

Ashbourne Primary School

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April 2025

Dear Parents,

VE Day 2025

Thursday 8th May marks **80 years since VE Day** (Victory in Europe Day), which commemorates the end of the Second World War.



To celebrate:

- Children are invited to come to school wearing **red, white and blue**.
- **School dinner** will be a **picnic-style lunch** that the children can enjoy outside (weather permitting).
- In class, children will learn about how the war ended and listen to traditional wartime songs, including:
 - *"We'll Meet Again"* – Vera Lynn
 - *"Run Rabbit Run"* – Flanagan and Allen
 - *"The White Cliffs of Dover"* – Vera Lynn
 - *"It's a Long Way to Tipperary"*
 - *"Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag"*

Dinner Money Update – Price Increase to £3

From **Monday 2nd June 2025**, the cost of school dinners will increase to **£3 per day**. This decision has not been made lightly, and we understand the financial pressures that many families are facing.

Rising food costs and supplier charges mean that we must adjust the price in order to continue providing healthy, balanced meals for our children. Even with this increase, our meals remain good value - freshly cooked on site - and are still lower than the £3.25 charged by Derbyshire County Council and other Trust schools.

Please ensure that your Arbor account is in credit before your child's meal is required. Unfortunately, due to significant pressures on the school budget, we are unable to subsidise meals or allow dinner debts. All meals must be paid for in advance.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we encourage you to check your eligibility or contact the school office for support. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives Universal Free School Meals, registering for FSM can provide additional funding that directly supports your child.

Families in receipt of the following benefits may qualify:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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You can find more information or apply online at:

👉 <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Parent Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with families and continually improving our school, we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our April 2025 Parent Questionnaire.

Your views are incredibly important to us and help shape the decisions we make to ensure the best possible experience for your child at school.

The questionnaire can be completed via Mrs Chisholm's Dojo post or using the following:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2Num6nqt3F>

Diary dates

29th April – Treat Tuesday
1st May – PTA disco after school
5th May – bank holiday
7th May – Year 1 family lunch 11:50am – 12:30pm
12th May – Year 6 SATs week
16th May - Year 6 celebration event
19th May – Arts week
19th May – class photos
20th May – treat Tuesday
21st May – 3/4EA family lunch 11:50 -12:30pm
23rd May – last day of term



Family lunches

7th May – Year 1 (Miss Tyrrell's class)

21st May – 3/4EA (Mrs Adams and Mrs Emberley's class)

4th June – Year 2 (Mrs Evans and Mrs Howell's class)

11th June – Reception (Mrs Croxall's class)

25th June – 3/4C (Mr Clark's class)

If you are a parent, or grandparent of a child in one of these classes, please pay on parent pay 4th April 2025. The cost of lunch for adults is £4. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate pre-school children or children from other schools for lunch.



Kind regards,

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