

ASFORDBY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wow Awards

The children have worked exceptionally hard on using their rainbow skills. It has been a delight to see how many children are using these skills throughout the curriculum but also around school. On Fridays, two children from each class are rewarded in our Celebration Assembly with a WOW certificate and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week. Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!



Routines, Relationships and Ready to Learn!

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

As we move into October, it's been wonderful to see how confidently pupils have settled into the new school year. The term so far has been full of energy, creativity, and community spirit – and we're incredibly proud of how much has already been achieved.

Oak Class enjoyed a successful Bikeability week, showing impressive confidence and road safety awareness – well done to everyone who took part! Across the school, our Writing Week was a real highlight. Using the picture book *The Midnight Fair* as inspiration, pupils produced some truly imaginative and thoughtful writing – the quality and creativity on display were fantastic. In addition this month has been full of exciting sporting opportunities for our pupils. During parents evening, you will all have chance to see the children's creations. Holly class took part in a tennis event, where they had the chance to develop their skills, enjoy some friendly competition, and represent the school with great enthusiasm. Meanwhile, a group of Year 5 and 6 participated in a football tournament, showcasing excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination on the field. Well done to all involved – we are proud of your effort and positive attitude!

A big thank you as well to those who attended the recent FOAHS meeting. The team are working hard behind the scenes to plan some exciting events this term, including the school discos, the Christmas Fair, and festive card projects – we really appreciate their support, and yours.

Looking ahead, we're very much looking forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress so far and share how we can continue working together to support their learning.

After half term, we're delighted to welcome Miss Parrott back from maternity leave. She will be returning to Year 6 and also stepping into her new role as Assistant Headteacher. We know the children – and staff – will be thrilled to have her back.

Finally, a quick reminder about our leadership structure after October half term: Mrs Bailey will be co-headteacher on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mrs Millward on Thursday and Friday. We welcome Miss Parrott back from maternity leave as Assistant Head Teacher. Together, we are committed to providing strong, consistent leadership and being available to support you whenever needed. Thank you once again for working with us so positively – it makes a real difference.

Warm regards,
Mrs Millward and Mrs Bailey
Co-Headteachers

**AT ASFORDBY HILL WE ARE
READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE**
ENTHUSIASM UNDERSTANDING OTHERS GRATITUDE SELF-CONTROL PERSEVERANCE CURIOSITY OPTIMISM

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rowan	Holly			Chestnuts
Lunchtime				
Holly	Rowan	Willow	Beech	Sycamore
Willow	Sycamore	Beech	Oak	Oak

Team Points

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
5 Sept ...	172	105	144	115
12 Sep...	232	221	252	251
19 Aug...	219	222	234	240
26 Aug...	172	160	176	178

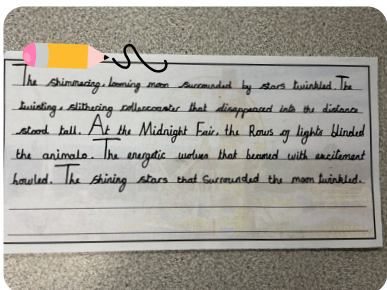
Look what we have been up to!



Holly Class practicing their tennis skills at Melton Mowbray Tennis Club.



Oak Class Bikeability



Writing Week



Year 5/6 Football Event



Parent Survey

Thank you to those families who filled in the survey. All families found that:

- Their children were safe, taught well and were encouraged to do the very best they could do.
- Their children received a broad and balanced curriculum and that there was a good standard of behaviour at AHS.
- Friendship issues and/or bullying, if it occurs, is dealt with immediately, supportively and effectively
- The school is welcoming and lead and managed well

The significant majority (over 92% of families) told us that

- The school communicates with them effectively about their child's progress and about school events
- The school supports their children with anxious emotions

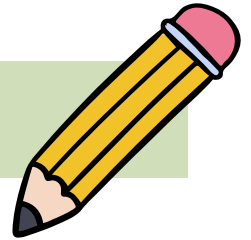
As a result of the survey, child voice and adult observations, we have been looking at other providers for our cooked dinners. We feel that a cooked dinner at school should be balanced, tasty and good value for money – we will let you know who we sign up as soon as a decision has been made.

Although your comments were overwhelmingly positive, we have already acted upon those that would improve us even further. These include staff training, SEND communication and ensuring that the subject of PE is given its rightful significance in the curriculum. Other ideas for moving the school forward will be discussed at the relevant Governors meetings eg signs, higher fencing around the school, more school trips, a preschool/nursery, Arbor and uniform.

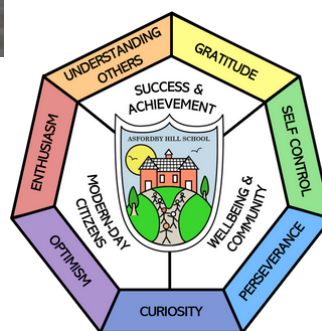
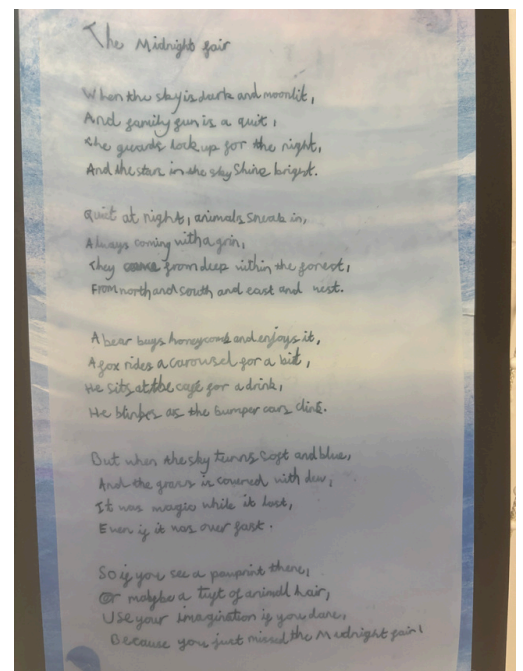
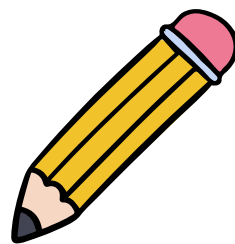
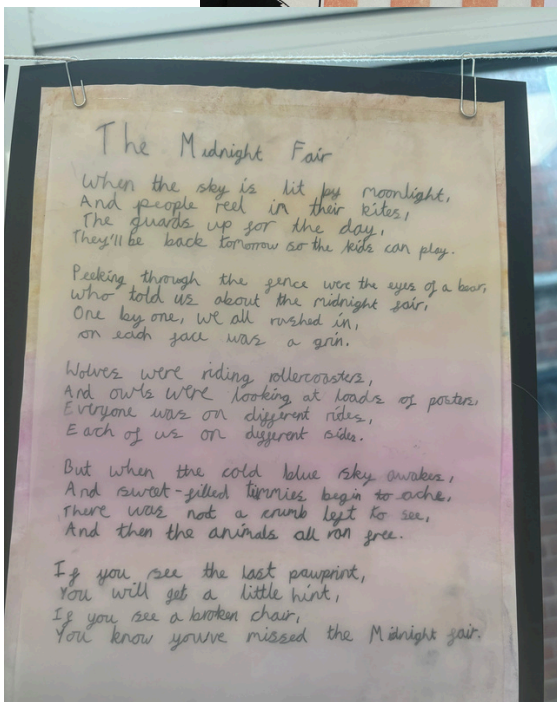
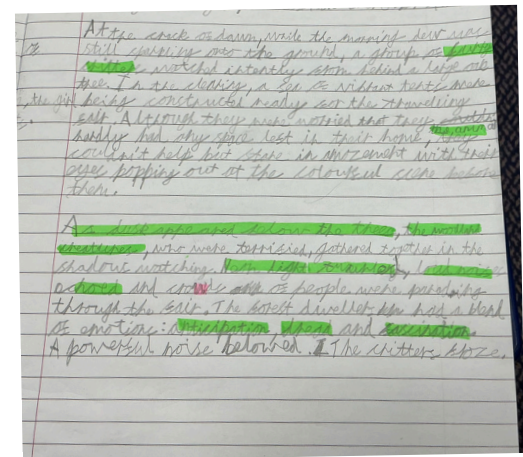
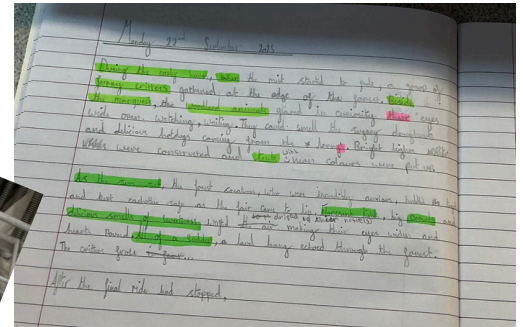
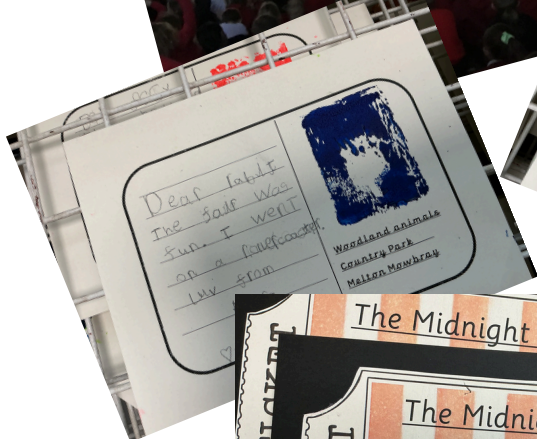
Please remember that your feedback does not have to wait for the end of year survey. Our doors are always open and we would love to chat with you about how we can make our school an even more impressive place for your children to learn in.



Writing Week



A group of animals take a wondrous journey to a magical fair that they can only visit at midnight. Under the twinkling stars, they explore thrilling rides.



School Council

A huge congratulations to the children who have been voted by their classmates to be School Councillors this year!

The 18th September marked their first School Council meeting of the year, and what a fantastic start it was! They:

- ✓ Finalised the "25 Things to Do Before Leaving AHPS" enrichment list started by last year's council
- ✓ Appointed their Chair and Vice Chair
- ✓ Already began planning exciting ideas for October's meeting!



It was a very productive session, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve this year. Well done, everyone! 🌟



Attendance

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%

Cause for concern

100%-96%

Excellent

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th November – School Disco

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair

We are always looking for volunteers to support our events. Even if you can spare just one hour, your help would make a huge difference. These activities simply wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our volunteers, and the children truly benefit from the experiences.



If you'd like to get more involved or learn more about what we do, we'd love to see you at one of our meetings. It's a great opportunity to help plan and organise the exciting events that bring joy to our school community.

- The next dates of meetings are :
- 28th October
- 12th November
- 9th December

Uniform



Have you lost any uniform?

Uniform Reminder: Label Your Child's Uniform

We have noticed an increasing number of unnamed school uniforms being left around the school grounds. These unlabelled items make it very difficult to return lost clothing to the correct students. To help us reduce lost property and ensure that belongings find their way home, we kindly ask all parents and carers to clearly label every item of your child's uniform, including hats, jumpers, and sports gear. A simple name tag or permanent marker can make all the difference. Thank you for your support in helping us keep track of everyone's belongings!

Community Support

Do you need support with...

- BEREAVEMENT
- FOOD BANKS
- SCHOOL DINNERS
- MENTAL HEALTH SLEEP & EATING
- CHILDREN'S HEALTH
- SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS - ASD

ROTARY YOUTH COMPETITIONS

2025 - 2026

COMPETITION	DEADLINE
 YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
 YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
 YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Dec 2025
 YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Feb 2026
 YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR	28 th Feb 2026
 MELTONS GOT TALENT	11 th Apr 2026

ALL WINNERS FROM EACH COMPETITION WILL BE PASSED THROUGH TO THE DISTRICT FINALS DURING SPRING TERM

Rotary Stars Of The Year (ages 6 to 11 years) Nominations can be submitted via your headteacher

For enquiries, contact:
rotarywibmelton@gmail.com

Applications Open:
1st September

Secondary
Deadline: 31st October
Offer Day: 1st March

Primary
Deadline: 15th January
Offer Day: 16th April

*or next working day if this falls on a weekend /bank holiday.

School Admissions Checklist

For primary & secondary school places

Step 1: How to get started - preparing to apply

- Create a [parent portal account](#) or check you can still log in.
- Create or change to a password you can remember.
- Keep a note of the email address you applied with – you must use the same email address to log in later.

Step 2: List your school preferences

- Include your catchment school in your preferences, or the nearest local school if there is no defined catchment area. This will help increase your chance of securing a place at your nearby school.
- Maximise your opportunities by listing up to 5 different school preferences.
- Double check your order of preferences- we always aim to try to offer the highest preference where possible.

Step 3: Check your catchment areas

- Visit your local school website.
- Contact the school directly to check your catchment area.

Step 4: Review your order of preferences

- Check your details are correct before you submit your application.

TOP TIPS

1. Check out the [Your Guide to Education](#).
2. Attend open days, visit schools before finalising your choices.
3. Consider how you'd get your child to and from school. More on our [school transport policy and eligibility](#).
4. Remember late applications will be processed after those that were sent on time.
5. Help your child get [school ready](#) if applying for the first time.
6. Download our ["Moving Up" booklet](#) to help anyone transitioning on to secondary school.
7. Choosing one school will not guarantee a place.
8. If none of your preferences are offered, you may be allocated a school further away.
9. Don't assume - boundaries can be different than you expect and in some instances you may live in a catchment with multiple schools.
10. If you make changes or even re-open your application to check your submitted application, you must then click the RESUBMIT button - if you don't your application status is unsubmitted.

For hints and tips about the process, information on Leicestershire schools and to apply, visit

leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions



October Half Term Camp Scheme 2025 At Belvoir Cricket Club, Knipton, NG32 1RE



Activities Include:

Archery
Cricket Skills
Orienteering
Tri Golf
Basketball
Short Tennis
Unihoc
Dodgeball
Rounders
Base Hide & Seek



Costs
£30 per Day
£110 for 4 Days
Children Aged 6-12

Dates
Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd October
Drop off 8:45-9:15 Pick up 3

Contact Neil for a booking form or further information
neil@support-best.org or on 07436 263837
Don't Forget to Bring: A Packed Lunch! Wet Weather Gear/Spare Clothes in case of wet weather!

Dates Page

Term Dates 2025-2026



Autumn Term

Teacher Days (School closed to Children) Thursday 21st August 2025
Friday 22nd August 2025

August Bank Holiday: *School Closed* Monday 25th August 2025

Schools open: Tuesday 26th August 2025

Half term break: Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025

Schools close: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

Schools open: Monday 5th January 2026

Half term break: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Schools close: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: *School Closed* Monday 4th May 2026

Teacher Day (School closed to Children) Friday 22nd May 2026

Half term break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Schools close: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Teacher Days (School closed to Children) Thursday 9th July 2026
Friday 10th July 2026

October

Wednesday 1st October: Open Morning for families of children starting school Aug' 2026

Thursday 2nd October: **HARVEST COLLECTION**



Monday 6th October: mix football event for year 3/4- more information to follow

Thursday 9th October: Rowan Class Little Springers Gymnastics trip.- more information to follow.

Monday 13th October: Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th October: Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th October: Open Evening for families of children starting school Aug'2026 at 5:30pm

November

Monday 3rd November: Holly Class art workshop in school

Tuesday 11th November: Armistice Day (history focus)

Monday 17th November: Open Morning for families of children starting school Aug'2026

Thursday 20th November: Singing Concert at the theatre- more information to follow

Friday 28th November: Non-uniform day
Saturday 29th November: Christmas Fair 11am-1pm



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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

Come and visit us!

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school for the opportunity to meet our amazing children, have a tour of our school and ask any questions that you may have.

Our open days:
Monday 29th September 9:30am- 2:00pm
Wednesday 1st October 9:30am- 2:00pm
Tuesday 14th October 5:30pm
Tuesday 28th October 9:30am- 2:00pm
Monday 17th November 9:30am- 2:00pm
Tuesday 2nd December 9:30am- 2:00pm

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