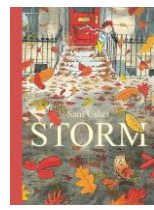


EYFS Class R Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - September 2026



A very warm welcome to Ashton Keynes Primary School.

This term our learning will be based upon the theme of 'Marvellous Me' and 'Autumn Treasures'. We will be focussing on getting to know each other, comparing similarities and differences between ourselves and thinking about our families, homes and pets and our likes and dislikes. We will then be exploring Autumn and learning all about seasonal change. 'My World Your World' and 'The Storm' will be this term's core texts.

Phonics and Reading...

We will begin phonics journey from Monday 14th September. Your child will bring home letter sounds (phoneme cards) to practise at home with clear instructions and a weekly video on Seesaw to support alongside. In time, your child will also be given a reading book to match their own phonic knowledge and a home-school reading record book for you to record in. **We ask that all children use their phoneme cards and read daily.** Mrs Crowley will hold an information meeting on **Tuesday 15th September at 2.40pm** which will give you clear guidance to help support your child at home with reading and phonics.

Forest School

Our first forest school session takes place on **Wednesday 4th November**. Please ensure your child wears old, comfy clothes on that day and ensure legs are covered. Wellies and a waterproof coat are essential!

Snack Time...

Every morning the children will have snack time together. We will provide a healthy fruit or vegetable snack, and milk will be available if you have ordered it. If your child would like milk please order using this website www.coolmilk.com

We often supplement the fruit or vegetable snack with another healthy option (bread sticks/popcorn/cheese biscuits etc.) In order to fund this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 in a named envelope to cover the cost of any additional snack we provide. Many thanks.

Welcome Service

We are currently organising a welcome service for Class R and their families which will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Monday 14th September** during the afternoon. This will be a short and special service with Class R, their buddies and any parents who are able to come. Exact times to follow shortly.

PE - We ask all children to wear their PE kits to school on PE days (Mondays and Fridays). Class R's first PE lesson takes place on **Friday 11th September**.

PE kit consists of:

T shirt (house colour), shorts, daps/plimsolls/trainers, track suit trousers/leggings, hoody or school jumper. **Please ensure everything is named.** If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied up.

General Reminders...

Please ensure all belongings and clothing are named clearly.

It's essential your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school every day. Your child will have free access to these throughout the day.

As the weather moves into winter your child will still be spending much of their time outside, so a **pair of named wellies and a water proof coat are essential**. Wellies are stored safely in our outside classroom.

We hope that this letter has answered some of the questions you may have. Please feel free to see us at the end of the day with any questions.

From Mrs Crowley and the Early Years Team

Affordability

To help you budget for the year here is an approximate overview of trips and residentials school are organising for your children for the whole academic year:

Term 1 – Donation £5 for the year towards snack subsidy

Term 2 – Christmas event – £3 approx

Term 5 – Farm visit £20 approx

We will endeavour to stay as close to this as possible but there may be some change.

Many Thanks.