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Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Attendance
Whole school attendance for the week was 94.7%. A huge well done to Ladybird and Dragonfly classes who both achieved 98.7% attendance. They will share looking after Attendance Ted next week.

Class of the Week
Well done to Hedgehog class who had the most raffle tickets this week! They will have some extra playtime and will keep the Class of the Week trophy next week.

Staffing Updates

As many of you will know, **Mrs Bowyer**, our Office Manager, was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease last year. Despite the many challenges she has faced, Mrs Bowyer has continued to work, and we have all been incredibly inspired by her strength and determination.

Sadly, as her condition has progressed, Mrs Bowyer has now commenced a period of sickness absence. Although this is not her official leaving date, we wanted to explain why she is no longer in school.

In the meantime, **Mrs Marshall** continues to work full-time in the school office and will be your first point of contact for any enquiries.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. I am sure you will all join me in sending Mrs Bowyer our love and very best wishes at this difficult time.

Miss Hill has decided to bring forward the start of her maternity leave by one week. Her last day in school will now be **Friday 20th November**, with her maternity leave commencing on **Monday 23rd November**.

As a reminder, the following staffing arrangements will now take effect from **Monday 23rd November**:

- **Mrs Morris** will become the full-time class teacher in **Bumblebee Class**.
- **Mrs Meakin** will become the full-time class teacher in **Hedgehog Class**.
- **Mrs Teal** will take over from Mrs Morris in **Fox Class** for the second half of the week.
- **Mrs Poole** will continue teaching **Fox Class** for the first half of the week.

Christmas Fayre - Volunteers
Our popular **Christmas Fayre** will be held on Friday 27th November and we need some parent helpers to help make it a success. Please contact office@ashcroft.staffs.sch.uk if you can help out in any way. Mrs Marshall or Mrs Morrall will then be in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Jayne Fellows
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: Mrs Eluned Lane

Dates for your diary

November 2026	
Tuesday 10th	Year 2 Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop – 9:10am
Thursday 12th	Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop – 9:10am
Friday 13th	Children in Need – wear something spotty or Pudsey themed. Online donations welcome via ParentPay
Friday 20th	FOA non-uniform in exchange for a bottle donation for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre
Friday 27th	FOA Christmas Fayre - 3.15pm - 4.45pm
December 2026	
Tuesday 8th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 9:30am (details to follow)
Wednesday 9th	Christmas Stay and Play activity 9:30am – Nursery and Reception (details to follow)
Thursday 10th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 9:30am (details to follow)
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Jumper Day – donations welcome for *Save the Children* Christmas Lunch Day (menu details to follow closer to the day)
Thursday 17th	Christmas Party Day (in school) – children to wear party clothes
Friday 18th	Break up for the Christmas Holiday

Week Two	Meat-free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option One	Veggie Supreme Pizza (v)	All day breakfast	Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Gravy	Beef Bolognaise with Pasta	Fish Fingers
Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Veggie All Day Breakfast (v)	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing and Gravy (v)	Mac & Cheese (v)	Quorn Nuggets (v)
Veggies & Sides	Potato Croquettes Sweetcorn	Wholemeal Rice Peas	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Chipped Potatoes, Peas & Baked Beans
Light Bite	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings.	Baked Beans with Wholemeal Toast.	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Spaghetti Hoops with Wholemeal Toast.
	Selection of cold sandwiches	Selection of cold wraps	Selection of cold sandwiches	Selection of cold wraps	Selection of cold sandwiches
Dessert	Shortbread Biscuit	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Ice Cream