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January has flown by, bringing both wintry disruption and wonderful learning moments. The heavy snowfall earlier this month may have closed the school for a day, but it didn't dampen our children's enthusiasm. They have returned with great focus, embracing new challenges and engaging in exciting projects—including fantastic work on recycling and sustainability.

Despite the damp weather, our outdoor learning sessions have continued, with children enjoying hands-on experiences in nature. As we move into February, we look forward to more opportunities for learning, growth, and fun. Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

YOUNG VOICES

The choir of approximately 50 children will be attending the Co-op Arena next Thursday, 6th February, to sing with a choir of children from the North West.



It's always an awe-inspiring event to take part in and we hope the children thoroughly enjoy themselves. Thanks to the many parents who are travelling to Manchester to see the concert and support the children. Thank you also to Mrs Hartley for arranging for the children to attend this fantastic event.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

As you are aware, we are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 7th February where children can Dress up for Digits, in return for a donation of £1 or more.



Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it e.g. a football shirt, cap, netball shirt etc or children could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme - for example a dice, dominoes or a calculator!



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SPORTSCOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

A reminder that there will be a holiday club, run by Sportscool, in February half term, Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February, from 8.30am - 4.30pm. If you would like to book a place for your child, please click the link

<https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk>

THE DOG HOUSE

The programme makers of the BAFTA-nominated Channel 4 series, **The Dog House**, described as one of the most heart-warming programmes on TV, are starting the search again for people who can offer a loving home to a rescue dog, they have asked that we share this information with our school families:



"In previous series, we found that there were many reasons people might consider bringing a rescue dog into their life; to help combat loneliness, extra company for a child, to encourage getting out more. For children specifically, having a dog in your home has been proven to help with social skills and impulse control, and even improve self-esteem. Dogs are always happy to see you when you get home from school, and their love is unconditional - the ideal confidant and an ever-willing playmate! We would love to highlight some of these benefits and wondered if any members of your school might be interested in applying, or simply find out more with no pressure to take part".

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Please follow this link to apply:

[The Dog House | Channel 4](#) or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk



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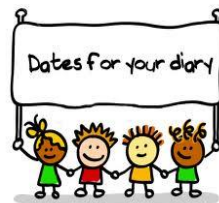
BOYS FOOTBALL NEWS

What an incredible season it has been for our Boys' Football Team. From the very first game, the team has demonstrated exceptional courage, determination, and, above all, outstanding teamwork. These qualities have led to impressive victories against several highly skilled teams across Darwen. Week after week, the boys have given their all, representing Ashleigh with pride and sportsmanship.

In their final game of the season, the results were: Ashleigh 6 - St. James Lower Darwen 0, Ashleigh 3 - Belmont 1. This remarkable performance has earned them a well-deserved 4th place finish in the league. Well done, boys!

A huge thank you to our supportive parents, whose unwavering commitment and enthusiasm, braving the weather each week to cheer on the team, has made all the difference.

Mr. Matthews and the entire Ashleigh Staff



Reception Class Chinese Lunch	Friday 31 st January	
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 7 th February	
Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip (Half of class)	Thursday 13 th February	
Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip (Half of class)	Friday 14 th February	
School Closes for Half Term Break	Friday 14th February	3.30pm
School re-opens	Monday 24th February	8.45am
Paris Trip for Y5 & Y6 children	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th February	

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