Ash Class Newsletter

Autumn Term

2026-2027

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and the children have had the opportunity to recharge, ready for the new academic year in Ash Class. We are incredibly proud of how far the children have come over the past couple of years, both academically and personally. This is a reflection of the effort, resilience and positive attitudes they have shown, alongside the strong and supportive partnerships we have developed with parents and families. Working together has made a real difference, and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to continue building on this progress and creating further opportunities for the children to thrive. We are looking forward to another successful year in Ash Class and to working closely with you all along the way.

Please see below for some key information about the term ahead. This information is also available and regularly updated on our class page on the school website. Please also remember to refer to the daily checklist we provided last term to ensure your child has everything they need each day. Having the correct equipment and essentials with them helps the children to feel more settled and ready to learn, while avoiding any unnecessary upset.

As always, please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns, or alternatively, you can contact me via our class email: ash@woodstone.leics.sch.uk

Staff

Ash Class are supported daily by Mrs Hall and Miss Bexton. On a Thursday, while I am completing my SENCo duties, Miss Knight and Mr Oliver (School Governor) join the team to lead a Forest School session for the children in the morning.

Daily Essentials

Every day, your child should bring a named school bag containing: a named water bottle, a healthy snack, their reading diary and reading books, their Pupil Passport and a named lunchbox (unless having a school lunch). All stationery needed for lessons will be provided by school.

Additional Items

Children should not bring toys into school, but we know some feel comforted to have a special teddy or special object from home. If so, we ask for these to remain in their bag during the day unless needed for reassurance.

If your child requires ear defenders, please provide a named pair from home. Fidget toys will be supplied by school for any children who benefit from them.

Key Stage 2 Children (Years 3–6)

On the KS2 playground, some children enjoy colouring in the quiet area. Therefore, KS2 children may wish to bring one small colouring or notebook and colouring pencils, but please note that they are responsible for looking after them.

Snacks

All Ash Class children are offered a piece of fruit at snack time before break. However, they are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home if they do not eat fruit. KS2 children additionally have the option to purchase a snack from the Tuck Shop at break time (a price list will be displayed on the classroom door).

Year 2 Parents

All children in Year 2 are invited to take part in the residential trip to Sherwood Forest in June. To find out more about the trip, please attend the Parent Meeting on **Wednesday 17th September at 5.30pm** in the Year 2 classroom. If possible, we ask for you to try and attend the meeting without your child.

Reading

Children will continue to bring home a variety of books. Their Monster Phonics books and numbered books are carefully matched to their reading level, while shared books, including library books, are for you to enjoy together. Please try to listen to your child read their reading books as often as possible, this makes a huge difference to their progress. Each time your child reads at home, record it in their reading diary. Where appropriate, you can also add a short comment about how they got on or how much they enjoyed the book. To encourage regular reading, children who read at home five times a week will be entered into a weekly raffle for a prize. Class reads are counted each Friday and a whole-class reading award is given to the class with the highest percentage of readers – Ash class are yet to win! It would be great to win the award this term, I'm feeling optimistic!

Forest School

We would like children to come to school wearing their Forest School kit every Thursday morning and ensure it is appropriate for the weather on the day.
As the temperatures begin to drop, please ensure children have plenty of layers and a warm, waterproof coat. On extra chilly days, please also provide children with a hat, scarf, gloves and some warm socks as we aim to go out in all weathers. Children will need to bring a bag with their school uniform in to get changed into before lunch. Children are welcome to keep their wellies at school which means they can wear their school shoes to and from school.

PE

We will be focussing on Ball Skills and Fitness in our PE lessons this term. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will need both their indoor and outdoor kits in school on these days.
This includes:
Indoor: White/Navy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, socks, and pumps.

Outdoor: White/Navy t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings, black/navy hoodie/jumper.
PE kits can stay in school all week. Please also include some pants in this kit if your child has accidents.

Library

Ash Class will have the opportunity to visit the library on a Friday morning. Please help us to promote a love for reading by ensuring their library books are in their bags on this day to enable them to change it for a new one.

Welcome Back Parent Meeting

Please join me in the cabin on Tuesday 1st September at 5.00pm to discuss this key information in more detail and learn more about day in Ash Class!
We ask for children not to attend if possible, thank you.

Pupil Passports

In Ash Class we don't set formal weekly homework. The children are all working at different levels and we understand that completing tasks at home can sometimes be a challenge. Instead, we ask that you focus on your child's Pupil Passport Targets. These are personalised goals designed to support your child's individual development. The more regularly these targets are revisited, the more progress we're likely to see. We know that every family's week looks different so there are no deadlines, set tasks, or minimum expectations. Just check in on the targets when you can and try to weave them into everyday routines where possible.
You'll find your child's passport and targets in the plastic wallet inside their book bag, along with a Target Work Record Sheet. This can be used to jot down any activities you've done at home, progress you've noticed, or anything your child found tricky. We also use it to note when targets are worked on in school. When a child achieves one of their targets, we make a big deal of it and we'd love it if you could do the same at home!
Please note, we will not set Pupil Passport targets for the first couple of weeks to allow children to settle back in.

Morning Drop Offs

Please wait and ensure you have eyes on your child until we open the doors to ensure they are being safe and are not using the park, thank you.