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As the week draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to Monday when we'll begin to say goodbye and look back at the incredible journey our amazing Year 6 children have taken through Ashleigh. (Even though they still have Tuesday to go afterward!)

They've worked so hard, grown in so many ways, and achieved so much. Each of them has brought something unique to our school, and we'll celebrate their successes with great pride at the special leavers' assembly on Monday morning.

Throughout their time here, they've shown resilience, curiosity, and a thirst for knowledge. They've tackled challenges head-on, supported each other through thick and thin, and grown into thoughtful, caring, and capable young people.

Our children are fortunate to have such supportive and encouraging parents, which is a crucial part of their success. Thank you for entrusting us with their education and for being our partners in their learning journey.

Our dedicated staff, who nurture our children, challenge them to reach their potential, and provide a safe and stimulating environment where they can thrive, never fail to amaze me.

The awards which will be presented on Monday, represent more than just academic achievement. They symbolize growth, effort, and the unique contributions each child has made to our school community. Whether you receive an award for academic excellence, sportsmanship, creativity, or kindness, know that you have all made us incredibly proud.

As you move on to the next chapter of your education, take with you the lessons you've learned at Ashleigh. Continue to be curious, continue to be kind, and never stop striving for your best. You will always be part of the Ashleigh family, and we look forward to hearing about the incredible things you do.

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff



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Music in the Making!

On the 10th July, we had a very special visit from Darwen School of Music, who came into school to work with our amazing Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils. Led by Paul Stuart Davies and joined by Oliver Yates, one of our talented former pupils, the children had the incredible opportunity to record a brand new song titled "Begin 2 Sing"!



It was truly inspiring to hear the vocals recorded by our children - the song is sounding fantastic, and we can't wait for its release later this year!

A huge thank you to Paul and the team at Darwen School of Music for making this experience possible, especially for giving Ashleigh this fantastic opportunity. The children had an unforgettable time, and we're really looking forward to working with you all again.



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Sticker Sale

Year 4, Bees class, raised an amazing £170 for Epilepsy UK through their sticker sale. Thanks to everyone that supported this, we hope you are enjoying your stickers!



School meal increase

Please be aware that from September, the cost of school meals will be increasing to **£2.70 per day**. We believe this still represents excellent value, as our meals continue to be nutritious, freshly prepared, and delicious - helping to support your child's health and wellbeing throughout the school day.

If your child is going into Year 3 when we return in September, please note they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If they would like to have school dinners the cost will be £13.50 a week and should be paid via ParentPay.

Please can parents check that their ParentPay account is up to date before we finish for the summer holidays.



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Year 6 PGL Trip - Winmarleigh Hall

That's a wrap for our amazing Year 6s on their residential adventure to Winmarleigh! What a fantastic few days it's been — full of challenges, new experiences, team spirit, and memories that will last a lifetime.

The children truly pushed themselves, supported one another, and showed incredible resilience and positivity throughout. They've been brilliant role models for Ashleigh Primary and made us all proud.



A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make this trip possible — your dedication and care mean the world.

As we head into the final days of term, we look forward to making even more special memories with this wonderful Year 6 class as they prepare for their next exciting chapter.



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Drowning Prevention - stay safe near water from The Lancashire Water Safety Partnership



When the warm weather hits, please don't be tempted to cool off by jumping into open water, particularly from height -

- The water is colder than it looks, even on a warm evening or sunny day
- This can lead to cold water shock
- Currents may be stronger than they look and even hidden
- There are often hidden dangers beneath the surface and water can be polluted

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

- **Call** 999;
- **Tell them** not to panic and, if they can't stand, to float on their back in a starfish shape. When calmer, encourage them towards you.
- **Throw** them something that floats or a throw/life line
- You can find really good practical water safety advice for all different situations from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and partner organisations by clicking on this link [Water Safety | Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service \(lancsfireandrescue.org.uk\)](https://lancsfireandrescue.org.uk)



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Staff News

As we reach the end of term on Tuesday and prepare for the summer break, we have two valued members of our staff who will be leaving the Ashleigh Primary family.

We extend our warmest wishes and a fond farewell to Miss Walsh, who has been an important part of our team since February 2023. We are incredibly excited for her as she embarks on the wonderful journey of welcoming a new baby. We will miss her greatly and send her all our love and best wishes for this special new chapter!

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to Miss Taylor, who has been an integral part of Ashleigh Primary since October 2022. We are immensely grateful for her dedication and hard work during her time with us, and particularly for the wonderful support she has provided to the children she has worked with. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role and future endeavours. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike!



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Year 6 Leavers assembly and award ceremony (invite only)	Monday 21 st July	9.15am
School closes	Tuesday 22 nd July	1pm
School Reopens	Monday 1 st September	8.50am



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