

NEWSLETTER

5th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and successful term, with our children demonstrating our values of Kindness First and Effort Always whilst embracing our READY expectations every day; we hope you enjoy reading about the achievements, opportunities and experiences that continue to make our academy such a positive place to learn, grow and succeed.

Halloween Disco

Get ready for a spook-tacular disco of fun and frightfully good costumes at our Halloween Discos!

Year 3 & 4: Tuesday 3rd November

Year 5 & 6: Wednesday 4th November

 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Tickets are **£2** and can be purchased via ParentPay. Children should bring their Halloween costume to school and will have time to change before the disco begins.

There will also be spooky sweet cones available for £1!  

We can't wait to see all our little ghosts, ghouls, witches and wizards dressed in their amazing costumes. There will be a prize for the creepiest costume, so get planning your most spooktacular look!

It's sure to be a fang-tastic celebration that you won't want to miss!

If you would like to volunteer to help setting up the discos please let the office know, we would really appreciate your support.

Mansfield Palace Theatre Trip

We are delighted to share some exciting news. We have secured tickets for the school to attend a performance of Cinderella at the Mansfield Palace Theatre on Thursday 26th November at 1:15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience the magic of live theatre and enjoy a memorable cultural experience together. To make this event accessible to all pupils, the school is subsidising part of the ticket cost and funding the coach transport. We are thrilled to be able to offer this special enrichment opportunity and look forward to sharing further details with families in the coming weeks.

Uniform Reminder

As we move through the term, we would like to remind all families of the importance of children attending school in full academy uniform each day, including the correct academy PE kit on PE days. A consistent approach to uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, pride and readiness to learn across our school community.

We would also ask parents and carers to ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, jumpers, cardigans and PE kits, are clearly labelled with their child's name. Our lost property collection is continuing to grow, and many items cannot be returned to their owners because they are not named. Your support in labelling belongings is greatly appreciated and helps us reunite lost items with children quickly and efficiently.

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Punctuality Reminder

At our academy, every minute of learning counts. Arriving at school on time helps children settle positively into the day, take part in important morning learning activities and develop good habits that support future success.

We would like to remind families that the school day begins promptly, and children should be in school ready to learn for 8:30am. Any child arriving after 8:30am will receive a late mark. Any child arriving after 9:00am will be recorded as a U code, which means they do not receive a mark for the morning session. This can have a significant impact on overall attendance figures and may affect a child's attendance record.

We appreciate the challenges that occasional circumstances may present, but ask all families to support us in ensuring children arrive on time each day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maximise learning time for every child.

Community Litter Pick with Ashfield District Council

We are delighted to be welcoming Ashfield District Council into school on 14th October at 1:15pm to lead a litter pick with our children and their parents/carers. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to work together to help care for our local environment and promote pride in our community.

Places are limited to 30 participants, and all children must be accompanied by a parent or carer in order to take part. As the event may be photographed for promotional purposes, we will require photography permissions from all participants. To join in the fun please contact the office.

If you would like to continue making a difference in your local area, there is also an opportunity to become an Environmental Volunteer with Ashfield District Council. Volunteers can collect a free high-visibility vest and litter picker from the leisure centre, helping to keep our community clean throughout the year.

To find out more and register as a volunteer, please visit:

Volunteering opportunities - Ashfield District Council

<https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/jobs-training-and-careers/volunteering-opportunities/>

We look forward to working together to make a positive impact on our local environment.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Bennett
Principal