



**Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp
Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

'United in a love for learning we will grow and succeed together'

Our Christian Value this term is:



*“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience”
Colossians 3.12*

Our School Prayer - Written by the pupils

Dear God,

Thank you for the people who make a difference,
Thank you for giving us ears to listen,
Thank you for everyone who offers care and concern.

Sorry for not always noticing other people,
Sorry for the times we do not put other people first,
Sorry for not always listening.

Please help us to show compassion to those who need it,
Please help us to notice when others need our help,
Please help us to be more kind.

Amen



Welcome from your Head...

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

As the term draws to a close and the festive season approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past few months and to thank you for the many ways you continue to support our school. The end of term is always a moment to pause, to celebrate achievements, and to look ahead with hope and purpose.

This term has been full of energy, learning, and growth. Across classrooms, Maths challenges, sports events, and musical performances, our pupils have shown responsibility, perseverance, and compassion. From academic progress and creative projects to sporting successes and acts of quiet compassion, there have been countless moments that remind us why education is such a powerful and privileged endeavour. I am immensely proud of how our children have embraced challenges, supported one another, and taken responsibility for their learning. All of these qualities are ones that our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl, Henry and Nancy, and our child of the term recipients, Talwasa and Veve, demonstrate in abundance.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, who continue to go above and beyond for the pupils in their care. Their professionalism, creativity, and commitment ensure that our school remains a place where children feel safe, inspired, and valued – this was highlighted by the children in a recent behaviour survey, where all children said they feel safe and happy in school. I am also grateful to you, our parents and carers, for your partnership, encouragement, and trust. Education works best when school and home work together, and your support makes a genuine difference every day.

On this note, I would like to thank you all for your dedication with school attendance. This academic year, we have achieved 96% attendance which is much higher than the national average of 93.99%, this is allowing the children at Ashbury to flourish academically and socially.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy being together. For our children, this is a chance to recharge, to read for pleasure, to play, and to return in the new year refreshed and ready for new opportunities. We look forward to welcoming them back with renewed enthusiasm and ambition.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Best wishes,
Mr Miller
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary...

Term 3 - 2025/2026		
Monday 5 th January		INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January		First Day of Term 3
Friday 9 th January		Young Voices, Birmingham
Wednesday 14 th January		Wayland Class to Pizza Express
Friday 16 th January	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Monday 19 th January	10:00	Police visit to discuss behaviour - Ashdown
Friday 23 rd January	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Friday 30 th January	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Friday 30 th January		Explorer Dome: Forces @ Pinewood (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 3 rd February		Swimming Gala at FCC – Ashdown
Friday 6 th February	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February		Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February		Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February		Valentines Disco (TBC)
Friday 13 th February	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Friday 13 th February		Last Day of Term 3
Monday 23 rd February		First Day of Term 4

Term 3 Clubs

The following clubs are now available to book on the parent app:

DATE	CLUB	TEACHER	AVAILABLE TO
TUESDAY	French	Miss Magill	Reception and KS1
WEDNESDAY	Sports	Mr Miller	Reception, KS1 and KS2
	Craft Club	Mrs Dunford	Reception, KS1 and KS2
THURSDAY	Playdough Club	Mrs Richards	Reception, KS1 and KS2

Key Safeguarding Contacts

As we are closed over the Christmas holidays, please refer to these contacts for any safeguarding concerns:

POLICE: 999

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 Help for adults concerned about a child
0800 1111 Help for children and young people

MASH: 0345 0507666 For all immediate safeguarding concerns

LADO Team: 01865 810603 Safeguarding concerns against a member of staff



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Tim Miller - Headteacher

Deputy DSL:

Roseanne Apps – Class Teacher



Deputy DSL:

Isobel Richards - Class Teacher

Trust Safeguarding Lead:

Lynne Hammond



lhammond@cambrianlt.org

Safeguarding Governor: Isobel Weller

Children of the Term



Introducing our Head Boy and Head Girl



Henry



Nancy

ATTENDANCE IS SO IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST CHANCE

NIMO
NOT IN MISS OUT!

- HELPS FRIENDSHIPS GROW
- DEVELOPS SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE
- BUILDS BELONGING & RESILIENCE
- LEADS TO BETTER OUTCOMES
- BOOSTS CONFIDENCE & INDEPENDENCE

UNDERSTANDING ATTENDANCE %
HOW MANY DAYS AND SESSIONS ARE LOST PER YEAR?

Days Lost	Percentage	Sessions Lost
0 DAYS	100%	0 SESSIONS
9 DAYS	95%	18 SESSIONS
19 DAYS	90%	38 SESSIONS
29 DAYS	85%	58 SESSIONS
38 DAYS	80%	76 SESSIONS

DID YOU KNOW? BEING JUST 5 MINUTES LATE PER DAY ADDS UP TO 3 DAYS A YEAR!

EVERY DAY COUNTS
CAMBRIAN



Services at St Mary's Church, Ashbury

Christmas Eve - 4pm - Crib Service
(a short family service where we put all the crib figures in place)

Christmas Day - 10.30am - Family Service for Christmas followed by holy communion

All very welcome!



Toys / Fidget Toys from Home

Can we please remind parents and children that toys (including fidget toys) from home are not allowed in school unless previously agreed with the SENCO or class teacher. Toys/fidget toys can be very disruptive during the school day and cause disagreements. Toys will be confiscated and returned to the child at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Help us Beat the Lost Property Mountain!

Our lost property boxes are overflowing, and most of the items have one thing in common – no names! Without labels, it's almost impossible to return belongings to their owners, and we'd love to change that.

Here's how you can help:

- Check and label every item of school uniform – jumpers, coats, PE kits, shoes, and even water bottles
- Refresh faded labels – a quick rewrite can make all the difference
- Use permanent markers or iron-on labels for a lasting solution

A named item is a found item! Taking a few minutes now saves time later and helps keep our school tidy and stress-free. If your child has lost something, remind them to check the lost property area.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep belongings where they belong!

ROVES FARM TRIP



Christmas Service



Christmas Fun





School Aged
Immunisation Service

Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Does your child still need a Flu Vaccination?

We are still vaccinating!



Follow the QR code / link
to consent for your child and make a
community clinic appointment

*If you've already filled in the consent form,
please book your appointment using the
reference number that was emailed to you from
school.immunisations@nhs.net when you consented*

**For more information visit
www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms**

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives you a child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to Playstation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which? PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.





**Ticket
£3 per
child**



COME AND SAY HELLO TO

Father Christmas

When we know you have booked your ticket we will make sure Father Christmas puts your name on his 'NICE' list and he will bring a special present just for you!



Friday
19th December
4.30 - 6pm
0 - 6 year olds



Saturday
20th December
11.30 - 1pm
7 - 12 year olds

Gift * Candyfloss * Christmas Music * Popcorn * Disco Lights

**** 1 Adult per Family ****

The Pumphouse Project

The Old Theatre, Swan Lane, Faringdon, SN7 7AF

Book Your Tickets:

Call: 01367 243 245 Email: info@thepumphouseproject.org.uk

abingdoneagles.com

CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL CAMP



For Boys & Girls Age 11-18

22 & 23 DECEMBER

headcoach@abingdoneagles.co.uk

Europa School, Culham

MORNINGS
09:30-12:30

AFTERNOONS
13:00-16:00

£20 per session
Siblings Go Free

Registration link

