



## Next week- Week 2/B

**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.

## Safeguarding

Please see a [useful guide](#) that supports conversations with children with regards to the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

## From the ASA

We are delighted to announce that we have found a new chair and two co-secretaries to continue leading the great work that the ASA does. We are really pleased to have them on board as it means your ASA can continue to raise money for the school as well as putting on whole-school community events, such as the recent quiz night and comedy and curry night. Plans are already underway for two more events on 12 and 13 July.

Did you know that the ASA raised over £30,000 in 2023?

ASA funds have paid for a wide variety of equipment and experiences for our children, including netball kits for Ashlyns teams; 3D printers; 30 VR headsets; high-quality DJ equipment; strategy games for an after-school club; and extended learning dance days. Now we are looking to support a major investment in the school's exciting boilerhouse project with a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system.



We are lucky enough to have teams in place to manage most of our events but to continue with our full fundraising programme; we still need your help in the following areas:

Role	Purpose	Time Commitment
ASA Committee meetings	Approve school requests for funding	Max 1 meeting per term. Next meeting is 1 May 2024
ASA bar	Stock and run the bar at ASA and School events	15 hours per event 5 events per year
Halloween disco for years 7/8	Decorate the hall and run the event	8 hours in October
Marketing	Marketing ASA events including through social media	2 hours a week for four weeks before each major event

## Key Dates

- 25 March: Lost Property in Main Hall after school
- 28 March: Last Day of Term, 3.20 finish
- 15 April: First Day of New Term
- 25 April: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

## Next Week [Winter Lunch Menu: Week 3](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
25545	24704	24703	25737
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
22/03/2024			

## Communications

- [Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening](#)

## Vacancies

### Teaching

- [Teacher of A Level Sociology](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Support](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)

## SEND Support

The [neurodiversity support hub](#) is an advice service offering support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things relating to ADHD and Autism. The phones are answered by a team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people and your child doesn't need a diagnosis for you to use this service.

2025 comedy night and summer event	Evening entertainment organised with premises team	20 hours per event
Bags2Shool	Unwanted clothing and shoe collection	5 hours per collection but home storage ideally required

### Travel Survey

Thank you to all students who took part in our annual travel survey last week. The following forms had the highest percentage of participants using sustainable methods in their year group and have therefore earned 50 house points for their respective houses - well done!

7R1 - 74%

8C1 and 8C2 - 70% each

9H2 - 74%

10C2 - 57%

11R1 66%

### Spring Chill Concert

A huge thank you and well done to all our performers in last night's Spring Chill concert! Spring is a time for new beginnings, so it was fantastic to see so many first time soloists and group performers across all the year groups showcasing their talents.

### Character

This week we have focused on Community awareness which is about recognising our interconnectedness and taking responsibility for the well-being of our school community here at Ashlyns School. By fostering empathy, inclusivity, and collaboration, we encourage students to stay informed, advocate for causes they believe in, and engage in acts of service..

### Raising Achievement Programme

It has been a busy week for Year 11 with additional opportunities to attend Herts for Learning sessions for both Triple Science and English. Our extensive revision programme continues to run and be well attended. We continue to encourage Year 11 students to attend these sessions to gain the benefits of working with their subject teacher alongside their own independent study; this has proved to be invaluable for many students in addressing misconceptions within their revision. The triple i-Card will continue to run up until the end of term giving students the opportunity to significantly boost their i-card totals.

### Student Achievement

Good luck to Goldie S, Evie M, Aisling E, Rose W, Isla C, Sophia M, Holly G, Emma G who are performing in Berkhamsted Youth Theatre's production of The Borrowers. The show is running 25-27 April at the David Evans Court Theatre in Tring; tickets are still available if you would like to support the students.

### Sports Results

Y7 Versatility Netball Tournament	2nd
Y11 Basketball vs JFK	Lost 40-31
Y8 Versatility Netball Tournament	2nd

### HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Autumn Term (September) please email [SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by Monday 13th May.

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.

Y7 Boys Indoor Athletics County Final	8th
Y9 Versatility Netball Tournament	2nd
Y10 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Lost 1-0
Y10 Versatility Netball Tournament	1st District Champions

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Top 10 Things to Know about ADHD Treatment



Quick Guide to Neurodiversity



The Autistic Child: What Every Parent and Carer Should Know

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, and what better way to mark the occasion than by sharing some of the insights from our own expert resources! If you want an overview of everything we have within Tooled Up on neurodiversity, the great starting point is our [quick guide](#).

What are some of the most popular Tooled Up resources related to this theme? Dr Sophia Mooncey's [webinar](#) on autism offers a wealth of supportive tips for parents and carers. Parents can also learn more about 'masking' and other coping strategies that young people might employ in their daily lives in this [edition](#) of Wednesday Wisdom.

Dr Schramm's [article](#) on "10 things for parents to know about ADHD" has been read over 1000 times and our [webinar](#) on positively parenting a child with ADHD by Dr Vilas Sawrikar has had very positive feedback from parents.

Teachers have told us that the [webinar](#) we hosted with Dr Mary Hanley of Durham University was a game-changer in terms of understanding how to support autistic children in the classroom, and they relished Gemma Goldenberg's [work](#) on the benefit of outdoor learning for reducing children's stress levels.

If you are short of time this week, sit down with a cuppa and read about the extraordinary [trajectories](#) of some (neurodiverse) trailblazers whose resilience and tenacity shine through.

Lastly, this week provides a great opportunity to teach all of our children that we are all different, we are unique and that it is cool to be kind. There's a solid [evidence base](#) showing that practising kindness has a positive impact on our mental health, as well as educational and interpersonal benefits; truly a win-win.