

Ashley Hill News

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Mark Your Calendar

Mon 20th Jan

Reception Police Education session

Fri 24th Jan

FOAHS Wacky Hair fundraiser

Mon 27th Jan

Reception Coastguard visit

Tue 28th Jan

Reception Fire Engine visit

Wed 29th Jan

Year 5 Young Engineers programme starts

Fri 31st Jan

Football friendly fixtures at King William's College

Mon 3rd Feb

School Council Cake Bake

Tue 11th Feb

Year 2/3 Tag Rugby Festival

Thu 13th Feb

FOAHS Valentine's Disco

Fri 14th Feb

School closes for half term break

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb

Half term

Mon 24th Feb

School re-opens

Fri 14th March

Primary Schools Cross Country Championships

Week beginning

Mon 17th Mar

Teacher Meetings

We trust that you have all had a positive start to 2025. It's been a pleasure to see the children settle back in to this term, which already seems to be racing away from us. As always, please keep a close eye on the Calendar tab for some important dates for the diary, including our Wacky Hair Fundraiser this Friday, a Cake Bake and Valentine Disco!

Enrolment of new Reception intake - September 2025

A polite reminder that if you have a child due to start with us in September 2025, please register them with us as soon as possible, ideally before the end of January. We would be most grateful if you could reiterate this message to any friends and family who you know will be commencing their education with us in Reception from September. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this.

Reading

As the term gathers pace, I wanted to take the opportunity to raise the profile of the importance of reading at home. We recommend you read, at home, with your child as often as possible, but even five minutes each evening will be impactful in helping them make progress in this important area.

Reading at home with your child is incredibly beneficial and will have a lasting impact on their development and access to all areas of our curriculum. We welcome you writing in your child's Reading Record to demonstrate when they have read with you at home.

Manx Youth Games

Last week, we welcomed Kirsty Cooper, from Manx Sports and Recreation, to lead an assembly, encouraging children from Year 2 to Year 6 to take up a sports for the Manx Youth Games, scheduled to take place on Saturday 10th May. Each child in those year groups will have brought home a small brochure, including details of the different sports and application forms to sign your child up! You can also find details at the

following website: <https://msr.gov.im/sdu/sporting-club-manx-youth-games/>.

Reception Playground

Those of you who have been through our Reception playground recently will know we have purchased some new play equipment, specifically for our youngest cohort. We were fortunate to be successful in applying for a grant from the Lord Cockfield Trust and are delighted to invest this money in something which will have such a positive impact, enabling our Reception children to develop skills in the outdoors.

If the equipment is out whilst you are walking through, please be mindful that your child should not be using it unless supervised by an adult. Thank you for your support with this.

FOAHS information and events

Further thanks to the Friends of Ashley Hill School for their efforts in arranging more events for this half term.

A reminder that this Friday (24th January) is Wacky Hair Day (all other uniform is still required) and we have our annual Valentine's Disco scheduled for Thursday 13th February. Keep your eye out for further details, including timings, closer to this date.

School Council Cake Bake

Since they were voted in during the October elections, our School Council members have been incredibly busy discussing matters that they feel can make a positive difference to life at Ashley Hill. This includes suggestion boxes for all classes, Buddy Reading and the reintroduction of Dusty, the toy dog, to raise the profile of our Learning Powers throughout the school.

In addition to these new initiatives, School Council will be running a Cake Bake on Monday 3rd February. Please keep an eye out for an email from members of the School Council, who will provide further details about this proposed cake bake.