

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

In terms of online safety as teenagers develop their own sense of agency, well-intentioned advice from parents and teachers can quickly become background noise. Bitdefender has published some practical thinking on how to approach this with teenagers specifically. Please find the information [here](#).

School Minibus

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of two new minibuses for the school. Thank you to the ASA for their amazing fundraising efforts which have made this possible. The minibuses are a great asset to the school, not only supporting the PE department but also school trips, DofE and community projects.



School Uniform

Further to our communication regarding skirts, please note that if your child owns an approved skirt from PL Schoolwear (ie, David Luke or Banner) that all students choosing skirts will be expected to wear in September, our supplier has agreed to apply the embroidered badge to this skirt. You can take it to their premises any time between now and September for it to be applied; this will cost £4. You can find them at 23 Bennetts Gate, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8EW. Please check opening times before visiting, and please note that PL Schoolwear will only add the embroidered badge to the approved skirts. We will also arrange a drop off service to us on the first Activity Day (please do not drop off any earlier than this day); further details to follow.

Summer Concert

We look forward to welcoming guests to our annual Summer Concert, always a highlight of the summer term, on Saturday 27 June; tickets available via ParentPay.

Key Dates

- 27 June: Summer Concert
- 29 June-3 July: Y12 Work Experience
- 2 July: Y11 Prom
- 17 July: Non-Uniform Day
- 17 July: Last Day of Term. School Closes at 12.30

Next Week [New](#) [Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 1

Vacancies

- [Data Assistant](#)

House Points

Current house points

Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
27969	35798	34905	36065
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Music Lessons

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

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 music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Free School Meals

A reminder that the eligibility for receiving free school meals has changed, for more information please click [here](#).

Timings of the School Day

The school day timings have now changed, returning to our usual timings outside of the exam period where Lesson 4 is before lunch. The students have coped very well with the exam period timings, which are crucial in ensuring quiet around the examination rooms.

We are trialing some slight changes to the school day to allow for more time in form time in the mornings, which means that lunch is now five minutes later and Lesson 5 is now an hour instead of the previous hour and five minutes.

CWP Workshops

Please find the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops leaflet, with information about courses being run from July to September 2026 [here](#).

Warm Weather

High temperatures are forecast next week so please ensure your child wears sunscreen, has plenty of water and takes any hayfever medication before coming to school. Students are expected to wear full school uniform, including blazers, to school each day. They will be informed by their teachers if they are allowed to remove blazers.

ASA News

ASA Meeting - Tuesday 23rd June, 7pm

Join us in the LRC next Tuesday from 7pm for our next ASA meeting. We have some exciting school funding bids to discuss and agree, and the Autumn term is shaping up to be super-busy as always, this is a great chance to get involved - whether helping steer our fundraising or, more importantly, having your say on how funds are allocated.

Drop us an email if you have any questions: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10th July

THREE WEEKS TO GO!! And it's competition time!

WIN a pair of tickets to the ASA Comedy Night — including curry!

We're giving away two tickets to the ASA Comedy Night on Friday 10th July, including our comedy + curry package worth £60!

Headlined by Nathan Caton (Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week, Richard Osman's House of Games) with Jenny Collier, Christian Reilly and host Chris Purchase — this is going to be a brilliant evening.

To enter:

- 1 Like this post
- 2 Tag a friend you'd bring along in the comments below
- 3 Share this post to your page or story

Winner will be drawn on Friday 26th June at 6pm. Good luck!

If you don't want to risk it, there are just **40 tickets** remaining, available at [here](#).

We have roles still to fill for volunteers, including setting up the space, front of house - welcoming guests and handing out wristbands - and helping with the clear up the following morning. It's one of the highlights of the school calendar and a genuinely brilliant night to be part of. [Volunteer here](#)

Please do follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

New 2 You Uniform If you have items that you can donate to us, please do - especially those close to ending Yr 11! We're particularly looking for blazers.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or at 67a Kings Road, HP4 3BP, and feel free to leave a bag on the doorstep.

Please email us at the address below for any requests.

As always...

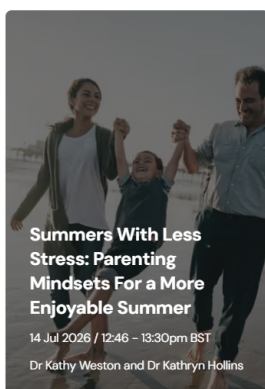
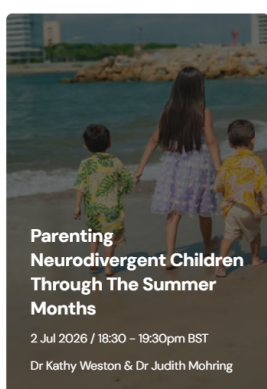
Stay in the loop: Complete this [form](#) to receive updates on fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference

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

Tooled Up Education warmly invites you to register for their upcoming July and September 2026 webinars:



Student Finance For Parents: register here: [1 July 2026, 12:30-13:30](#)

Join Sarah Campos-Bell, founder of OffToUni (an independent platform supporting parents through the university journey), as she explores how student finance works in practice, including loan repayment, the real cost of university and where families often feel the most pressure.

Parenting Neurodivergent Children Through The Summer Months: register here: [2 July 2026, 18:30-19:30](#)

Join us for this practical webinar for parents and carers of neurodivergent young people who are navigating the summer months. This session will explore why unstructured periods can be particularly challenging and will offer realistic strategies to support regulation and reduce overwhelm.

Summers With Less Stress: register here: [14 July 2026, 12:30-13:30](#)

Feeling the pressure of planning the "perfect" summer? This practical and supportive webinar will help parents manage expectations, reduce stress and create flexible routines that work for the whole family. Learn simple strategies to ease mental load and enjoy a calmer, more connected summer.

Children and Young People's Digital Lives: register here: [16 Sept 2026 - 12.30-13.30](#)

Join us for a timely, evidence-based look at what current research really tells us about young people's digital lives. Exploring topics including social media, AI, educational technology and smartphone use, this webinar will move beyond headlines and myths to provide a balanced, nuanced understanding of how technology shapes

young people's wellbeing, learning and development.



Pre-Holiday Family Checklist

Activity



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Teens

Activity



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Children

Activity



Festival Packing List for Teens

Activity

Whether you're counting down to a long summer break, planning a mid-year getaway, or simply looking ahead to family adventures in the months ahead, getting organised can make all the difference.

At this time of year, many families are juggling busy schedules alongside plans for trips and time away. That's why Tooled Up is resharing some of its most popular holiday resources. If you've seen them before, there's a good reason they're back. These practical, evergreen tools are favourites that families return to year after year as travel plans begin to take shape.

Wherever your next trip, break or adventure takes you, we hope these resources make the journey a little smoother.

Our [Pre-Holiday Family Checklist](#) is designed to help with all those **easy-to-forget tasks** that crop up before you leave. From travel documents and medication to household jobs and last-minute arrangements, this is a simple way to **stay organised** and **reduce the stress** of departure day.

For younger children, being involved in the preparations can build excitement and independence. The [Holiday Packing Checklist for Children](#) encourages them to **take responsibility** for gathering and packing their own belongings, while helping to ensure important items aren't overlooked.

If you have teenagers, giving them ownership of the process can be a valuable life skill. Our [Holiday Packing Checklist for Teens](#) helps them keep track of travel essentials and avoid those "I forgot..." moments once they're away.

For older teens heading to a music festival or event with friends, our [Festival Packing Checklist for Teens](#) covers **practical essentials** they may not think of themselves, **helping them get ready safely and confidently** to make the most of an unforgettable experience.