

## 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 [link](#) that provides information about new settings on the game fortnite to be aware of from a safety perspective.

## School Day Timings During the Exam Period

On Thursday, 8th May, we will move to different timings of the school day, as is usual for this time of year to reduce noise around the hall and exam rooms during the external exams period. From Thursday, lunch will be after P3 at 12.25 and P4 and P5 after lunch.

## Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary Application

The deadline for this great opportunity is Friday 23rd May. Any queries regarding this and any letters of application to be sent to [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk). This is open to the current Y7, Y8 & Y9 only.

## Ashlyns Ski Team

On Monday 28 April the Ashlyns Ski Team headed to Hemel Snow Dome to participate in the NSAA (National Schools Snowsports Association) competition. This is the first time that Ashlyns has entered multiple teams in the tournament and what a successful day. James P won the U14 boys event and many of the other individual skiers were placed in the top ten. With over 40 girls participating and over 80 boys this is an amazing achievement. The 'A team' picked up the bronze medal in the team event with all teams placed in the top 10. Special mention needs to be given to Mr and Mrs Presence, who not only coach the team, but have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the team is prepared and organised. More events are planned this term and next and the team is always on the lookout for more keen skiers who wish to take their skiing to the next level and race. Please contact [hbjornsgaard@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:hbjornsgaard@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested.



## U18 Football Team

Congratulations to the U18 Boys' Football team who finished off their season with a convincing 3-0 victory over Hemel Hempstead School in the Dacorum Schools FA District final held at Leverstock Green last week. A superb team effort and a fantastic way to end the year.

## Key Dates

- 5 May: Bank Holiday, school closed
- 22 May: Summer Chill
- 26-30 May: Half Term
- 9-13 June: Y10 Work Experience

## Next Week New Spring/ Summer [Lunch Menu](#): Week 3

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
37688	37775	39819	39985
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
02/05/2025			

## Vacancies

- [Teacher of Maths](#)
- [Co-SENco](#)
- [Teacher of French](#)

## Communications

- [Year 11 Deadline Reminders](#)
- [Year 11 Last Day Arrangements](#)
- Y12 Summer Exams & Study Leave

## HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons from September please email [HMS.customersupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:HMS.customersupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons. Insufficient notice will incur costs.

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

## Ashlyns Golf Team

It was a great day out for our first Ashlyns golf tournament. All of the boys involved played really well and we got some really good results. Out of 52 competitors George S got a 3rd place trophy, George C 7th, Dan B 23rd, Ellis J 26th, Benji N 36th and Alfred C 44th. Two of our players, George S and George C, have qualified to represent Herts in the 4 counties McPartlin trophy later this year. Well done to all the boys.



## Student Achievement

Well done to George who competed in the Scottish Bouldering Championships last weekend at the impressive EICA venue. The competitors were mainly from Team GB, Ireland and the Scotland Squad. In the U15 category he was the youngest (and smallest), but managed to finish 24th out of 30. In June George will return to Edinburgh for the Scottish Lead Climbing Championships - good luck!



## Sports Results

U13 Girls Cricket vs Berkhamsted	Lost
Y11 Boys Football District Plate Final	Won 7-0
Y8 Cricket vs KLS	Won
County League Athletics	U14G - 2nd U14B - 1st U16G - 3rd U16B - 1st
Y8 Boys Football District Plate Final	Lost
Y10 Cricket vs Verulam	Lost

## Parenting & Relationship Support

Please click [here](#) for the Hertfordshire Parenting and Relationship Support newsletter with details of upcoming workshops.

## Rotary's Dacorum Young Artist Exhibition

Ashlyns Main Hall - Saturday 3rd May - 11.30am

Ashlyns continue to work closely with the Rotary Clubs of Berkhamsted and Hemel, and are once again hosting this [annual art exhibition](#) in our main hall, showcasing the work of local school children in years 4 and 5, with prize-giving, awards and certificates presented this year by Victoria Collins MP.

## Charity Choir Event

Ashlyns Chapel - Saturday 10th May - 7.30pm

Ashlyns are delighted to be hosting a joint choir concert, for Castle Choir and Chess Valley Male Voice Choir, taking place in our beautiful chapel. Refreshments available. Under 18s are free. Please see [this link](#) for details and tickets.

## ASA News

### COMEDY & CURRY NIGHT - 11 July

We have a top-notch line up of comedians who'll be entertaining us at our comedy night! Tickets are on sale [here](#)

### Co-Treasurer

Unfortunately, we haven't had any responses to our call-out for a new treasurer - this is a critical role for the ASA and it's really important that we fill it. You don't need a finance background, so it's open to anyone. If you could dedicate some of your time to this position, it would be

greatly appreciated. More information can be found [here](#)

Please email [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) if you're interested - even if it's only an enquiry to find out more details, we're happy to talk it through.

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston: School PIN 4989



[Apps to Help Children Engage with Nature](#)



[Climate Change Education](#)



[Books for Earth Day](#)

International Day of Zero Waste and Earth Day 2025 took place in the last few weeks. Both of these events provide us with an opportunity to promote interest in nature, the environment and to consider the impact of our lifestyle on everything around us.

We're passionate advocates of outdoor experiences, and of the wellbeing benefits that exposure to the natural world can bring. However, we also recognise that the topic of the environment, including climate change, is complex and many parents might be wondering how best to approach these themes with children.

These Tooled Up resources can help with that conversation, and also provide ideas for ways to connect with the world around us.

For on and offscreen activities, our resource [Apps to Help Children Engage with Nature](#) will inspire all ages (including teens) to get involved in outdoor adventures. Whether it is identifying a tree, a bird or a constellation, or growing vegetables, the apps and websites curated in the resources are just what you need.

For advice on the best way to discuss climate change and sustainability with your child, listen to our podcast on [Climate Change Education and 'Eco-Anxiety'](#) with Dr Verity Jones, Associate Professor at UWE Bristol's School of Education and Childhood. She also discusses fast fashion and its impact on the environment.

This list of [Books for Earth Day](#) is for children of all ages. It is full of information that celebrates our planet and helps us to consider what we can do to take care of it.