



Ashill VC Primary School Newsletter



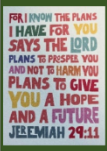
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A belated welcome back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back over the last couple of weeks and see the school once again filled with the energy, enthusiasm and curiosity of our children. A new school year always brings fresh opportunities, and we are excited about all that lies ahead for our school family.

Ashill VC Primary			
An inclusive school family where every child is nurtured to grow and thrive, be confident in showing their strengths and achieve their ambitions in the world.			
Our Vision	Included	Thriving	Achieving
Our expectation	Safe	Positive	Learning
			
Our values	Responsibility	Respect	Resilience
 Your job	Follow instructions straight away.	Show respect for yourself, everyone and everything.	Try everything to the best of your ability.

At the heart of everything we do is our school vision, inspired by **Jeremiah 29:11**:

“to create an inclusive school family where every child is nurtured to grow and thrive, be confident in showing their strengths and achieve their ambitions in the world.”

This year, we will continue to bring this vision to life through our three school values:

Responsibility, Respect and Resilience.

We want our children to understand what these values look like not only in their learning, but also in their relationships, their choices and the contribution they make to our school and wider community.

Children achieve their best when school and home work together, and we greatly value the knowledge, encouragement and support that parents and carers bring. We want Ashill to be a school where families feel included, listened to and able to work in genuine partnership with us.

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for you to join us, share in school life and support your child's learning and development.

We are proud of our place within the local community and particularly value our close relationship with the **Parish of St Nicholas**. These links provide our children with opportunities to understand their community, contribute to it and recognise that they are part of something bigger than themselves.

One of our first opportunities to celebrate this connection is our **Harvest Art** project, details of which you will find later in this newsletter. We would love as many children as possible to take part – a lovely opportunity for our children's creativity to contribute to the life of the parish.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a positive year of learning, growing and achieving together, with every member of our Ashill school family playing their part.

With best wishes

Dan Pickard
Headteacher

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

COFFEE morning

♥ ALL WELCOME ♥



RAISING FUNDS FOR
**BADGER
CLASS**



PLEASE SEND
YOUR CHILD IN
WITH **50p**
ON THE DAY



♥ ALL DONATIONS GREAT FULLY RECEIVED ♥



NO NUTS PLEASE



Badger Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September

For those who are new to the school, during the year each class will host a coffee morning, which is run by the Friends of Ashill School from the school hall. The idea is that parents/carers of the chosen class will either bake or purchase cakes/biscuits to sell at the coffee morning. All money raised goes directly to the class to purchase what they would like.

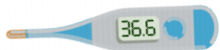


Every child in the school will attend the coffee morning and they simply need to bring 50p in on the day, which will enable them to buy a cake/biscuit and a drink. All parents, carers, grandparents and family of the school are welcome to come and have a drink, cake and chat. We've provided you with times below to help you know when your child is likely to be there. After they've had their cake and drink, they will then return to class.

8.55am Badger Class
9.05am Bumblebee Class
9.15am Hedgehog Class
9.25am Squirrel Class

Adults are welcome to come in from around 8:55am this will allow us to register the children and ensure that the first class is down on time or simply arrive around the time your child is likely to be there - we don't mind either way.

Illness



Last year our attendance in school was greatly affected by illnesses across the school, particularly over the winter period. Just to remind you that if your child is not well, please phone the school office in the morning to let us know. You can also email or phone if you're unsure what to do. As a school, we have guidance regarding different illnesses and whether being in or out of school is advised.

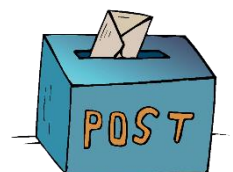
Please remember, we're quite happy for children to come into school if they are suffering from cold symptoms (coughs, sneezes and blocked noses). However, we'd always advise if your child has a fever or particularly high temperature, to stay off school until this has improved. Generally we have a 48 hour sickness rule, meaning if your child has been sick, they cannot return to school for two days. There can be some flexibility in this depending on times that this has happened, so please do check with us.

Medication

We do allow most types of medication to be administered in school but in order for us to do this, you'll need to fill in a medication form. The form is available at the school office or on our website under 'parent information'.

Post box

If you're dropping a note, letter or reply slip into the school office and there isn't a member of staff there, don't forget we have a post box located near the inner entrance doors for you to use. There are some envelopes and a pen available too, should you need them.



HARVEST ART

Help decorate our local church!

We are inviting all children to create a special piece of artwork inspired by **Farming** and **Harvest**.

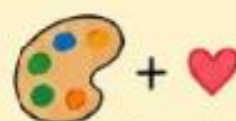
Your entry can be:



A picture



A prayer



Or a combination
of both

Think about:



Farming



Harvest
time



Giving
thanks



Nature and
God's creation



Our local
community

Deadline

Please give all artwork to your teacher by
Tuesday 29th September.

Selected artwork will be displayed
in the local church.

We can't wait to see
your wonderful creations!



Included.
Thriving.
Achieving.



Celebration Assembly
11th September 2026

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Head Teacher Award



The attendance winners are:

Bumblebee Class 99.4%

2nd
Hedgehog Class 98.5%

3rd
Badger Class 97.5%

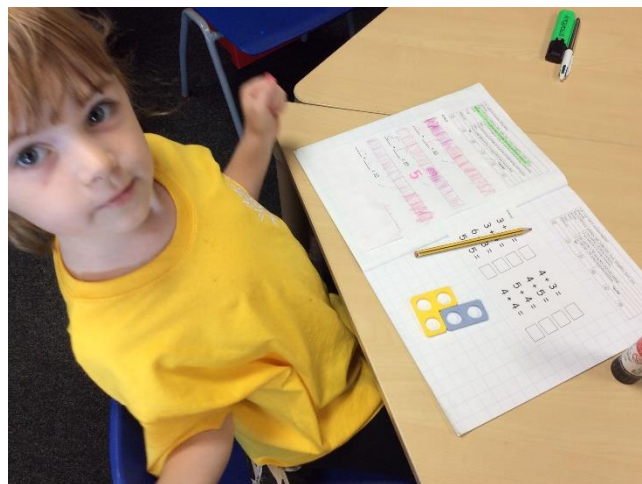
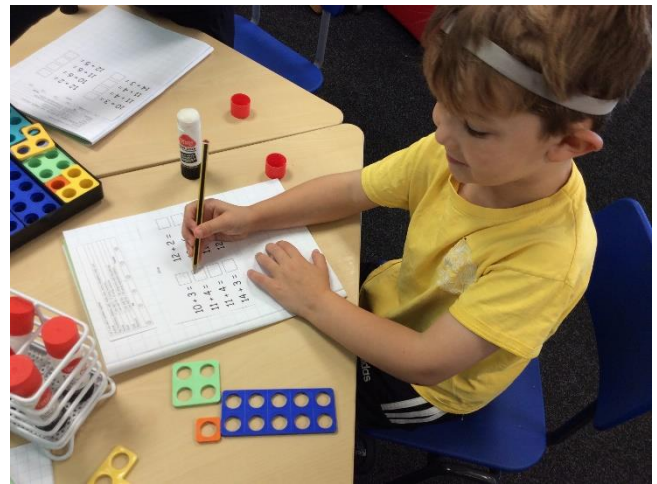
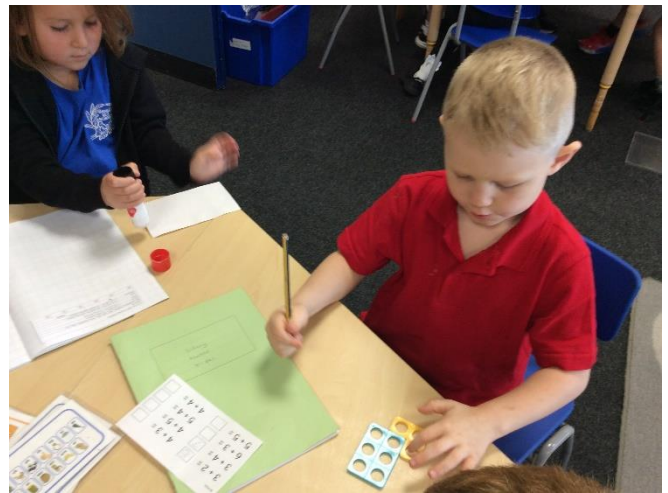
4th
Squirrel Class 97%

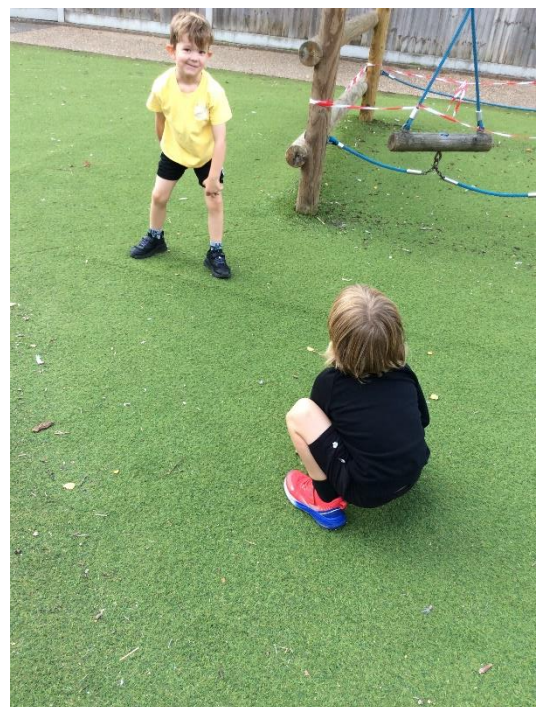
Overall Attendance (so far this year):

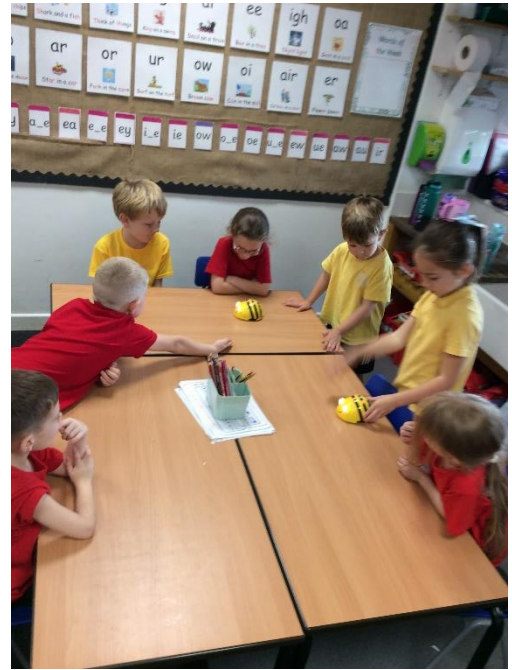
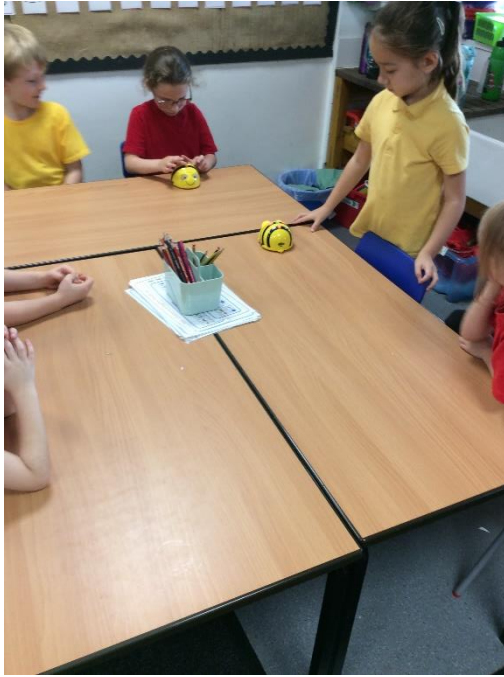
97.5%

What's Been Happening?

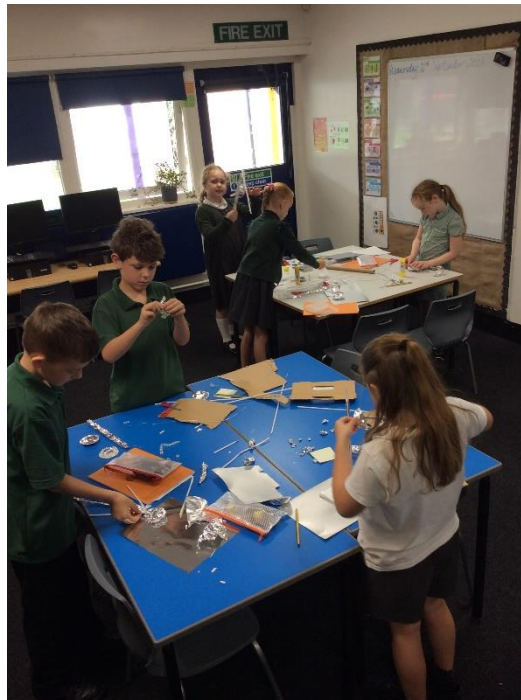
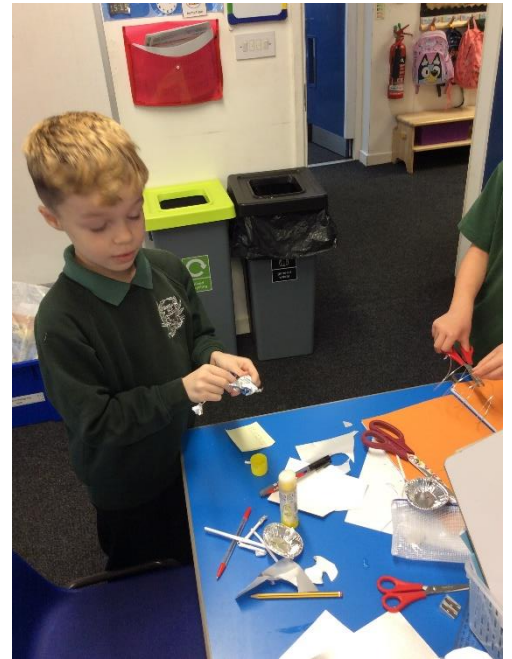














ICS COACHING

LIGHTS, CAMERA, GET ACTIVE!

COMPLETELY FREE!

SPORT PEOPLE ACTION FUN!

SAME GAMES A BRIGHTER STORY

PLAY LEARN BE YOURSELF ON CAMERA!

GOOD MOVES BRIGHTER FUTURES

A fun filmed PE session with coaches Matt & Joe

Wednesday 23 September 2026

5:00pm – 6:15pm

Years 4, 5 & 6

The Inspire Arena

All abilities welcome

EXCLUSIVE ATTENDEE PERKS

20% off a birthday party or group event booking

20% off an upcoming holiday activity day

PARENTS: BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/6aa29b9f731fd5fd84740c06>



FILMING: Parent or guardian permission required. Cameras will be present throughout. Selected footage may be used as educational content on the ICS Education Platform.

An ICS Coaching Event. Not organised by any Primary School. Please contact us direct for any questions.

Kids



Norfolk
County Council

Old Buckenham

In Person Workshops
Tuesday 29th September

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Tuesday 6th October

Behaviour

Tuesday 13th October

Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Thursday 20th October

Parental Resilience

10.30am – 12.30pm

Old Buckenham Village Hall

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Old Buckenham
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more info



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