



Next week- Week 2/B

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08.30 each morning via the Arbor app. Please use the [Absence Form](#) to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Safeguarding

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors. The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular. Please find the link [here](#).

Attendance text messages

From week commencing 20 April in the event your child is absent from school you will receive an additional text message outlining your child's attendance percentage and total number of days absent for the academic year. The purpose of this is to raise awareness around this important issue but also to offer support to parents and carers who may require it in this area. Should you wish to discuss or gain support with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year and Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Officer via the admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk email address.

Year 10 Trial Exams

We would like to express how immensely proud we are of our Year 10 students following the completion of their mock exams this week. Regardless of the final marks, every student has achieved a significant milestone simply by navigating the rigors of a back-to-back exam timetable. The maturity and focus with which they arrived at school each day, ready and prepared, was so impressive.

It is important to remember that these mocks are about much more than a grade on a page; they are a vital exercise in building resilience and learning to cope with the pressures of a formal exam environment. Over the coming week, all students will be engaging in reflective work with their Form Tutors. The focus will remain firmly on the process and preparation rather than the results themselves.

Please note that students will receive their grades gradually over the next few weeks; this is dependent on the number of Year 11 and Year 13 classes that teachers have. Some may be able to return assessments immediately and for others it will take a little longer. The trial grades will be used to inform the Year 10 full report.

ParentPay Lunch Accounts

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account is topped up sufficiently for their use of the catering facilities. Thank you.

Student Achievement

U12 Girls Futsal

Congratulations to the U12 girls futsal team who are County Cup champions. They were undefeated going into the final against Monks Walk School and won the final 4-2. Well done girls!

Key Dates

- 29 April: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 4 May: Bank Holiday, School Closed
- 8-11 May: Y12 French Trip
- 21 May: Summer Chill Concert
- 25-29 May: Half Term

Next Week [New](#) [Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 2

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
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DofE

If you have any walking boots that no longer fit. Please consider donating them to our Duke of Edinburgh team to support other students taking part in the award this year.

Music Lessons

If you wish to register for Music Lessons please click [here](#). If you wish to stop Music Lessons please email HMS.customersupport@herfordshire.gov.uk or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons. Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Year 7 Girls - Wycombe Swim League winners

Four of our Year 7 girls have won the Junior 'B' division Wycombe Abbey League against several local private and grammar schools. The girls won all 3 galas and showed the importance of working well as a team, winning all of the relays in addition to several individual races.

A huge congratulations to Lamorna M, Rosie C, Nina T and Violet S, who will all be able to compete again in the same age group next year. Next year we would also like to take another team of year 7 & 8 girls as well as an Intermediate team of year 9 & 10.

Careers

Y11 & 12 Cisco Work Experience Opportunity

Applications are now open for Cisco's award-winning Pathways Work Experience programme where students can meet and explore departments, tackle a group business challenge and develop key skills such as interviewing and CV writing. The dates are 6-10 July, the deadline for applications is 4 May.

Option 1 - Hybrid (2 days in office & 2 days virtual) Bedford or Manchester [Hybrid](#)

Option 2 - Fully Virtual [Virtual](#)

Future Talent Awards

An exciting opportunity for talented young musicians. Applications are open offering financial support and workshops to Pupil Premium Grant students who are committed to their music education. More information and how to apply can be found [here](#) and the deadline for applications is the 24 April.

Family Lives Parenting Groups and Workshops

Please find the link to register for the summer term courses [here](#).

Sports Results

U12 Girls Futsal County Competition	County Champions!
U14 Girls Futsal County Competition	2nd
Y8 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 5-2

Coram Family Lives Courses

To book a place on the course: "Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children", please click [here](#).

ASA News

ASA Comedy Night - Friday 10th July

Tickets now on sale!

We're thrilled to announce that tickets are now on sale for what promises to be a brilliant evening of professional stand-up comedy, headlined by Nathan Caton - seen on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week and Richard Osman's House of Games.

Also on the bill: award-winning comedians Jenny Collier and Christian Reilly, hosted by the multi-award winning Chris Purchase.

Add a curry to make a night of it!

Courtesy of our fabulous event partner & School caterers, Culinera, we're talking chicken, lamb & vegan options (or all 3), with all the trimmings. These curries never fail to impress.

Tickets are available as comedy only or as a comedy and curry package

Earlybird offer - ends 1st May or when our 40 earlybird tickets are gone!

- Comedy only £15 (full price £18)
- Comedy & Curry £25.50 (full price £30)

Book [here](#)

See more information on our leaflet [here](#) and visit our website [here](#)

Earlybird tickets are limited so don't wait to grab yours before they're gone!

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ASA

We're on the lookout for:

ASA Co-Chair vacancy We're looking for a Co-Chair to work alongside Martin and the team. This new role will help ensure continuity for the Association and a smooth handover when the time comes. It's a great way to get more involved with the school, together with a friendly group of people who care about the school.

Social Media support If you have a way with words and some social media know-how, we'd love your help. Please!

If you're tempted, we'd love to hear from you: asa@ahsllys.herts.sch.uk

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Dacorum Decorating Supplies - A reminder that discounted mis-mixed trade paints are still available until the end of April, with all proceeds going to the ASA. Great quality, great prices - worth a look if you have any painting planned.

Bags 2 School - 21st April - clear out your unwanted clothes, shoes, and textiles over the Easter break, and donate them to Bags2School, a textile recycling charity that turns your donations into funds for the ASA. Every bag counts, so the more we collect, the more we receive. Drop off at: **15 Swing Gate Lane, HP4 2LJ** | bag2school.com

As always...

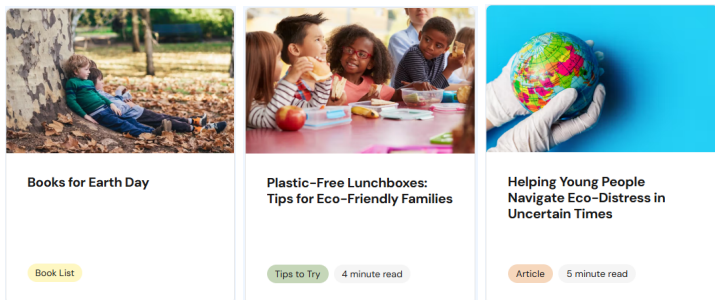
Stay in the loop: Complete this [form](#) to receive updates on fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference

Join our lottery: Sign up for the ASA 100 Club [here](#) for monthly chances to win cash prizes

Shop & raise: Sign up [here](#) for Easyfundraising - raise funds effortlessly while you shop online

Get in touch: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

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



As Earth Day 2026 approaches on 22nd April, children may start hearing more about the environment and the challenges our planet could face in the future. For some, this can spark curiosity and a sense of purpose, for others, it may bring questions, worry or confusion.

For parents and carers, this can feel like a difficult topic to navigate. Rest assured, there's no need to have all the answers, or to make big, immediate changes at home. What matters most is helping children feel curious, hopeful and empowered, showing them that even small actions can have a meaningful impact.

With the right support, these moments can spark important conversations and positive habits at home. Tooled Up has a range of resources to help you approach this topic in a way that feels manageable, reassuring and right for your family.

For all ages, our [Book List for Earth Day](#) showcases a selection of **books that celebrate our planet** and help us to consider what we can do to take care of it.

The resource [Plastic-Free Lunchboxes](#) is designed to **help families make the content of lunchboxes more eco-friendly and sustainable.** It includes practical and realistic suggestions to help the environment that are easy to fit into everyday routines.

Many **young people today are grappling with concerns about climate change** and environmental degradation. Our article [Helping Young People Navigate Eco-Distress in Uncertain Times](#) **offers guidance for adults when helping children** to navigate these emotions, **so they feel seen and heard** in an unpredictable world.