



Next week- Week 2

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Industrial Action

You will no doubt be aware, through national media coverage, that the National Union for Education is intending to take further industrial action on **5th and 7th July**. We will, of course, endeavour to remain open to as many students as possible. However, as per previous industrial action dates, I would like to give parents notice that learning will, in all likelihood, be significantly disrupted, with the school only being open to certain year groups on these dates.

We will be in touch next week to confirm arrangements.

James Shapland

Safeguarding

Please find a useful [link](#) that provides guidance should your son/daughter engage in playing on a games console. It provides console specific guidance and tips to keep them safe.

Character Theme of the Week

Our character theme this week was community awareness; to actively and meaningfully learn from, and share information with different parts of the community. In form time this week students have explored this virtue and how it can contribute to good character.

GCSE and A level Examinations

A huge well done to all of our Year 11 students, who finished their GCSE examinations this week, and to our Year 13 students, who are finishing their last A level examinations early next week. Both year groups have worked very hard through this stressful time and we look forward to marking the occasion with them at their respective celebrations in the next few weeks.

Learning Ambassadors

Congratulations to our 40 new Year 7 learning ambassadors, who were successful in their applications to the role. We look forward to their work leading classes in primary schools and taking part in recruitment panels and school improvement planning next year.

Bedrock

Ashlyns are 6th on the leaderboard for usage of Bedrock Learning across all the schools in the country who use the scheme. This is such an incredible achievement and is a testament to our Year 7 and 8 students' hard work and dedication.

Key Dates

- 1 July: Summer Music Concert
- 6 July: Y11 Prom
- 7 July: Silver Assessed DofE Expedition
- 10 July: Y12 Work Experience Week
- 11 July: Sports Day
- 12/ 13 July: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
- 14/15 July: Ashlyns Festival
- 17/18 July: Activity Days
- 19 July: Last Day of Term/Non-Uniform Day

Communications

- [Drama Production](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
46770	46998	47788	48550
4 th	3 rd	2 nd	1 st

23/06/2023

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 16 Jun:

7H2 98%
8H1 97%
9C2 94%
10H2 96%

Vacancies

Support Staff:

- [Cover Supervisor](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)

A Midsummer Night's Dream - TICKETS ON SALE

We are pleased to announce that tickets are going on sale from today on ParentPay. The performances are on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July in the chapel. We look forward to seeing you there for a joyous evening of Theatre!

Summer Concert

Our students are busy rehearsing for the Summer Music Concert, held on 1 July 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale via ParentPay. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Sports Leaders

Our team of sports leaders work very hard at this time of year, helping to facilitate sports days in many of our local primary schools. This week our sports leaders spent a fantastic morning at Bridgewater Primary School for their Sports Day, and helped to facilitate a mini-Olympics event at Ashlyns for a variety of primary schools. Our sports leaders were, as ever, great ambassadors for Ashlyns.

Thank a Teacher

Please click [here](#) for ways to support this year's thank a teacher campaign.

Careers

To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day, today we welcomed two guest speakers to deliver a careers presentation on Civil Engineering. The informative talk gave students an insight into how Civil Engineers shape our natural and built environment and the types of qualities needed to succeed in the industry. Students then had the chance to build sandcastles incorporating geogrid structures to illustrate dimensional stability and load-bearing strength. Our speaker commented: 'It was great to see the enthusiasm displayed by the students, especially during the hands-on experimental part of the presentation.'

Chromebooks

We are finding increasing numbers of students are leaving class as their Chromebook has run out of charge. Students who have access to their own Chromebook are expected to have it fully charged in school each day, as it is an essential part of their school equipment. Please may we ask you to support your child in establishing a daily routine that includes fully charging their Chromebook ready for the next day.

School Travel

Hertfordshire County Council wants everyone to feel welcomed on our streets. Developing spaces that make walking, wheeling and cycling safer for everyone has many benefits for residents, communities and businesses.

The aim of Hertfordshire's draft Active Travel Strategy 2023-2031 is to create places where walking, wheeling and cycling are safer and so convenient that they become the natural choice for short trips. Our survey is asking for views on what matters to you and how we can support you to leave your car behind and travel more actively more often. We share the benefits, challenges and opportunities of our approach in the draft Active Travel Strategy 2023-2031.

We encourage Hertfordshire's residents, representatives of organisations and anyone who works, travels through, visits or is connected with the County to take a few minutes to complete the survey on our proposals.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/activetravelconsultation>

Road Works

There are currently road works on Shootersway, Berkhamsted, lasting until **22 July**. Please use an alternative route and allow more time when travelling to school. Click [here](#) for more information.

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to register for music lessons please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you are eligible to apply for Remission of Fees. Application must be made before registering for any lessons. Please click [here](#) for more information and to make an application.

School offers a Music Lesson Subsidy for any students taking GCSE or A' Level Music. For more information please email Mrs Marval musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

ASA News

Bag2School - Reminder

We have another collection scheduled for early July. Please drop bags off either at school or at 30 Oakwood between 26 June and 6 July.

[Ashlyns Festival 2023 - LOTS OF NEW ADDITIONS!! DO NOT MISS!!](#)

The team has been working really hard behind the scenes to bring you an amazing end of term event for 2023, and we need you all to support this huge fundraising endeavour that is open to the whole of Berkhamsted and raises funds for our students.

BUY TICKETS - Comedy Night tickets are selling fast and there is a limit on

Sports Results

Y8 Cricket vs Tring	Lost
Y7 Cricket vs Tring	Lost
Y9 Cricket vs Tring	Won
U13 Girls Cricket Chance to Compete Tournament	4th
District Rounders	Y7 1st and 6th, Y8 1st and 3rd

Empathy Cake Sale for Ukraine

Year 10 students are organising a bake sale on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 of June to raise funds for Ukraine and specifically the region of Kherson. Students from all year groups will be able to go to the Year 9 and 10 playground to purchase the cakes at lunch time. One of our very talented bakers is making a three tier chocolate cake that you can win in a raffle draw, for one pound a ticket. Please let's show our empathy and support by remembering to bring some cash in on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 of June!

Charity Event

The Hospice of St Francis is holding its first ever Summer Sound Fest at the Exclusive Event Field (HP4 3TA) on Saturday 24th June. Please click [here](#) for more information.

numbers, so do not miss a great line-up of Comedians including our headliner - Paul Sinha!!

And grab yourself a bargain with early-bird tickets for Saturday's Festival including an all-day pass for the FunZone.

SIGN UP - please use this link to sign up (students can also help in certain areas) - we really cannot run this event without your generous help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45AAAF2EA3FA7-ashlyns4>

LIKE, FOLLOW, SHARE our social media pages and posts - the more we share this event, the better!!

You would also be supporting local charities and businesses, as well a great line-up of musicians (you may recognise some!)

LIKE:

[facebook.com/ashlynsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/ashlynsfestival)

FOLLOW:

[instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/](https://www.instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/)

VISIT:

www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Expert Panel Discussion on ADHD



Talking More Openly About Female Bodies, Women's Health and Helping Girls Thrive in Sport and Movement



100 Sports for Children and Teens to Try

Father's Day Special: Unveiling the CEO-Dad Balance

Last year's Father's Day brought us an extraordinary [podcast episode](#). Dr Weston sat down with Paul Pomroy, the CEO of McDonald's UK, for a captivating conversation about his most significant role: being a dad. Discover their insights on optimal parenting styles, work-life equilibrium, and how workplace skills seamlessly translate to family life.

Join our ADHD Expert Panel Live

Mark your calendars for July 13th at 12pm! Dr Hope Christie leads a [dynamic panel](#) of experts to shed light on ADHD. Delve into causes, the diagnosis journey, teacher support strategies, and even the influence of social media platforms like TikTok on diagnosis rates.

Maximise Performance: Top Tips for Sports Day

As we approach the home run before the holidays, many schools will be inviting you in for sports day events over the coming couple of weeks. Join us in cheering on our young athletes as they showcase their talents!

Don't miss our recent [podcast episode](#) featuring Dr Emma Ross, the trailblazing former Head of Physiology at the English Institute of Sport and founder of The Well HQ. Gain valuable insights into empowering girls, optimising nutrition for peak performance, the significance of comfortable sports gear, menstrual cycle tracking, and fostering a lifelong love of sports.

Discover the secrets to nurturing young athletes and securing scholarships in the USA in an engaging [video discussion](#) between Dr Weston and Holly Cram. Holly, a former professional hockey player for Scotland and Great Britain, shares expert tips on optimal parenting strategies, building resilience, and what it's really like to pursue a sports scholarship in America.

Among our [sports-related resources](#), you'll also find [a list of 100 sports](#) that your children (and you!) could try, along with details of where to find out more. From team sports to individual adventures, aquatic endeavours to earthbound pursuits, this list covers it all.

Ensure your child's sporting success with [expert advice](#) from performance nutritionist Dan Richardson. Discover the secrets to keeping energy levels soaring throughout sports days and events. Share these tips with your young athletes to help them achieve their full potential.