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As we move into the final few weeks of the school year, and the summer holidays now just around the corner, we're making the most of every moment left together.

This week, our Year 6 pupils have begun their transition visits to high school — an important and exciting step as they prepare for the next stage in their educational journey. They have approached this milestone with enthusiasm and maturity, and we're incredibly proud of them.

Yesterday's *Moving Up Day* was a great success across the school. Children enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms, meeting their teachers for next year, and getting a feel for what lies ahead. We are confident the day helped to ease any nerves and build excitement for September.

Although the end of term is in sight, we still have plenty to look forward to. Several school trips are taking place over the next two weeks, giving pupils the chance to enjoy enriching and memorable experiences with their classmates. Year 6 are counting down the days to their much-anticipated residential trip — a highlight of their final year at primary school!

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make these last couple of weeks both fun and memorable for all our pupils.

Important Announcement: Ashleigh is Going Nut-Free From September

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we are writing to inform you that from the start of the new school year in September, we will be a completely nut-free school.



This decision has been made due to a growing number of children in our school who have severe nut allergies. For these pupils, contact with nuts or nut products can trigger a life-



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threatening reaction. As a school community, we have a responsibility to create a safe environment for every child, and this policy is a crucial step in achieving that.

What Does a Nut-Free School Mean?

To protect our pupils with allergies, we are asking for the cooperation of all parents and carers to ensure that no nuts or nut products are brought into school. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Packed Lunches:** Please do not include items such as peanut butter sandwiches, nut-based chocolate spreads (like Nutella), or snacks containing whole nuts.
- **Snacks:** Many cereal bars, granola bars, and biscuits contain nuts. Please check the packaging of all snack items carefully.
- **Cakes and Bakes:** We kindly request that any cakes or treats brought in for birthdays or other celebrations are nut-free.
- **Sauces and Dips:** Some food products, such as satay sauce, contain nuts. Please be mindful of this when preparing your child's lunch.

Checking Food Labels

We understand that this will require an extra level of vigilance from our families. Most pre-packaged foods have a clear ingredients list. Please make a habit of checking this for any mention of nuts.

It is important to note that we are also asking parents to avoid products that state they "may contain nuts" or "are made in a factory that handles nuts." While the risk of cross-contamination is lower, we must take every possible precaution to prevent an allergic reaction at school.



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Safe and Healthy Alternatives

We encourage you to consider these healthy and safe snack options for your child's lunchbox:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Yoghurts
- Cheese sticks or cubes
- Raisins and other dried fruits
- Rice cakes or plain crackers with cheese or a seed butter (e.g., sunflower seed butter)

Our Commitment to a Safe School

We appreciate that this new policy will require a period of adjustment for our families. Your support and understanding are vital in helping us to protect the most vulnerable members of our school community. By working together, we can create a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone.

Should you have any questions regarding this new policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Matthews



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Summer Holiday Club's

Please see the school notice board for information about Sportscool Holiday Clubs and Kidsland Holiday Clubs. This includes what's on and how to book.

Lost Property

Every day next week, or until everything is claimed, there will be a table of lost property items, in the hall, after school. Please assess the hall by the kitchen door.



KS2 Athletics Team Shines at Witton Park!

What an unforgettable evening of sporting excellence at Witton Park! Under glorious sunny skies, our KS2 Ashleigh Athletics team delivered an outstanding performance that we'll be proud of for a long time to come.

From powerful individual events to truly electrifying relay races, our athletes showed incredible **teamwork, speed, resilience, and determination**. Their energy and enthusiasm were matched only by the brilliant sportsmanship they showed throughout the event — a real credit to Ashleigh.

We're thrilled to share that **we reached 14 out of 16 finals**, an amazing achievement in itself. Even more impressively, we **medalled in 7 of those finals**, bringing home a mix of **gold and silver**. To top it all off, **Ashleigh finished an impressive 3rd overall** out of all the schools in Darwen - a testament to the talent and effort of our young athletes.

Every single child gave their all and represented Ashleigh Primary School in a way that made us immensely proud.



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A huge **thank you** to our **fantastic staff** who gave up their time and brought their passion for sport to this event - your dedication makes moments like this possible.

Well done, Team Ashleigh! You've done yourselves — and your school — proud.



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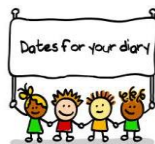
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Year 6 Winmarleigh Residential	Monday 7 th - Wednesday 9 th July	
Year 3 Trip <u>Science and Industry Museum Manchester</u>	Thursday 10 th July	
Reception Class - Wensley Fold Picnic	Tuesday 15 th July	
Violin and Guitar performace	Wednesday 16 th July	
Year 1 and Year 1 / 2 Trip	Friday 18 th July	
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Monday 21 st July	9.30am
School closes	Tuesday 22 nd July	1pm



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