	Half Term
1st November	6th Form Open Day 12.30-3pm

Term Dates 2025/26

Our Term Dates, early finishes, parents' evening and open days/evenings can be found [here](#).

In Our Classrooms

What are we learning Autumn Half Term 1 - Please find an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects during the first half of the Autumn 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! [Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#)

Food Lessons - Ingredients - All KS3 and KS4 Food ingredients will be put onto the assignments tab of arbor for students. If parents have any questions, please email the teacher who set the assignment.

Ingredients should only be dropped off before CREW time in the morning in labelled bags.

Students all need to have an apron, container or foil to take cooking home and a hair bobble with them at each practical lesson.

Design Contributions for all years - During the year students will be working on a series of projects as part of their Design subjects and courses. Students are asked to make a voluntary contribution for their Design subject. [Please find more information here.](#) Please can we ask that payment for this is kindly made by **Wednesday 1st October 2025**.

Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)

We are excited to launch sign-ups for our new **Bronze** and **Gold** DofE cohorts for 2025–2026!

Bronze Award (open to Year 9): Students will take part in volunteering, skills and physical activities over three months each, before completing a training and qualifying expedition. It's a fantastic way to build confidence, resilience and teamwork while having fun with friends.

Gold Award (open to Year 12): This is the highest level of the DofE and includes longer commitments for volunteering, skills and physical activities, as well as the exciting Gold expeditions in the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and Lake District. Completing Gold is a prestigious achievement that is highly valued by universities and employers.

For more details, including costs, commitments, and expedition dates, please see the full letters linked below which include links to presentations that were given at the launch event:

[Bronze Award Information Letter](#)

[Gold Award Information Letter](#)

Don't miss the chance to take part in this amazing opportunity!

PS: If you are currently working towards your Bronze award then watch this space as we'll be launching the Silver Award before the end of this year.

Extra Curricular

Our Extra Curricular Clubs for Lunchtimes and After School are now running. See the timetables [here](#).

Additional music Instrument Lessons - are also available for the following: **Piano**, **Brass** (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn), **Strings** (Violin, Cello), **Woodwind** (Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute), **Singing**, **Drum Kit**, **Acoustic/Electric Guitar**, **Bass Guitar**. These lessons are delivered in school by peripatetic teachers from outside school and are not free. Parents/carers should [contact the music department](#) to express interest.

Careers Updates

College and Sixth Form Open Date Listing for attention of Year 11 Students - [Read listings here](#).

Other Updates

Active 8 Scheme Update - We have received notification from North West Leicestershire District Council regarding the Club Active8 Scheme that students were previously able to access in partnership with Ashby School, to advise us that new changes agreed at the end of last term between NWL District Council and Everyone Active have changed the way the new scheme will now operate. The new scheme will only be for students who are receiving Free School Meals or Pupil Premium. Once we are in receipt of the new leaflets students can collect from the SEND office at breaktime.



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

All pantry visits are discreet and confidential.

What's been happening...

Osmington Bay – The first ever KS3 residential saw 169 students from years 8 and 9 go on a 5 day trip to Osmington Bay. They were treated to a range of activities including dragon boating, vertical challenge, climbing, laser tag and raft building. It was a long busy week and the students were excellent, Many faced their fears while others developed brand new skills, working along side different year and friendship groups, making memories that will stay for them forever.

As trip leader I was extremely proud of their conduct, attitude, resilience and respectful attitudes. They were a pleasure to spend the week with. -Mrs Cooper.



Year 7 Talk the Talk - Our Year 7's enjoyed a range of engaging activities at our Talk the Talk workshop last week where they had a fantastic opportunity to build their Oracy skills.



Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors Symposium visits - Another wonderful annual event bringing Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors from all over Leicester and Leicestershire together to discuss the impact on racism and what schools are and can do to tackle it. A wonderful opportunity for the Ashby Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors to meet Baroness Lawrence and also London's ex Mayor, other schools, staff from the Stephen Lawrence research centre and current and ex ambassadors. The students joined in with the activities and spoke about their reasons for being an ambassador.



Year 13 Prom - On Friday 29th August we said a final farewell to our 2024-2025 Year 13 cohort at their leavers Prom. After months of planning by the senior team that included students voting on location, food choices and creating a playlist made up of song requests (Cotton Eye Joe is still going strong after 30, yes 30 years!) the students arrived at Colwick Hall in Nottingham. The Prom was held in the Hall's marquee and students had access to the beautiful grounds for those all-important photo opportunities, as well as photo print outs from a 'magic mirror', and entrance photos taken by Mrs Richardson. After a buffet dinner, the dancefloor came alive until midnight when we said our goodbyes.

It was great to see so many students there, and especially heartwarming to witness the friendships and bond students have made over the last two years. We wish them all the best as they move on into their next chapter.

Special thanks to Mrs Richardson for their help with decorations and photos, and to Mr Owen for sound, lighting and visuals.