


ASFFORDBY 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!



A Month of Two Halves!

Dear Parents and Carers,

February has felt like a month of two halves, and we hope you all enjoyed a restful week off in between. The first part of the month was certainly full of activity and learning across the school.

We began with the FOAHS Quiz here at school—a fantastic evening filled with laughs, giggles and plenty of prizes. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event.

This month also included Safer Internet Day, where we revisited the vital message of staying safe online in our ever-changing technological world. Assemblies across the school used the acronym SMART to reinforce key online safety reminders, while our older pupils explored the pros and cons of artificial intelligence.

We are always grateful when local businesses in our community reach out to enrich our curriculum. Earlier this month, Jasmine, a dental nurse from The Melton Clinic, visited school as part of National Children's Dental Health Awareness Month. She spent time talking to pupils about good oral health habits—thank you, Jaz, for sharing your expertise with us.

Learning continued in exciting ways across the school. Chestnuts Class deepened their historical enquiry skills by taking part in the Creative Library Services Travelling Toyshop workshop, using artefacts to ask questions about the past. The Fire Service also visited Years 1 and 5 to discuss staying safe and personal development—another valuable learning opportunity for our pupils.

As always, we were incredibly proud of our dancers who represented AHPS in the annual Skye Theatre Competition in Melton. Their performance brought the film theme to life beautifully—well done to all involved! And today, our Year 5 and 6 handballers are representing the school—go Team AHPS!

Looking ahead, this five-week term is packed with even more learning and fun. Please check the dates page for upcoming class assemblies, World Book Day, and school photos.

We are very sad to be losing Mrs Smalley, our Yr 4 class teacher and SENDCo at the end of this term. However, we are excited for her new job and wish her all the very best. We know she will be awesome! Mrs Bailey will take on the role of SENDCo after Easter. It is a role she knows very well and excels in.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Millward and Mrs Bailey
Co-Headteachers



Congratulations to those who received their reading awards.

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
6th February	162	131	133	148
13th February	202	196	204	199
27th February	187	187	187	188

School Council Update: Exciting New Playground Equipment Coming Soon!

During our most recent School Council meeting, we talked about how we could make lunchtimes even more fun and active for everyone. Our representatives shared that many pupils would love some new playground equipment to use during breaks.

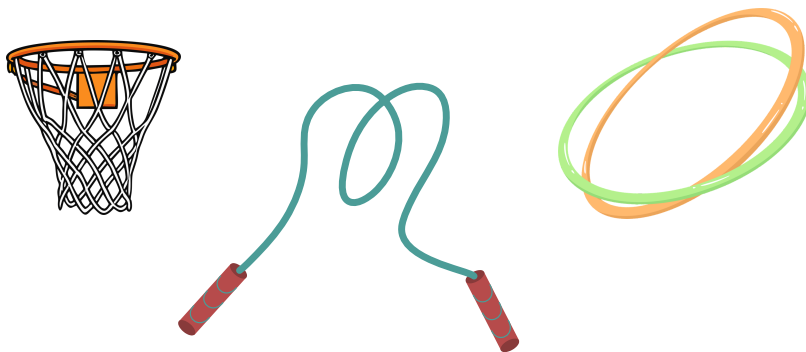
Each councillor went back to their class to gather ideas, and together we created a list of items that would make a big difference. These included:

- New basketball hoops
- Chalk for playground games
- Hula hoops
- Longer skipping ropes
- Foam balls

Once our list was ready, our vice-chairperson wrote an email to the Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH) to ask if they could help. We are delighted to share that FOAH have kindly agreed to fund all the new equipment!

A huge thank you to FOAH for supporting our ideas and helping us improve our school. We can't wait to use the new items and show you how much fun everyone is having with them.

The School Council



Look what we have been up to!



Chestnuts exploring the Travelling Toyshop



Our basketball awards and spirit of the games.



Holly and Willow classes Lunar New Year creative afternoon



Skye Dance Show



This week we had a visit from Jaz, a local dentist. She helped us understand why it is important to look after your teeth.



Dental Nurse visits to Willow and Chestnuts



Safer Internet Day across the school

You said...



...we listened!

At our Asfordby Hill, we are continually looking for ways to strengthen communication with families and ensure every child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is supported effectively. This year, we have developed this further to make our SEND provision even more collaborative, transparent, and responsive to what parents tell us they need.

We've Introduced Our New SEND Online Portal: Provision Map to give parents clearer insight into their child's support. This secure platform allows parents and carers to:

- View their child's individual targets and strategies
- See updates from staff about progress
- Comment directly on targets and share observations from home

This tool ensures that communication around SEND support becomes a continuous, two-way conversation—not just something discussed at scheduled meetings.

Every half term, we run SEND Clinics hosted by our SENDCo, Mrs Smalley. These informal, bookable appointments provide an opportunity to:

- Discuss your child's individual needs
- Ask questions about support in school
- Seek advice or signposting to external services

Parents have told us they value face-to-face opportunities to talk through concerns, so these clinics are designed to offer dedicated time in a calm, supportive setting.

SEND Coffee Mornings/Afternoons

Each term, we have held SEND coffee mornings/afternoons shaped directly by the topics parents want to explore. This year, requested themes include:

- Managing sensory overload during Christmas and other busy periods
- Preparing children for residentials and overnight stays

These sessions create space for families to share experiences, learn practical strategies, and build a supportive SEND community within our school.

Ongoing Communication Through Parents' Evenings and Our Open-Door Policy

We continue to welcome conversations with families at our termly parents' evenings, where class teachers can discuss progress and support in greater depth. In addition, our open-door policy means parents are always encouraged to speak to us if concerns arise between meetings—we are here to help.

Working Together for Every Child

We know that when school and home communicate openly and regularly, the result is stronger, more confident learners. We are committed to ensuring that every family feels listened to and fully involved in their child's journey.

If you have suggestions for future SEND events, topics or support, please let us know—we value your voice.

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)



Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 20th March – Easter Raffle draw in assembly

Keep an eye out for more details!

Next FOAH Meeting Dates

- Tuesday 10th March



If you'd like to join us at a meeting or help out with future events, please don't hesitate to contact us via our Facebook page – we'd love to hear from you!

FOAH

Community Support

Pepper's – A Safe Place

Pepper's – A Safe Place offers friendly and welcoming hubs for people who want to take care of their mental health, look after their wellbeing and combat loneliness.

Our Pepper's centres can be found at:
43 Nottingham Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1NN
2A High Street, Oakham, LE15 6AL

Just pop in and join us! We are open to all adults 18+.

Our wellbeing centre offers:

- A safe and welcoming space to connect with your local community
- Social drop-ins every week
- Activities including meditation, gentle exercise, art & craft
- Peer support
- An opportunity to take some time out and look after your mental health

CONTACT US:
07936 563080
info@peppersasafeplace.co.uk
www.peppersasafeplace.co.uk

The Bridge

Housing Advice Drop-ins

Venture House, Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray
Wednesdays 9.30am – 1.30pm

For Independent Advice about:

- Homelessness
- Housing options
- Housing waiting lists, transfers and exchanges
- Notices and court action
- Rent and mortgage arrears
- Succession and assignment
- Disrepair issues
- Housing benefit
- Accessing hardship funds
- Anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes
- Harassment and illegal eviction
- Rent deposits

Just Pop in or Contact Us On:

08000 385964 OR 07717 470824

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Health for Kids! Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Health | Feelings | Illness | Getting Help | Games

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health

Quizzes | Activities | Animations

www.healthforkids.co.uk health for kids

Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.
www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups
@healthforkids1 @Healthforkids1 @healthforkidsgrownups

Chat-Health
Text a public health nurse (school nurse) for confidential advice and support:
Leicester City 07520 615381 Leicestershire & Rutland 07520 615382

Or scan the QR code to start a chat:

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

Healthy Together Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Looking for support from the school nursing team?

Call the Healthy Together Helpline for easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting

0300 300 3001

Calls are answered between 9am-4.30pm Monday-Friday, excluding bank holidays

Get support with:

- Healthy eating
- Sleep
- Child development
- Emotional health
- Behaviour
- Parenting concerns

ChatHealth You can also text on: **07520 615 382**
The service operates 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, excluding bank holidays

Health Grownups
healthforkids.co.uk/grownups
Discover support, advice and information for parents/carers of primary school aged children

Primary Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Support for parents and carers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Discover some of the fantastic support services for parents and carers of primary school aged children offered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and other agencies across the local area.

Health for Kids! Grownups
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
The Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust website offers a 'Help and support for parents' page detailing where you can find support, advice and information online and offline across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
iptnhs.com/SupportForParents

AutismSpace
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
AutismSpace is a local website providing support, advice and guidance on autism in helpful topic areas, including assessment and diagnosis, education, communication and relationships and more.
leicspart.nhs.uk/autism-space/

TOGETHERNESS
Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world
Togetherness offers a range of accessible online courses to help parents and carers understand more about brain development, emotional wellbeing and parenting for healthier relationships and happier lives.
Access code: CURVE
togetherness.co.uk

EASTER SPORTS CAMP 2026
BELVOIR EDUCATION & SPORTS TRUST

Costs
£30 per day
£100 for 4 days
Children aged 6-12
Early drop off available from 8:15 via prior arrangement (additional £3)

Dates
Mon 30th March
Tues 31st March
Wed 1st April
Thurs 2nd April
Tue 7th April
Wed 8th April
Thurs 9th April
Fri 10th April
Drop off from 8:45
Pick up at 3

Activities
Archery
Cricket skills
Orienteering
Tri Golf
Basketball
Short Tennis
Hockey
Dodgeball
Rounders
Base hide & seek

Interested?
Contact Neil for a booking form or further information
neil@support-best.org
07436 263837

Places are strictly limited book now to avoid missing out!

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

March 2026

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day, 'Take One Word' - see letter on Arbor and Seesaw

Tuesday 10th March: Class Photos



Thursday 12th March-Thursday 19th March- Book Fair

Monday 16th March: Phonics workshop for Chestnut parents

Thursday 19th March: Beech Class Assembly (2:15pm)

Easter themed raffle by FOAH during this week

Wednesday 25th March: Sycamore Class Assembly (2:15pm)

Thursday 26th March: Willow Class Assembly (2:15pm)

Easter Break Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April

SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN MONDAY 13TH APRIL



Term Dates 2026-2027

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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