

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!



Celebrating Success and Community Spirit

Dear Parents and Carers,

This month has been full of personal development and community spirit. Our whole-school ramble was a wonderful example of optimism, perseverance, and gratitude in action. Together, we raised an incredible amount for Children in Need. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, and encouraged our pupils—you made a real difference!

Another proud moment was our school choir's performance at Melton Theatre, singing alongside two other schools. They were pitch-perfect and full of enthusiasm, and appreciated the opportunity to sing alongside a professional artist. Well done to everyone who took part and to those who came to support—it was truly a memorable evening.

We've also welcomed several visitors to inspire and teach our youngest children about people who help us. A big thank you to PC Ben Tranter, a local first responder, and soon we'll be meeting the fire brigade. These experiences are invaluable for our children's learning.

At 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month, the whole school paused to reflect and remember all those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

Throughout the day, each class explored a theme of remembrance, using their historical enquiry skills to learn about different aspects of conflict and how we commemorate those involved:

- Chestnut focused on the significance of the poppy.
- Willow learned about the vital role animals played in the forces.
- Holly studied our Roll of Honours board.
- Rowan took part in a community act of remembrance.
- Beech discovered the story of the medal awarded to a heroic pigeon.
- Sycamore analysed poetry written during times of war.
- Oak explored the Christmas Truce and the human side of conflict.

It was a deeply respectful and reflective day for everyone involved.

We are thrilled to celebrate the first children to achieve their Bronze Reading Certificates this academic year! What a fantastic achievement—keep up the great reading, everyone!



As shared in last week's Arbor message, from **Monday 5th January** we will be moving to a new service provider for our school dinners. Our new catering company, Innovate, will be hosting a taster session on **Wednesday 3rd December at 3:15pm**.

Parents and children are warmly invited to come along and sample some of the delicious new menu options, no booking required. We hope you'll join us!

December is always an exciting and busy time in school! We have lots of festive activities planned, including our annual Santa Dash, a whole-school Christmas dinner and Chestnut Class's Nativity, to name just a few. Of course, don't forget the trip to the PANTO. Please check the **Dates Page** at the end of this newsletter for the full list of events and times. We can't wait to celebrate the season together!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the school's **Christmas Fair between 11am and 1pm**,

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
7th November	168	177	189	203
14th November	207	198	213	194
21st November	251	285	282	273
28th November	240	173	173	192

School Council

A Huge Thank You from the School Council!

The School Council would like to say a massive thank you to all the children who entered our "Switch Off the Lights" poster competition! They were blown away by the creativity and informative messages in your posters – they were absolutely amazing and made choosing the winners incredibly difficult!

Thank you again for helping us make our school more eco-friendly! 🌍



Look what we have been up to!



Year 6s collecting for the Royal British Legion



Year 2s creating a piece of art using printing skills for the Great Fire of London



On Friday a few children from Willow class were selected to take part in a local scootering event. They used all of their rainbow skills when trying out different tricks and represented our school admirably with impeccable behaviour! Well done children! 🙌

Year 3s representing the school at the Memorial Green in Asfordby for Remembrance Day.



Chestnuts enjoyed a visit from PC Tranter who told us all about being a police officer, he showed us some of the equipment that police officers use and even allowed Miss Harby to press the lights and sirens in his police car!

There was a great turn out for the Year 4 timetables workshop for parents with lots of ideas for practicing at home.



You said...

*What is the difference
between FOAHS (PTA) and
School Governors?*



...we listened!

PTA:

A voluntary organisation made up of parents and school staff. Focuses on supporting the school through fundraising, organising events and building community spirit. Often informal and centred around enhancing the children's experiences. At AHS our PTA is Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH). The money raised is incredibly important in enriching your child's learning and experiences: they have contributed to coaches for trips, paid for school resources and subject books, helped with supplying treats like biscuits and hot chocolate on the ramble, bought furniture for the sensory room, equipment in the pantry and so much more. Our FOAH are amazing.

Governors:

A formal governing body responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the school. At AHS, our Governors are volunteers who come from a range of backgrounds and have different skills. Their main role is to work with the school ensuring that your children receive the best education in a supportive and safe setting. To this end, the Governing board have four core strategic functions which are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
 - Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
 - Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
 - Ensure that other key players with a stake in the organisation get their voices heard.
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At the beginning of this month, our children immersed themselves in the vibrant traditions of Diwali through an engaging drama workshop. The session brought the festival's rich cultural heritage to life, allowing students to explore the significance of Hindu Gods, understand the customs observed across the five days of Diwali, and connect with ancient legends that embody the spirit of light over darkness and good over evil.

It was a joyful celebration of storytelling, learning, and cultural appreciation.

We hope our Hindu community had a joyful Diwali.





Wow wow wow! A huge shoutout to our incredible school community and a special thank you to two superstar Year 6s who helped Mrs Charles count the sponsor money.

Our Children In Need Ramble was a huge success – full of smiles, laughter, and incredible teamwork across year groups. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised £2339 for a fantastic cause! Every step taken will make a real difference.

A big thank you to everyone who supported, donated, and volunteered. A huge thank you to FOAH for the hot chocolate and biscuits on our return to school. Together, we've shown what community spirit can achieve!



Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Our Glow in the Dark Disco was a huge success! The hall was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of dancing. A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and to our amazing volunteers—these occasions simply wouldn't happen without you.

We're now looking forward to tomorrow's Christmas Fair! There will be: a fantastic raffle with great prizes, the exciting Christmas Tree Competition and of course, a visit from Father Christmas.

Come along and enjoy browsing the stalls, playing games, and treating yourself to some light refreshments. It promises to be a wonderful festive event for all!



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Community Support



TRUMPTON

**COLLECTING FOR ALL GOOD CAUSES IN THE
MELTON MOWBRAY AREA**

<p>Friday 28 November Saturday 29 November Sunday 30 November Monday 1 December Tuesday 2 December Thursday 4 December Saturday 6 December Monday 8 December Tuesday 9 December Thursday 11 December Friday 12 December Saturday 13 December Sunday 14 December Tuesday 16 December Wednesday 17 December Thursday 18 December Friday 19 December Saturday 20 December Monday 22 December Tuesday 23 December Wednesday 24 December</p>	<p>Christmas Lights Switch On The Stockyard, Melton Mowbray Market Victorian Christmas Market Baldocks Lane, Grange Drive, Woodland Avenue Redbrook Crescent, Tamar Road, Valley Road Laycock Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Cranmere Road Sainsbury's Other Road, Alderman Road, Ullswater Road, Valiant Way, The Uplands Highfield Avenue, Palmerston Road, Boyd Road, Horseguards Way The Crescent, Dieppe Way, Tennyson Way Kings Road, Harvey Street, Heron Crescent Tesco (Route starts at 4pm) Asfordby, Asfordby Valley Heather Crescent, Edendale Road, Swallowdale Road Stirling Road, Asfordby Hill, West Avenue, Welby Lane Harlopp Road, Queensway, Princess Drive Ankle Hill, Craven Street, College Avenue, Norfolk Drive Aldi Wymondham Way, Clark Drive, Brockington Road, Darcy Gardens Town Centre Twinklakes</p>
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Scan the QR code to track Trumpton live, follow on social media and donate to our JustGiving Page




Static Routes
Street routes start at 6pm

With the firefighters of Melton Mowbray Fire Station, Trumpton collects for local good causes. If for some reason they cannot turn up on the night scheduled, they will try, wherever possible, to rearrange.



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FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE**

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

December

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

Wednesday 3rd December: School Dinner Taster Session at pickup

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

Wednesday 10th December: Chestnut Nativity

Friday 12th December: Santa Dash in school

Monday 15th December: Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's Washday Willow Class

Tuesday 16th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 16th December: Holly Class Assembly

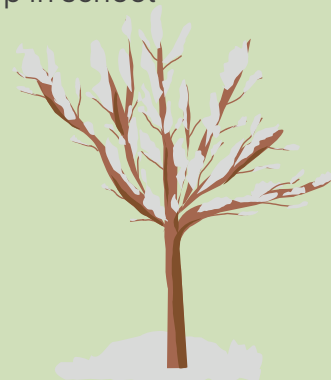
Wednesday 17th December: Trip to the PANTO (Yr1 - Yr 6)

Friday 19th December: school closes

January 2026

Monday 5th January: School Opens

Wednesday 7th January: Year 5 Graffiti art workshop in school



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 20th August 2026
Friday 21st August 2026

School opens: Monday 24th August 2026

August Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 31st August 2026

Half term break: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2026

School closes: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

School opens: Monday 4th January 2027

Half term break: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

School closes: Friday 19th March 2027

Summer Term

School opens: Monday 5th April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 3rd May 2027

Teacher Day
(School closed to Children) Friday 28th May 2027

Half term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

School closes: Wednesday 7th July 2027

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 8th July 2027
Friday 9th July 2027