

Mears Ashby C of E Primary School

October Newsletter



**LEARNING AND
FLOURISHING
TOGETHER**



Value - Love

**Jesus said, 'This is my commandment: Love each other
in the same way I have loved you.'**

John 15:12

Attendance Matters

At Mears Ashby CE Primary School, we know that every school day counts. The Department for Education reminds us that "being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development". We thank all families for their continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn and flourish. Together, we can help every child achieve their very best.

Practical Ways to Support Excellent Attendance

- Establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine to help children arrive at school ready to learn.
- Prepare school bags, uniform and lunches the night before to reduce morning stress.
- Wherever possible, arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours.
- Encourage children to attend school unless they are genuinely too unwell. Many minor illnesses can be managed while maintaining attendance.
- Contact the school as early as possible if your child is absent so we can work together to provide support where needed.
- Avoid booking family holidays during term time, as this can have a significant impact on learning
- Speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns about attendance

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure every child benefits from the rich learning opportunities, friendships and experiences that make Mears Ashby such a special place to learn and grow.

Mears Ashby Primary Attendance	National Attendance	Ladybirds Attendance	Hedgehog Attendance	Otters Attendance	Dolphins Attendance
94%	95.5%	98.8%	97.5%	96.2%	88.3%

We wanted to thank parents for making informed judgements about illnesses, if your child is well enough to be in school they should be in school.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Fire Works Event - 5/11/26 (Evening)

KS1 Nativity - 7/12/26 and 8/12/26

Christmas Choir at Mears Ashby Village Coffee Morning - 12/12/26 (10:30am - 12:00pm)

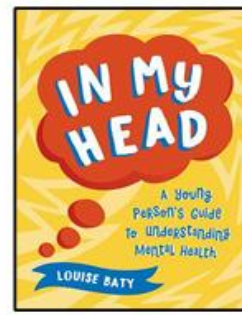
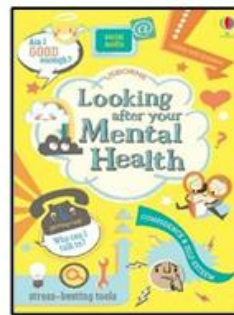
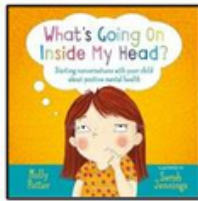
Christmas Fun Day(Throughout the day in class), Family Christmas Craft Session(Morning), Christmas Lunch, Santa Visit - 16/12/26

Christingle Service - 18/12/26 (Afternoon)

Wellbeing...

Using songs and books is a wonderful way to help children understand and talk about wellbeing. Stories and music can explore feelings, friendships, resilience and self-confidence in a safe and engaging way, allowing children to recognise emotions in themselves and others. Through discussions about characters, lyrics and experiences, children can develop emotional vocabulary, build empathy and learn positive strategies for managing their wellbeing. Songs and books also create shared experiences that encourage children to express their thoughts, listen respectfully to others and feel supported within their school community

Books to support talking about mental health with children & young people



Online Safety - What you need to know about Discord

Launched in 2015, with over 90 million daily active, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate - with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interest. For many young people, discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any platform built around communications, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online.

Advice for Parents/Guardians

Use family Centre - Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy.
Check, Talk, Report - Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages.

Manage time online - Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time.

Review spending controls - Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases.



We use Ofsted registered after school club provider the drop off!

You can book online now via
www.thedropoff.co.uk

Alongside after school provision they also run holiday clubs! Perfect for busy working parents.



Celebration Assemblies

We were thrilled to present our Star of the Week certificates to some truly deserving individuals this month. Congratulations to everyone who received one!



Hedgehogs - Eve, George
Otters - Louie M, Autumn
Dolphins - Harry, Arrabella



We also celebrated our September Birthdays! Happy Birthday to Barney, Katie, Bobby and Rupert!! We hope you had a fantastic day of celebration.



Coffee Afternoon



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Coffee Afternoon on Friday 16th. It was wonderful to welcome both current and prospective parents for an opportunity to meet staff, learn more about the school, and connect with other families. With plenty of coffee, cake and conversation, the afternoon was a fantastic success and a lovely celebration of our school community.



Reading Ambassador Recommendations

This month our Reading Ambassadors - Raisha, Harley, Louie and Katie have recommended the following reading books

Percy Jackson Series
Return of War



2027 EYFS Admissions!

If you are looking for a Pre-school or Reception for your child for 2027, please contact our office to book in a tour, meet the team and see the EYFS provisions.

If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office to book a tour!

October in pictures

