



# Ashill VC Primary School Newsletter



Tel: 01760 440403

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

[www.ashillschool.co.uk](http://www.ashillschool.co.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers

As there's lots happening, this is an extra BONUS newsletter to share some information regarding the final week and a half of term. Our last newsletter will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Firstly, a big thank you for your patience, these past few weeks. In the absence of Mrs Butters, who is now all recovered and back to work, it's been a very busy time (summer term always is!) with lots of staff 'doubling up' their roles to cover the office duties. We apologise if things haven't been as smooth. Our particular thanks to Mrs Borgars and Mrs Elvin for their support during this busy time.

## **Clockwork Sports – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Please can all children come to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July in their P.E. kits. We will be doing a whole school sports event on the field that morning. Please note this is just for the children, giving them a chance to work with children across the different classes, which all supports the transition process for next year.

## **Transition Week – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July to Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July**

As with any small school, where there are mixed aged classes, transition from one class to another is a big thing for both children and adults. For many, you have had two years of stability in one class, knowing the classroom and its' routines but a change can inevitably have some people feeling anxious.

With some of the 'big' moves, such as moving from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 moving to high school, a lot has already been happening to support your child, including visit, group activities and lots of conversations around 'moving on'.

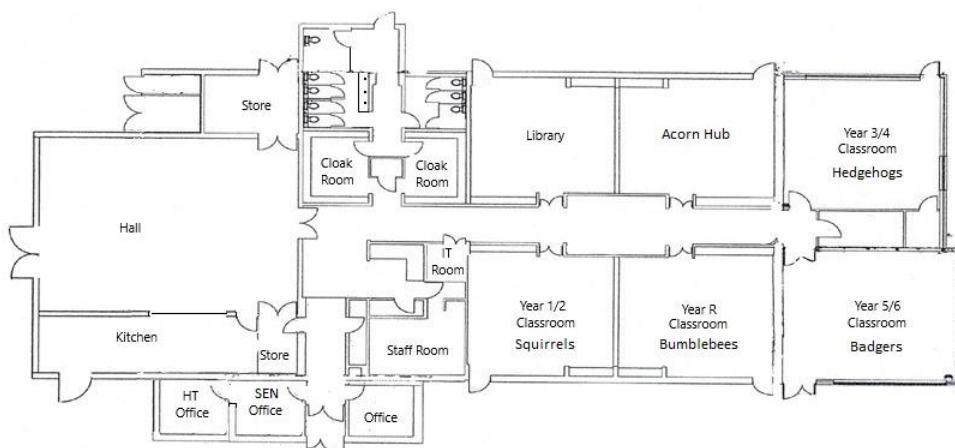
Since the pandemic, and following consultation with yourselves a few years ago now, we go beyond what most primary schools do and offer a 'transition week', which begins on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The week will run for four days, including Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, just for the final day, all classes will return to their former rooms and the staff. We hope this doesn't confuse them, but it's an ideal chance to be with their old class one final time and an opportunity to celebrate the year, particularly with our leavers service being that morning in church.

In this week, the children will effectively move to their new class, as if it were September. This means working with the new staff, possibly a different year group and being in the actual classroom for next year. The aim of this is to ease any worries they may have for September.

## Where's my child going to be?

The good news is, there are no plans to change rooms. Here are where the classes are for next year:



## Bumblebee Class (New Year R)

There are no major changes to the staffing in Bumblebees next year. The only thing to be aware of is that Mrs Carter (our Bumblebee teaching assistant) remains unwell and it's unknown if or when she will be returning at this stage. We naturally wish her all the best.

The following staff will be in Bumblebee Class next year:



**Mrs Hooper**  
(Class Teacher Mon-Wed)



**Mr Boote**  
(Class Teacher Thurs-Fri)



**Mrs Mower**  
(Teaching Assistant)



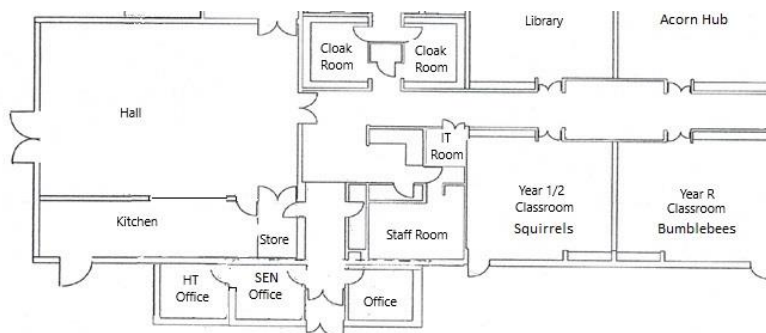
**Mrs Baker**  
(Teaching Assistant – am only)

The transition times for our new reception are as follows:

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1:30-2:45pm with Mrs Hooper and Mr Boote
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1:30-2:45pm with Mr Boote
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:30-2:45pm with Mr Boote
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1:30-2:45pm with Mrs Hooper and Mr Boote

The children don't need to be in uniform yet – this can wait until September, so your child can come in clothes they feel comfortable in and don't forget to bring a water bottle.

At the beginning of these sessions, please bring your child to the hall doors, which are shown on the map. We'd always encourage a 'swift' handover, to reduce any anxieties.



At the end of the session, please collect your child from the same place you dropped off. Please be patient as we get to know who all the parents are!

## Squirrel Class (New Year 1 & 2)

The following staff will be in Squirrel Class next year:



**Mrs Boote**  
(Class Teacher)



**Mrs Ormes**  
(Teaching Assistant)



There are no changes to the way Squirrel class are dropped off and collected at the end of the day. Therefore, children can be dropped off in the playground, where they will use the back door to the cloakrooms/toilets.

At the end of the day, your child will be brought to the school hall doors to collect.

### **Hedgehog Class (New Year 3 & 4)**

The following staff will be in Hedgehog Class next year:



**Mrs Filby**  
(Class Teacher)



**Mr Brown**  
(HLTA Tues-Fri)



**Mrs Bell**  
(Teaching Assistant – Mon)



**Mrs Broadbear**  
(Teaching Assistant Wed-Fri pms)

The children will arrive and leave by the cloakroom back door. Parents can wait in the playground for their child.

### **Badger Class (New Year 5 & 6)**

The following staff will be in Badger Class next year:



**Mrs Thornhill**  
(Class Teacher Mon-Thurs)



**Mr Gooch**  
(Class Teacher - Fri)



**Mrs Bell**  
(Teaching Assistant – Tues)



**Mrs Grigg**  
(HLTA Mon-Tues)



**Mrs Broadbear**  
(Teaching Assistant Wed-Fri am)

As in Hedgehog class, the children will arrive and leave by the cloakroom door in the playground.

### **The Acorn Hub (Mixed Ages)**

For those who are not aware, our Acorn Hub is an alternative provision hub, supporting children with a variety of individual needs across our school. Some children access this hub at specific times of the day and others more often. The following staff will be in the Acorn Hub next year:



**Miss Wooldridge**  
(HLTA)



**Mrs Baker**  
(Teaching Assistant – pm's)



**Miss Elvin**  
(Teaching Assistant – am's)

## Year 6

### Pleasurewood Hills Trip

All the Year 6s that are leaving this year are off to Pleasurewood Hills on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July. We aim to leave at 9:00am and hopefully be back by 4:15pm at the latest, as we know there is a high school event that evening that affects quite a few of you.



### Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July to Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July

On the days that the current Year 6's are in school, they will be based in the school library. They can bring their coats/bags to this room for the day.

They will be taught by:

Thurs: Mr Creasey  
Fri: (across the school – please wear Forest School clothes)  
Mon: Mrs Grigg

### Forest School Sessions – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

Some classes, along with Year 6, will be accessing the forest school with Mrs Fenwick on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please make sure the children wear their usual forest school clothes and have their wellies still in school, if required.

Session 1 (a.m.): Hedgehog Class (New Year 3 & 4)

Session 2 (a.m.): Squirrel Class (New Year 1 & 2)

Session 3 (p.m.): Badger Class (New Year 5 & 6)



### Whole School Drop In – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Do come and join us for a 'drop in' on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This will be an opportunity for parents to come and see your (new) class teacher and see how they've been getting on during the transition week.

### P.E. Days (from Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July until the end of term)

Please come in P.E. kits on the following days:

Squirrel Class (New Year 1 & 2): Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July

Hedgehog Class (New Year 3 & 4): (stay in uniform for the week)

Badger Class (New Year 5 & 6): Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July



### Leavers Service and Prize Giving

Just to remind you that the Leaver's Service for Year 6 (and the headteacher!) is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9:30am at St. Nicholas Church. We will also be including our annual prize giving, where awards are given to children in each class.



Following a suggestion in the recent parent survey, we will be letting you know in advance if your child is receiving an award.



### And some exciting news for Mrs Thornhill...

With Mrs Thornhill's permission, we're letting you know nice and early, that Mrs Thornhill is expecting a baby, which is due in January. All being well Charlotte plans to be with us for the autumn term, taking the rest of the year off, with a view to returning at the end of the summer term. We wish her well over the next few months ahead. We will look into a temporary replacement for Charlotte when we return in September.

### Bring a bag...

And finally, with books coming home and various things that might be lingering in the children's trays, please could you bring in a bag or two from Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

