Ashton West End Primary Academy

November – December 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you all had a lovely break and are well rested for the next part of the autumn term.

Christmas Productions

The children will be taking part in their Christmas productions as usual this year, and we are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers to attend.

To help us manage numbers and ensure everyone can enjoy the performances comfortably, a ticket will be required for entry. We will provide further information over the coming weeks about how and when tickets can be obtained.

The dates and times of the performances are outlined below:

Nursery am class – Tuesday 15th December at 11am

Nursery pm class – Tuesday 15th December at 2:15pm

Reception AM (Mrs McLean) – Tuesday 8th December at 2:30pm

Reception CW (Mrs Wright) – Wednesday 9th December at 2:30pm

Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday 16th December at 9am

Year 4 & 5 – Monday 14th December at 2:40pm

Year 3 & 6 – Monday 14th December at 9am

Explorasaurus class- Thursday 17th December at 2:15pm

Learnasaurus class – Thursday 17th December at 2:15pm

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will take place on Friday 18th December in the afternoon. Children can come to school all day in their party clothes.

Parents' Evening Dates

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our upcoming Parents' Evenings.

Wednesday 18th November (3:30pm - 5:45pm)

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Learnasaurus
- Explorasaurus

Thursday 19th November (3:30pm - 5:45pm)

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

Further details will be sent home shortly. Please keep an eye on your child's bag for the appointment letter. If you are unable to attend on the date above, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange an alternative appointment.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Christmas dinner will take place on Friday 11th December for all children who usually have a school dinner.

If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas dinner on this day, please contact the school office to arrange payment. Requests and payments must be made by Friday 4th December.

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, dress or T-shirt on this day. If they do not have one, they should attend in their normal school uniform.

Applying for a Reception Place

If your child attends our Nursery and you would like them to join our Reception class in **September 2027**, you must submit an application through the Tameside admissions process by **15th January 2027**.

Please note that **a place in Nursery does not automatically guarantee a place in our Reception class**. All applications must be made via the Tameside website:

https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions#_How_to_Apply

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to submit their application before the deadline to ensure their child is considered for a Reception place.

OPaL Playtime and lunchtime

As the weather becomes increasingly wet and cold, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day.

Children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are also encouraged to bring a spare pair of old trainers or shoes to leave in school. This will allow them to change their footwear at lunchtime when using the school field and help to prevent their school shoes from becoming wet or muddy.

The school closes on Friday 18th December at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday and re opens on Monday 4th January 2027.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Pizuti, Principal.