

## Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp CE Primary School

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

*Our Christian Value this term is:*



# COURAGE

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord is with you wherever you go"*

*Joshua 1.9*



## *Welcome from your Head...*

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

This term we have been focusing on the Christian value of Courage across the school. The term started with the children identifying what they would like to achieve both this year and in the longer future. The children have then worked hard to understand it takes courage to make the first step to achieve their targets and that our actions can either encourage or discourage other people around us.

During this term we have seen so many examples of courage ranging from children competing in their first ever swimming gala to Mental Health Ambassadors showing courage to support other children. During National Holocaust Memorial Day, the children learnt about the courage shown from the victims and survivors.

I would like to extend a thank you to those of you who completed the parental survey last term. The feedback was immensely positive and we are so proud of the feedback we have received. We will also be open to listen to feedback and look for any further ways we can improve our fantastic school.

This term has come with changes to our curriculum. We have enhanced our History, Geography and Science curriculum and already the children are showing a greater knowledge and understanding of these subjects. It has been such a joy to visit classrooms and see the buzz of learning and curiosity for learning demonstrated by all. As well as this, we have updated our handwriting policy – more details of this can be found within the newsletter.

As the term draws to its conclusion, we look forward to celebrating Children's Mental Health week and inviting you all to join us for our Community Cake Sale on Thursday 12th February, as well as inviting you to join us for our Child of the Term Worship at 8:45 on Friday 13th February where we will be making an exciting announcement!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,  
Mr Miller

## Dates for the Diary...

Term 3 - 2025/2026		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February		Come as Yourself Day – Donate a Cake!
	14:00	Community ‘Bake a Difference’ Cake Sale
	17:00	Valentine’s Disco at the Village Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	08:45	Child of the Term Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Last Day of Term 3
Term 4 – 2025/2026		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 5/6 Mixed Football at FCC
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	TBC	Parents Evening
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	TBC	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	08:45	Celebration Worship – All Welcome!

### Term 4 Clubs

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

DATE	CLUB	TEACHER	AVAILABLE TO
TUESDAY	French Club	Miss Magill	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Sports Club	Mr Miller	All ages (exc. preschool)
WEDNESDAY	Reading & Homework Club	Mr Miller	All ages (exc. reception and preschool)
	Times Tables Rock Stars Club (lunchtimes)	Miss Maundrell	All ages – no enrolment required
THURSDAY	SATs Club	Mrs Apps	Year 6

### Key Safeguarding Contacts

**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](mailto:lhammond@cambrianlt.org)

**Safeguarding Governor:** Isobel Weller

**POLICE:** 999

**NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000  
0800 1111

Help for adults concerned about a child  
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**



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## Why is regular attendance so important?

- Regular school attendance is essential to give pupils the best opportunities in life
- Good attendance means a pupil is less likely to fall behind with their work. Any absence affects the pattern of a pupils successful schooling and will seriously affect their learning
- Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could be less likely to be involved in antisocial behaviour or crime

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and result in prosecution.

Below is a table which explains the amount of learning missed in relation to the attendance percentage. Over the next few weeks, we will be in contact with any families where we have attendance concerns to see how we can work together. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We thank you for your ongoing support to ensure strong attendance.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 weeks	36 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	76 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	116 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	152 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	192 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	228 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	268 Lessons

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## *Handwriting*

We have recently moved to a new style of handwriting.

In 2025 the DFE produced the Writing Framework, and reported 'If handwriting is not fluent, it can hinder children's composition, reduce motivation and prevent others understanding what has been written'. We now use a letter break joining style (examples below) as 'The Cognitive Psychology of Literacy Teaching' states, this can allow children to think more carefully about their spelling and allows regular intervals to reset.

mirror      passes  
fluffy      dizzy

Vibrant stars appeared and they  
enjoyed a quick sixty second doze.

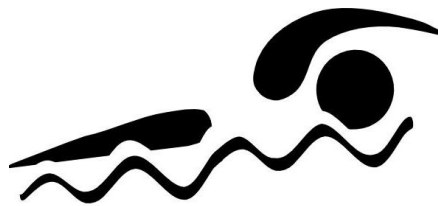
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## School Timings

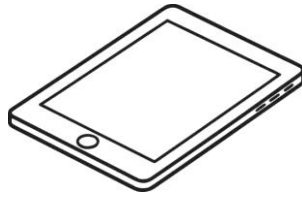
Thank you all for your support in arriving to school promptly, following our correspondence earlier this term. Please may we remind you, the school day begins at **8:30**, when the gates open. This is when children should be at school. Teachers will take their classes into school before 8:35 for early morning activities. These activities are an important part of your child's learning and include: handwriting, spelling, times tables practice and responding to feedback from previous lessons.

The school gate closes at 8:35 and any children who arrive after this time will need to be signed in at the front office, by an accompanying adult.



## Swimming Gala Success!

Last week, Mr Miller was privileged to take our school's Swimming team to a Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at FCC, as part of the Cambrian Learning Trust's Enrichment opportunities. For many of our swimmers, this was their first time swimming competitively and they truly rose to the challenge. A special mention to Noah in Ridgeway, who was competing against children 3 school years older than himself. After some really close races, which included Henry winning the Butterfly race, our boys' team finished just outside of the top 3 schools. Our girls' team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after some superb swimming! Unfortunately, we were a team member short but this did not stop the girls, who all swam more races than they were expected to. The morning was a true example of how we are 'United Together'.



### Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people and adults to think carefully about how we use the online world and digital technology. It's a useful prompt to refresh conversations about online safety, wellbeing and responsible digital behaviour.

Theme for 2026: Smart tech, safe choices - exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences. The emphasis is on helping young people develop confidence, critical thinking and good judgement when using digital tools, rather than fear or restriction.

For schools, Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to:

- reinforce existing online safety messages
- encourage open, age-appropriate conversations about AI and digital decision-making
- remind staff and families that online safety is an ongoing safeguarding responsibility, not a one-off lesson

Safer Internet Day 2026 notes the importance of young people in making the internet a safer place, whether they are gaming, creating content, or engaging with their friends and followers.

#### **Resources for online safety:**

Useful resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

Top tips for parents and carers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Top tips for children and young people:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

You can find more information here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

## Calling all Parents and Carers!

**Do you have a job you love talking about?**

**Want to inspire the next generation?**

We're thrilled to be bringing back our **Careers Lunches**, and we'd love *you* to be part of them!

Every Friday, children will enjoy their lunch while discovering the amazing world of work — hearing real stories, asking questions, and learning about all the different paths their futures could take. From creative careers to hands-on jobs, big ideas to everyday heroes, every role has the power to inspire.

If you'd be happy to come along and share your experiences, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Miller.

Let's open their eyes to what's possible!



We are very proud to announce that we are **4<sup>th</sup>** in the leaderboard out of 30 nearby schools on TTRS! Our mean studio speed is 3.24 seconds per question – that's incredible!

Please keep encouraging your child to practice at home and get to 1<sup>st</sup> place!

# IS YOUR CHILD A YOUNG CARER?

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE TO DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AT HOME?

LOOK AFTER A  
SIBLING

LOOK AFTER SOMEONE  
WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
ISSUES

LOOK AFTER SOMEONE  
WITH AN ILLNESS

LOOK AFTER SOMEONE  
WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL  
ADDICTION

LOOK AFTER SOMEONE  
WITH A DISABILITY

Not all heroes  
wear capes!

MANY YOUNG CARERS GO UNNOTICED

WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND OFFER  
SUPPORT

CONTACT US ON 01793 710259 / [OFFICE@ASH.CAMBRIANLT.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@ASH.CAMBRIANLT.ORG)  
OR FIND OUT MORE AT [BEFRECYC.ORG.UK](http://BEFRECYC.ORG.UK)



## 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!

**THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**

**COME AS  
YOURSELF DAY**



Place2Be's  
**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**  
9-15  
FEB  
2026

**...and donate a cake!**



# COMMUNITY CAKE SALE



**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2PM - 3PM**

**ASHBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Bake a Difference!*

**[WWW.CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK)**

ASHBURY & COMPTON BEAUCHAMP  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT:

# THE VALENTINE'S DISCO

A BFF  
Dance Party

12TH FEB  
5PM-6.30PM



TICKETS £5 EACH  
AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST  
INCLUDES FREE SQUASH & SNACK

ASHBURY VILLAGE HALL

GUEST ARTIST  
**DJ CUPID**  
*in da house!*

