

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short but incredibly busy half term. We returned from the Easter break thankful that the building work had finished and that we had a main entrance again! We were very proud of our Year 6 children last week as they completed their national SATs in English and Maths. Their attitude and hard work was first class - well done! Children in Year 3 have enjoyed a trip to the Cathedral and Mosque in Peterborough and a special World War 2 evacuee day; Year 5 children had a great time at Leicester Space Centre and the whole school celebrated VE Day through stories and songs. Look out for photos and reports about these experiences on Instagram, our website and our end of year newsletter in July. All children from Year 2 to Year 6 are looking forward to starting their swimming lessons in the AJS pool after half term.



### CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY IN 2025/26



The Department for Education have advised that the length of school day for all primary school children should be 32 ½ hours. As a result, starting in September, we will be extending the school day slightly so that we comply with this guidance - in a nutshell it means an extra 5 minutes per day in Key Stage 2 and an extra 10 minutes per day in Reception/ Key Stage 1. Parents were keen to maintain staggered start and collection times to help when siblings need to be in 2 different playgrounds. I wanted to give all parents, carers and child- minders plenty of notice about these changes which are outlined below:

#### Morning drop off

Reception - classroom doors will open at 8:35am and the school day starts at 8:40am .

Year 1 and 2 - a whistle will sound at 8:35am for children to line up on the Key Stage 1 playground and their school day starts at 8:40am.

Children who arrive after 8:40am will need to sign in via the main entrance office.

Year 3-6 - a whistle will sound at 8:40am for children to line up and their school day starts at 8:45am.

Children who arrive after 8:45am will need to sign in via the main entrance office.

Children attending the Sensory Circuit in the hall will enter via the door near pre-school at 8:35am

#### Afternoon pick up

Reception - children will exit from their classrooms at 3:10pm.

Year 1 and 2 - children will exit their classrooms and meet parents on the Key Stage 1 playground at 3:10pm.

Year 3-6 - children will exit classrooms onto the Key Stage 2 playground at 3:15pm.

We will review these arrangements after the first half term. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about these changes.

I wish all our families an enjoyable and restful May half term break.

Best wishes, Mr Fry



# ATTENDANCE



AT AJS

SUMMER TERM 1 2025



Classes with highest attendance this half term:

- 1 Morocco 98.04%
- 1 Canada - 98.04%
- 2 Greenland - 97.6%
- 3 France 97.1%



Whole school target for 2024/25 **95%**  
This half term our overall attendance was **94.1%**

Message from

Mr Isley

**Attendance Officer**

I look after our Young Carers. A Young Carer is a child who provides care for a family member or someone they know, who has a disability, illness, mental health condition, or substance misuse problem.

Often our Young Carers struggle to attend school regularly. There is support available for Young Carers even if attendance isn't an issue. If you think a child you care for might be a Young Carer please get in touch with me.

## REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

Should your child be too ill to be present at school, please call the school before 08:30am and select option 2 from the menu.

The email address is: **pupilabsence@ajs.education**  
Please note, these are the only two ways that pupil absence should be notified.

## Parent Survey 2024-25

Thankyou to all parents who took part in our survey just before Easter. A total of 124 responses were received. The survey has provided school leaders with some very useful feedback about how we can improve. This feedback will be used to inform our development plans for the upcoming year.

Here is a summary of the survey:

Of the 124 parents and carers who completed the survey 93% agreed/ strongly agreed that their child was happy and felt safe in school.

92% felt their child does well at AJS.

94% would recommend AJS to other parents.

79% agreed that AJS has high expectations for their child with 12% stating they didn't know. All staff have high expectations for all children, so this is something that we need to address and communicate more successfully with parents and children.

90% of parents thought their child could take part in clubs, though there was some feedback that the majority of clubs are sports related and would like more variety, especially for younger children.

88% of parents agreed that AJS lets parents know how well their child is doing and about what they are learning about in class. However, there was useful feedback and ideas as to how we can improve this next year, especially making further use of Google Classroom and Marvellous Me. The return to face to face parents evenings has proved popular.

There were some very useful comments about the way in which school communicates with parents. We are looking to streamline the amount of emails sent home by introducing a weekly news round up/ reminder. There will then be one celebratory newsletter at the end of each term. We are gaining more followers on our Instagram page and this is another way we will be letting parents know about different events in school and sharing pupil achievements.

We are genuinely keen to receive feedback and comments from parents and carers with suggestions and ideas. Please drop the office an email - you don't have to wait for a survey!

If parents have concerns or complaints, please follow the steps outlined in the Complaints Policy found on our website. We will always try to resolve issues swiftly and informally in the first instance.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON THE ROADS AND PATHS AROUND SCHOOL

Sadly, we continue to have a number of issues reported to school by local residents and parents about unsafe parking and driving on the roads near school. Residents are especially concerned about parents who park on pavements meaning children are forced to walk in the road and also the worry about emergency vehicles being unable to access roads if cars are parked on both sides.

We want all children to be safe when walking or riding a bike/ scooter to school and we are very lucky to have an excellent Lollipop Lady who supports this aim. However, every parent who drives their child to school also has their part to play in keeping children safe and being considerate to others by:

- **not** double parking
- **not** parking in the lay by (drop off only) / across resident driveways;
- **not** driving up on pavements;
- sticking to the speed limit.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## UPDATED SCHOOL POLICIES

We have updated school policies that can be viewed on the school website. Please see below the policies:

- Responding to Prejudice Related Incidents
- Early Year Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Preschool policies
- Religious Education
- Behaviour Policy - please see a reminder of our 3 school rules below:

**READY:** Getting the most out of the opportunities within their school day e.g:

- Arrive at school on time
- Wearing the correct school uniform or P.E kit as relevant for each particular day
- Ensure that they have the correct books, such as reading record, reading book and spelling book
- Display that they are ready to learn through active listening
- Trying their best and showing pride in all they do

**RESPECTFUL:** Treating others as they would expect to be treated themselves e.g:

- Help each other
- Use respectful language to communicate
- Use basic manners such as, saying please and thank you
- Valuing each other's beliefs, opinions and contributions
- Value resources in their classroom and the wider school environment
- Treat others with respect in their local community

**SAFE:** Ensuring that everybody feels safe in our school environment e.g:

- Follow reasonable instructions of the adults in school
- Walk around the school building in a safe manner
- Use equipment correctly under the guidance of their teacher
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Inform a member of staff if they are going to be anywhere different

## UNIFORM AT AJS

Thank you for your uniform feedback on the parent survey. Overall, the majority of parents are happy with the uniform expectations. We have organised unclaimed lost property and spare uniform into different sizes and will be able to give this to children to wear if they come to school in incorrect clothing. Please see next year's uniform expectations below:

**Plain black shoes, plain black trainers** or plain black ankle boots (no open toes or white/ coloured trainers). Trainers may be brought into school to wear during play times.

White or red polo shirt or white collared shirt or blouse.

Red sweatshirt, red fleece or red cardigan (no hooded tops).

Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress, smart grey trousers, smart grey school shorts - (no leggings or jogging bottom material)

Red/white checked gingham dress or playsuit (stock more readily available during summer months)

Red, white, black or grey plain socks or tights

**No nail varnish, make up, fake nails or fake eyelashes**

Plain headbands in school uniform colours only (**no novelty headbands** e.g: cat ears/unicorn horn)

Small hair accessories in school colours only e.g: small red or white bow/scrunchie/clip

Stud earrings only (no other jewellery to be worn)

A watch may be worn (no smart watches that are connected to a device or have a camera)

### PE Uniform:

Suitable trainers (no football boots or astro-turf trainers)

Long hair must be tied up

All earrings and watches must be removed

Plain red or white T-shirt (**no football tops or large brand logos**)

Plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms, skirt or plain black leggings/cycling shorts (no hotpants) Plain black or red sweatshirt (with or without school logo - **no hoods**)

Uniform can be purchased from most big retailers including Tesco, Asda, Morrisons and Sainsburys. It is not compulsory to wear uniform with a logo however if you would like to purchase an item of AJS branded clothing items can be purchased online from the AJS uniform shop, Total Clothing.

<http://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/ajs>



ALDERMAN JACOBS POLO SHIRT  
From **£8.75**



ALDERMAN JACOBS CARDIGAN  
From **£15.25**



ALDERMAN JACOBS RAGLAN  
SWEATSHIRT  
From **£13.75**



ALDERMAN JACOBS POLAR  
FLEECE  
**£18.75**



## SUN SAFETY



With the sunnier weather hopefully here to stay we aim to follow the 5 S's to help keep everyone safe in the sun:

**SLIP** (on a t-shirt) **SLOP** (on sun cream) **SLAP** (on a hat) **SLIDE** (on sunglasses)  
**SHADE**

Please ensure that your child has applied sun cream before school and then has some sun cream to top themselves up (when required) in a bottle labelled with your child's name.

Please also ensure that hats and water bottles are also labelled.

Pre-school staff will re-apply suncream provided at the setting at lunch time for all children who stay all day. This year, we will be using Soltan Kids Sensitive & Sun Allergy Protect Lotion SPF50+



## BITE AND STING RELIEF CREAM

We use Boots Bite and Sting Relief Antihistamine Cream. If you do not wish your child to have this cream please let the office know.



## STAFFING NEWS

- We wish Mrs Smith-York all the best as she begins her maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Evans and Mrs Deplancke back after having their babies. After half term, Mrs Evans and Mrs Deplancke will be teaching in Year 1 Italy class as a job share.
- Miss Vickers will be starting her maternity leave at the end of the school year.



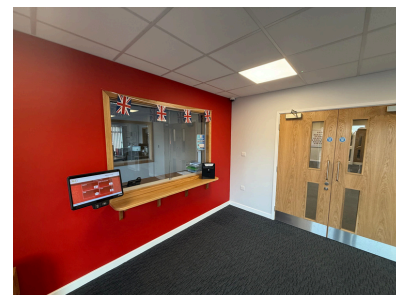
## NEW RECEPTION/LOBBY

After a few months delay we have been excited this half term to open our new Reception/Lobby to parents. I am sure you will agree this is now a more welcoming and user-friendly space for all visitors to school.

We will be arranging for an official grand opening soon to showcase the new space so please look out for further details!

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the build process around the amended transition procedures, we know during the winter months this was not always ideal but we got through it together!

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to view the new reception area please feel free to pop in.



## SPORTS DAY

We welcome parents to attend this year's sports days. They will be taking place on the following dates:

Wednesday 18th June, 9.00am - 12pm Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 18th June, 1.20pm - 3.00pm Years 2 and 3

Thursday 19th June, 9.00am - 11.00am - Early Years and Year 1

Thursday 19th June, 1.45pm - 2.45 Pre-School



On the day the children will need to come into school wearing their summer PE kit. They will then wear this for the whole day. We would also ask that children wear a top to match their house colour, if possible. The house names and colours are listed below.

Early Years children will be notified of their house colour in due course.

Blue



**THE BUTTERCROSS  
BUZZARDS**

Yellow



**THE FENLAND  
FINCHES**

Green



**THE MANOR  
MALLARDS**

Red



**THE KINGSDYKE  
KITES**

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE

Year 6 will be performing their end of year performance during the Summer 2 term and we would like to invite Y6 parents to watch. So that we can accommodate you all, we have 2 separate performances which will be allocated by your child's surname. If the day is not convenient to you, please let your child's class teacher know that you will attend the alternative.

The allocated performances are:

Children with surnames beginning with A-K Thursday 17th July at 9.15am

Children with surnames beginning with L-Z Friday 18th July at 9.15am

We expect the performance to last approximately 1 hour.

Please be aware that only 2 adults per child may attend these performances due to hall capacity.



April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take a moment to share some important information about a service that can help support your child's health and well-being: **Pharmacy First**.

### **What is Pharmacy First?**

Pharmacy First is a new service designed to provide fast, convenient treatment for seven common health conditions, without the need to visit your GP. This initiative allows trained community pharmacists to provide a comprehensive consultation, advice and when needed supply prescription-only medicines, including antibiotics and antivirals (when clinically appropriate).

### **Which conditions can Pharmacy First help with?**

The Pharmacy First service covers treatment for a range of common health conditions, including:

- Sore throat – people aged five and over
- Earache – children aged one to 17
- Infected insect bite - people aged one and over
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection) – people aged one and over
- Sinusitis – people aged 12 and over
- Shingles – people aged 18 and over
- Uncomplicated urinary infections – women aged 16-64 years

If your child is suffering from one of the above conditions, and is in the relevant age group, you can now visit your local pharmacy to receive the necessary treatment without needing to make an appointment. Simply walk into your local pharmacy and ask to talk to a member of the team.

### **Why use Pharmacy First?**

Almost 30,000 people have already used Pharmacy First services across our area over the last few months, and have received support from highly trained community pharmacists without the need to make an appointment first. So, the next time you or your child is suffering from any of the conditions listed above, why not speak to your local pharmacy for easy, same day access. You can find out where your nearest pharmacy is by visiting: [www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy/](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy/)

Thank you,

**Sati Ubhi**

**Chief Pharmacist**

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICB

# Diary Dates

## May 2025

Friday 23rd - FOAJS Disco 4.30-8.30pm  
Friday 23rd - End of Summer Term 1

## June 2025

Monday 2nd - Start of Summer Term 2  
Monday 9th - EY's Church Farm Trip  
Tuesday 10th - Y6 Duxford Trip  
Wednesday 11th - Hunstanton Trip  
Wednesday 11th - Y6 Whittlesey Fire Station  
Monday 16th - Half of Year 1 Ramsey Heights  
Wednesday 18th - Y4, Y5 and Y6 Sports Day 9am - 12pm  
Wednesday 18th - Y2 and Y3 Sports Day 1.20-3pm  
Thursday 19th - EY's and Y1 Sports Day - 9-11am  
Thursday 19th - Pre School Sports Day - 1.45 - 2.45pm  
Friday 20th - Half of Year 1 Ramsey Heights  
Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th - Y6 York Residential  
Wednesday 25th - Y6 Hamerton Zoo

## July 2025

Thursday 3rd - Pre School Graduation 3.30-4pm  
Friday 4th - Y6 Science Cafe 2-3pm  
Tuesday 8th - Getting Ready for School Event 9.30-11am  
Tuesday 8th - Y6 Transition Day to Sir Harry Smith  
Wednesday 9th - Y6 Transition Day to Sir Harry Smith  
Thursday 17th July- Year 6 End of year performance -  
Surnames beginning with A-K 9.15-10.15am  
Friday 18th July - Year 6 End of year performance- Surnames  
beginning with L-Z 9.15-10.15am  
Tuesday 22nd - Last day of school year

## School Term Dates 2025/2026

**Autumn Term:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept-23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

**Half term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

**Autumn Term:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov-18<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Half term: Monday:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Please see our school website for full term  
dates for 2025/22026

## Professional Days 2025

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December