

# 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!



## Embracing Growth, Courage and Diversity – A Wonderful Month at School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous month it has been at our school! We've enjoyed a whirlwind of exciting sporting events and enriching learning experiences for our children. A special congratulations to our Year 3 gymnasts, who truly dazzled in their recent competition. Our cross-country team showed incredible resilience and determination as they braved the blustery weather at Long Field. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 football teams demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the pitch—well done to all!

Our School Council has been busy inspiring the whole school to take part in a poster challenge for our energy reduction initiative. The creativity on display has been outstanding, and choosing the winners will certainly be a tough job for the councilors!

Year 6 had a brilliant opportunity to explore Melton, using their mapping and inquiry skills to investigate local trade and tourism. At the same time, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a wonderful day at Church Hill Junior, taking part in joint sporting activities. A heartfelt thank you to Church Hill for their warm hospitality.

Our garden club has also been thriving, with a highlight this month being the pumpkin weigh-in from the plants nurtured back in spring—an outstanding effort from everyone involved. The winning pumpkin weighing in at a whopping 11.9kg—WOW!

We've also introduced a new behaviour policy—please find the link attached for more details below. At the heart of this policy is a commitment to restorative practices, which focus on building positive relationships and creating a supportive school community. When challenges arise, we aim to guide children in understanding the impact of their actions, taking responsibility, and working towards meaningful resolutions. This approach helps foster empathy, accountability, and a stronger sense of belonging for all.



Finally, we bid a bittersweet farewell to Mrs Hacking, a much-loved member of our Year 3 and 4 team. We thank her for all she's contributed and wish her every success in her new adventures.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Millward and Mrs Bailey  
Co-Headteachers

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## PE Timetable

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

## Team Points

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
3rd October	170	169	154	156
10th October	196	199	195	193
17th October	191	170	212	186
31st October	216	125	139	142

## Look what we have been up to!



Cross Country



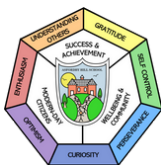
Year 3 and 4 football event.



Year 5 and 6 basketball coaching sessions.



Year 3 gymnastics at Little Springers



Year 6 geography field trip to Melton exploring trade and tourism.



Year 1 observing signs of Autumn on their local walk.

## School Council

### School Council Sparks Energy-Saving Action!

Our School Councillors have been busy making a difference! During lunchtime walks around the school, they noticed that many empty classrooms still had their lights on. Taking a proactive approach, they launched a whole-school poster competition to raise awareness and reduce energy waste.

The initiative was introduced in assembly, and the response has been fantastic—so many creative and thoughtful entries have already come in! At their next meeting, the councillors will choose the winning posters and display them around the school to remind everyone to switch off and save energy.

Well done to our School Council for leading the way in making our school more eco-friendly.





# Personal Development



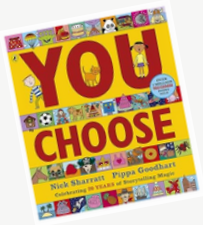
At Asfordby Hill, we are committed to providing a rich and thoughtfully planned Personal Development Programme that supports every child in becoming a confident, resilient, and well-rounded individual. Through our curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and extra-curricular activities, we aim to equip our learners with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions and develop strong character.

Our pupils grow to understand their role in modern society. They develop a strong sense of self, show respect for others, and contribute positively to their community. Guided by our Rainbow Values—Gratitude, Self-control, Perseverance, Curiosity, Optimism, Enthusiasm, and Understanding Others—our children leave Asfordby Hill with a solid moral foundation and a clear sense of responsibility as global citizens.

We place great emphasis on pupil voice and leadership, encouraging children to take initiative, speak up respectfully, and believe in their ability to make a difference. This helps them build high aspirations and the confidence to challenge ideas in a positive and constructive way. We have done just this recently, as some of the children commented that they would like to experience, first hand, people of different faiths and cultures to them. In October, our Yr 3 and 4 classes visited Church Hill Junior school – a multi-faith school in Thurmaston, and worked alongside their peers positively and respectfully, during a variety of sporting activities.

Our bespoke curriculum is designed to bring out the best in every learner. We nurture resilience, critical thinking, and a love of learning. Children are encouraged to try new things, embrace mistakes as learning opportunities, and celebrate the successes of others. They learn how to communicate respectfully, ask thoughtful questions, and grow through collaboration. Beyond academics, our curriculum supports the development of the whole child. This is at the heart of our Personal Development Programme, which ensures that every pupil has the chance to thrive in all areas of life.

We are proud to be a No Outsiders School. This means we actively teach that everyone is welcome and that difference is something to be celebrated. Through age-appropriate stories and assemblies linked to the nine protected characteristics, we help children understand that everyone belongs. As our pupils grow, we support them in embracing their individuality and respecting the uniqueness of others. We want every child to feel proud of who they are and confident that they are accepted just as they are—without judgement or the need to change to fit in.



## 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.


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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 :
- 12th November
- 9th December

# Community Support

## Money Management Course



Melton and District Money Advice Centre  
Fostering Financial Freedom Together

Attending this two hour interactive session will equip you with essential budgeting skills. Identify your spending habits and take a detailed look at your income and expenditure, enabling you to take control of your finances. To book your place, please email Amanda Heath at [help@madmacmoney.co.uk](mailto:help@madmacmoney.co.uk)

**Next course:**  
Thursday 15th January 2026  
10am - 12:30pm

to be held at:  
Melton Building Society, Mutual House, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray.

[www.madmacmoney.co.uk](http://www.madmacmoney.co.uk)

- How to manage bank accounts
- Set Financial Goals
- Avoid marketing ploys
- Learn to budget effectively
- Deal with debts
- Savings Advice

## GoLearn! Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

### Family Learning

# Talk With Me

A free 5-week Family Learning course to support the development of speaking and listening skills for young children aged about 2-4 years. (Younger brothers and sisters welcome.)

Each session will include:

- Lots of singing
- Top tips for talking with your young child
- Talking activities
- Story time
- Free resources to take home

Venue	Programme dates and times	Course Code
Melton Library (Adult Learning Centre)	Wednesdays 1:15-2:30pm Starting 12th November 2025	25MT106P

Please use the QR code to enrol on the website or call the FREEphone number below, quoting the course code. On the website, look for 'Family Learning', 'Toddler Talk' then 'Talk With Me'. The tutor will contact you with further information.

Priority is given to people with low or no UK qualifications.

For further information, or if you are having problems enrolling, please email [Louise.Allen@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Allen@leics.gov.uk)

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Call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 | /LeicsGoLearn

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### Family Learning

# Building your child's Resilience

A free, 5-week online course for parents/carers. (Adults only)

Course Dates and Times:  
5 weeks starting Wednesday 5th November 2025  
6:30 to 8:00pm

Course Code:  
**25SN102P**

Use the FREEphone number or website below to enrol quoting the course code. The tutor will contact you once you have enrolled with further information about the course.

During the 5 sessions you will gain confidence to support your children's social and emotional needs to help them build resilience. You will explore:

- Recognising, expressing and managing emotions
- Building self-esteem and confidence
- Recognising how mindfulness, exercise and being outdoors can help the development of resilience
- Discover different ways to support your child with ideas for engaging, practical home activities

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## St Mary's Church CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025



### Festival Dates

Friday 28th November	- Church open 9:30am – 9:00pm
Saturday 29th November	- Church open 9:30am – 4:00pm + 5:00pm Family Carols Amongst the Trees winning Christmas Card announced during the service!
Sunday 30th November	- Church Open 9:30am – 3:00pm + 6:00pm Advent Carol Service
Monday 1st December	- Church Open 9:30am – 9:00pm
Tuesday 2nd December	- Church opens 9:30am – 2:00pm (last entry 1:00pm)

# Dates Page



## November

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Holly Class art workshop in school

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 and 6 Young Leaders Training

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: School Disco

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day (history focus)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Pudsey's Ramble-Children in Need

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

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Singing Concert at the theatre- more information to follow

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 4 timetable workshop for parents (more information to follow)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Non-uniform day bring a tombola prize

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fair 11am-1pm

## December



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Open Morning for families of children starting school Aug'2026

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Chestnut and Willow Christmas Craft afternoon for parents (more information to follow)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Chestnut Nativity time TBC

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Santa Dash in school

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Trip to the PANTO

### Term Dates 2025-2026



#### Autumn Term

**Teacher Days (School closed to Children)** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

**August Bank Holiday:** School Closed Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Schools open:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Half term break:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Schools close:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Spring Term

**Schools open:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Half term break:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Schools close:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Summer Term

**Schools open:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**May Day Bank Holiday:** School Closed Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Teacher Day (School closed to Children)** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Half term break:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Schools close:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Teacher Days (School closed to Children)** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**ASFORDBY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**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 29<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am- 2:00pm  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9:30am- 2:00pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 5:30pm  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am- 2:00pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am- 2:00pm  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9:30am- 2:00pm

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