



Ashmole Primary School

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Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dear Ashmole Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all and I hope that you have all had a happy and safe Summer holiday. Staff have been back in school today and over the past week, busy preparing for the new academic year and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to school tomorrow: **Wednesday 2nd September** (parents and carers of children in Nursery or Reception – please check carefully the start date your child was given at the end of last year.)

Start & End of the School Day: Please note that the school day runs from 9am – 3.30pm, with drop off and collection points, as outlined below. The school gates will be opened 10 minutes before the start and end of the school day (**8.50am** and **3.20pm** respectively) and then closed 15 minutes after the start and end of the school day (**9.15am** and **3.45pm** respectively).

Drop Off Point		Collection Point	Drop Off Point		Collection Point
N	EYFS Hub	Nursery Door	Y3	Main Playground – Middle Doors	Main Playground
R	EYFS Hub	Reception Door	Y4	Main Playground – Middle Doors	Main Playground
Y1	Year 1 Classroom	Year 1 Door	Y5	Main Playground – Middle Doors	Main Playground
Y2	Main Playground - Middle Doors	Year 2 Door	Y6	Main Playground – Middle Doors	Main Playground

Attendance & Term Time Absences: I would like to remind parents and carers that holidays are **not** permitted during term time. Parents may request leave of absence and this request must be submitted in writing to me, with as much notice as possible. A copy of this form can be obtained from the school office or via our school website: <https://www.ashmoleprimaryschool.org.uk/Request-for-Leave-during-Term-Time/> Please note that these requests will not necessarily be authorised and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. With this in mind, and for the avoidance of any confusion in relation to term dates, please find attached with this letter, copies of the school's Term Dates for 2026/27 – a copy of which can be found on the school website too:

<https://www.ashmoleprimaryschool.org.uk/Term-Dates-26-27/> Thank you, as ever, for your co-operation.

Music Masters, After School Clubs & Breakfast Club: For those of you whose children will be having Music Masters or iRock lessons this year, iRock lessons will start **W/B 14th September** and Music Masters Lessons will start W/B 21st September, information will be sent from Music Masters/iRock in due course. After school extra curricular clubs will start **W/B 21st September** and details of the Autumn offer will also be sent in due course. Breakfast Club will commence from **tomorrow** and bookings can, as ever, be made via the school office.

This Year's Class Teams: As a reminder, class teams are as follows for the next year (please note that additional staff may be employed, to support the varying needs of pupils in each class):

Nursery	Ms Duquemin (Class Teacher), Ms Kenny, Ms Weeks, Ms Oubbad & Ms Johnson (Support Staff)
Reception	Ms Henry (Class Teacher), Ms Kenny, Ms Weeks, Ms Oubbad & Ms Johnson (Support Staff)
Year 1:	Ms Irvine (Class Teacher) + Ms Tamborrino (Support Staff)
Year 2:	Ms Daly (Class Teacher) + Ms Gurkin (Support Staff)
Year 3:	Ms Armitage & Ms Villeneuve (Class Teachers) + Ms Tagg (Support Staff)

Year 4:	Mr Court (Class Teacher) + Ms Burke (Support Staff)
Year 5:	Ms George (Class Teacher) + Ms Potter (Support Staff)
Year 6:	Ms Mohamed + Ms Croll (Class Teachers), Ms Potter (Support Staff) + Ms Ozola (Trainee Teacher)

Home Visits & Meet the Teacher Sessions: This week, members of our Early Years Team will be carrying out Home Visits ahead of children starting in Nursery and Reception, and next week sees the first of our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which will be held throughout the month: an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher as well as find out about the expectations for the year ahead:



Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
Tuesday 8th September	Year 6	Tuesday 15th September	Year 3		Early Years: Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 9th September	Year 5	Wednesday 16th September	Year 2	Wednesday 23rd September	
Thursday 10th September	Year 4	Thursday 17th September	Year 1		

***Please note that all sessions will take place 9 – 9.30am, in your child's classroom.**

Summer Works: The school may be quieter over the Summer with no pupils, but it is also a crucial time for site works to be completed, and this Summer saw the long anticipated replacement of 63 fire doors by Lambeth. Work has been productive with 39 doors, so far successfully replaced. Due to delays in delivery, the project has not fully concluded so we will be working with Lambeth to ensure the remaining doors are fitted during out of hours and holiday times. We are very pleased with the doors that have been fitted to date and I'm sure you will be too, when you are next in school. **Thanks must go to Mr Duquemin for his on going liaison with Lambeth and the various different contractors over the Summer.**



IQM Assessment Outcomes: I am delighted to announce that following a rigorous assessment day with an external assessor in July 2026, Ashmole have been successfully re-accredited with the **IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) Award**. IQM is a nationally recognised accreditation, acknowledging our commitment to inclusive practice and having now successfully sustained this award for a number of years, we are delighted to have now been recommended for **Flagship School Status**. I am very pleased to share a copy of the final report with you, via the Awards & Accreditations page on our school website: <https://www.ashmoleprimaryschool.org.uk/Awards-Accreditations/>. I hope you enjoy reading the report and agree that this remains a fantastic recognition of the inclusive culture that we continue to adopt and develop at Ashmole. **Thanks must go to both Ms Coombs and Ms Griffiths for leading this work so passionately across the school.**

Looking Ahead: As informed at the end of last term - I am delighted that this year marks that start of Ashmole's **Voice21** journey. **Voice21** is the UK's leading oracy education charity, and through its highly acclaimed and nationally recognised professional learning programme, equips schools with the oracy expertise to transform children's learning and life chances through talk. **Voice21** share Ashmole's belief, that as schools, we have the power to change a child's life and create a fairer society. Having laid the foundations for successful speaking and listening at Ashmole over the past few years, **Voice21** will empower us to further build oracy into the curriculum, teaching and learning and wider school life, which in turn will set children up for success in school and life. Like reading, writing and maths, children can learn oracy skills and these are vital to every aspect of school, as well as in creating healthy



relationships with other people. To find out more about **Voice21**, please visit their website:
<https://voice21.org/>

Communications & Feedback: Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing communication and feedback. Communication should be two way – and where concerns have arisen, the first port of call should always be the school, so I thank you for bringing matters to our attention swiftly, so that we can respond as needed and with the appropriate action. The high expectations and admirable aspirations of the staff in our school make Ashmole the place it can be and together, working together, with you, help us to strive to be the absolute best we can be for your child and all at Ashmole. I feel very proud to be a part of this special school community and hope that you do too!

Thank you as ever for your on-going support, and I, together with the staff team, very much look forward to welcoming you all back to school, for what promises to be another happy, productive and enjoyable academic year together.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Cordelia Cooper
Headteacher