

Life at Ashby



23rd January 2026

Next Two Weeks

28 th – 31 st January	Les Misérables – Tickets on Sale here . –More Tickets Available Now!
2 nd February	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - parental consent requests now come directly from the NHS . Letter available here .

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - When students dip below 90% attendance, they are seen as Persistently Absent from school. We want to work with you on ensuring students are in school; this requires parents working with us closely, which is why we have a dedicated attendance team. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please email yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk for Y7 -11 or sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk for Y12/13.

Medical Appointment Proof – Please send proof of medical appointments to Year Team Absence or Sixth Form so they can be authorised. If you are attending a 'Sit and wait' or 'drop-in' service, you can request a slip from the GP reception following your appointment to prove your attendance.

Revision – Empowered to Succeed

Please find our latest Empowered to Succeed Revision Newsletter [here](#). The focus of the week is Subject on a page. Subject revision on a page documents can be found on the school website at [GCSE Revision - Ashby School](#). These sheets contain details on exam dates, exam boards and give useful information about revision topics and websites and apps that students can use.

Other Key Dates & Events

10 th February	It's Not Okay Online Safety Launches
12 th February	School Early Finish 2pm
9 th - 15 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
13 th February	Wear Yellow for Children's Mental Health Week
16 th – 20 th February	February Half Term
26 th February	Year 12 Parents' Evening (Online)
3 rd March	Student 3-in-1 booster + meningitis ACWY vaccinations
10 th March	School Early Finish 2pm

Wellbeing Updates

Children's Mental Health Week - 9th – 15th February

February. – We will be holding a 'Wear something yellow day on 13th February for this.

Below are some posters from 'Place2B', the Children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools, and the people behind #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.

For a larger view, please click on the images.

MY VOICE MATTERS

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health? This poster is for you. It gives advice on how to talk to children and young people, wherever they are and whatever they are going through. It also includes a section on how to support your child and believe in them.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

- TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY
- WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?
- WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?
- WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?
- WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

Place2B's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

9-15 FEB 2026

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

Careers

Careers Bulletin – Please find our latest careers bulletin [here](#).

We also have a careers event to highlight, delivered by a local Ashby company - Bott Ltd.



Ready to kickstart your future?

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Bott Ltd - Apprentice & Careers Events January & February 2026

Looking for an Apprenticeship or Work Experience opportunity in 2026? This is your chance to explore exciting career paths and see what life at Bott Ltd is all about!

Location:
Bott Ltd, 9 Tournament Way, Ashby De La Zouch (LE65 2UU)

Dates & Times:

- **Open Evening:** Tuesday 27th January – Starts at 17:30
- **Open Day:** Wednesday 11th February – Sessions at 10:00 & 14:00

What's in store?

- Tour our state-of-the-art site
- Meet the team behind our success
- Discover Apprenticeships in **Engineering, Logistics, & Business Administration**
- Learn about work experience & career opportunities
- Ask questions and get real insights into your future

Whether you're a school/college leaver or planning a career change, this event is your gateway to new possibilities.

Book your place by scanning the QR code or email us at: careers@botttd.co.uk

Work Experience & Options

Year 12 Work Experience Launch – Please read our [letter here](#) and our work experience [Q&A here](#).

Year 10 Work Experience Launch – Please read our [letter here](#).

GCSE Options Reminder – Students need to make their option choices on the form linked [here](#): by the 30th January 2026. To help them do this, there is a video that explains the process, and how to complete the form which is linked [here](#). The Options booklet can be found [here](#).

Uniform

One of our Uniform Suppliers, Baby Planet, are sadly closing their Ashby Store on 31st January 2026. They are offering **50 percent discount on all stock items purchased in store until 31st January**. You will still be able to purchase online from them [here](#) following the store closure.

Hardship Fund

Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund 2025/26

Round 2 Deadline: **Sunday 1st March 2026**

Further information and the application form can be found at - [Young People Physical Activity & Sport Hardship Fund 2025/26](#).



ACTIVE TOGETHER

YOUNG PEOPLE
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT
HARDSHIP FUND

LET'S GET MOVING

The fund will support young people from Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, in the greatest financial need, to overcome economic constraints and access physical activity and sport as a participant, official, coach, volunteer or talented sportsperson. Young people should be aged 7- 21 years, or up to the age of 25 years for young people with SEND.

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What's been happening...



LiFE MAT Schools Role Models competition –

Following on from October's Black History Month, the Trust set our KS3 and KS4 students across all the MAT schools (primary and secondary) a task to celebrate and design a poster focusing on a role model or hero. They had to give some background on the person/ team and why and how they are an inspiration to them and what barriers they have overcome. It was run as a competition with prizes for the most inspiring and creative entries.

We would like to say congratulations to our Ashby student Jessica Wathes, in 7B, did an amazing piece on why the England lionesses are her role models.

Here is Jessica's entry.

Rewards Breakfasts - 8D, 9D and 10Z were treated to crew breakfasts for successfully winning the interCREW competitions. Congratulations to all.

Mrs Sever, Mrs Boden & Mrs Cooper



Year 9 netball- semi final - The year 9 netball team have got to the SSP finals for the 2nd year in a row. After a fantastic 31-21 win in the semi finals against Catmose College, the girls have made the finals... again. Everyone played amazingly and it was a great team performance. Bring on the finals. Player of the match: Matilda Garey





Outstanding Achievement Awards

Congratulations to former 6th Form students Beth Laming and Liam Riddick on receiving £200 each for their outstanding achievements at A level.

Ashby de La Zouch Endowed schools Foundation was pleased to present Beth and Liam with £200 each for their outstanding performance in their A levels.

Beth received the Prance Award, which recognises a student who has achieved high grades and is progressing to Cambridge. Beth is now studying Natural Sciences. This money comes from a fund called the Prance Exhibition what was set up in 1942 to help support students who had achieved excellent results and has secured a place at either Oxford or Cambridge University.

Liam was awarded the Woodcock Prize and is now studying Automotive Engineering at Loughborough University. This prize arises from a fund set up in 1960 "for a student who is outstanding in excellence or ability".

The Foundation Vice Chair Margaret Hawksworth was pleased to meet the two students and recognised all the arduous work Beth and Liam had undertaken to secure their excellent results, she also talked to them about an enjoyable first term at university. Both students were pleasantly surprised by the value of the cheques they received.

The Foundation, later in the year, also supports students in the Annual Awards evening following the school's themes of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

