



Asterdale Primary School

June-July 26

Summer Term



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break. We are now in our final half-term of this school year which will include a lot of special summer events, enrichment activities and exciting learning for all pupils.

Please keep a close look on individual class dojo pages for class-specific updates this term.

This half-term will feature important transition ahead of readiness for September for all learners too.

Should you need to speak with me, please arrange an appointment via the school office.

Kind regards

Mr O'Leary

Headteacher

Focus values this term:

TEAMWORK

What we teach our Asterdale learners:

Working together helps to share ideas

Team work makes everyone happier

Collaboration leads to greater impact

ASPIRATION

The sky is the limit...

You can always achieve whatever you set out to!

Always believe that you can - and keep on trying

The possibilities for what you can achieve are
always endless...

Transition arrangements

This term, children will begin to prepare subtly for their next year group.

At Asterdale, our transition approach is holistic through our 'enrichment time' model where children across classes mix and interact frequently. Our Opal free-flow playtimes also supports this as well as our small-school community outlook. This term, in addition, pupils will be referred to as 'in training' for their new year group. Pupils will visit 'paired classes' (new classes) for a transition learning session as well as, if required, for resolving any behaviour incidents should these arise.

Staff will also collaborate with in-depth handover meetings between current and new teachers to ensure all children's information is shared in advance of September.

School staffing structure arrangements for 26-27 will be shared once finalised later this term.



INSET Days 2026

A reminder of our final INSET Day this year:

Mon 29th June

Last day of term: Thurs 23rd July

Next year's INSET Days can be found via
the school website

School Leadership - SENDCO role

An important staffing news update for our parent community: At the end of this academic year, Mrs Fray will be leaving our Asterdale staff team as SENDCO.

Currently, Mrs Fray works for Asterdale 1-day per week coordinating our strong inclusive offer for all children. Mrs Fray has provided a great service and made a huge impact including establishing effective systems and processes. On behalf of our school community, we extend thanks and appreciation to Mrs Fray for her hard work.

As we continue to further grow our already incredibly strong inclusive ethos, Mrs Stuart (Asterdale Deputy Headteacher) will become our new SENDCO from September 2026. Mrs Fray will continue in her role as SENDCO at Oakwood Junior School (also part of Odyssey Collaborative Trust) and has already begun working closely alongside Mrs Stuart in providing a smooth transition and handover to ensure our quality SEND offer remains the highest possible for all children.

Site reminders

Children should NOT ride on scooters or bikes at all on school site. Please reinforce this with your children.

A respectful reminder to all adults: vaping is not permitted on or around school site.

Sports Day!

Reminder for our upcoming whole-school

Sports Day: Weds 24th June (AM)

Children will represent World Cup teams this year for this event. See individual class dojo pages for class information relating to this.

We look forward to welcoming all of our school community for this annual event!

Forest School: Summer sessions

We have an amazing forest school provision at Asterdale delivered by our trained practitioners Mrs Sumner & Mrs Oakes and want to celebrate this for the summer term! Therefore, every child will receive an additional forest schools end of year celebration session this half-term.

If you have any jogging bottoms, wellies or waterproofs that need a new home – these would be gratefully received by our Forest School teaching team.

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates 
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk 

Acorns 	Baking pans 	Cake moulds 	Measuring spoons 	Strainers 
Baskets 	Cable spools 	Cones 	Containers 	Corrugated pipes 
Dress up items 	Fabric 	Funnels 	Nets 	Old electronics 
Pool noodles 	PVC pipes 	Ropes 	Shovels and spades 	Sinks and tubs 
Tyres and wheels - big, small and weird 	Pots 	Colanders 	Wheelbarrow 	Watering cans 

Rakes 	Toy cars 	Action figures 	Umbrellas 	Plastic trucks 
Suitcases 	Hard hats 	Wellies 	Wood dowels 	'Caution' tape 
Bricks 	Plastic bins 	Laundry baskets 	Egg containers 	Duct tape 
Straw bales 	Rocks 	Leaves 	Gravel, pebbles 	5 Gallon buckets 
Poles 	Glass jewels 	Jugs 	Marbles 	Balls - every kind! 

PTFA Rainbow Run

A reminder for our upcoming exciting
PTFA Rainbow Run event - see information below.
We look forward to seeing you all there!



Asterdale
RAINBOW RUN
Ready, set... COLOUR!
Get ready to run, walk, jog and get colourful!
Join our fundraiser and help us grow an amazing
outdoor learning space for our children.

Family fun run
MEDAL FOR ALL
ENTERANTS

Obstacles,
challenges
& colour fun!

DJ,
Tuck, drinks
& Raffle draw

Hot food truck,
Ice cream
& Hoptimist bar

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
3.30 - 6PM

To enter please complete a waiver and sign up fee
All details can be found on Class Dojo

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Asterdale Nursery

We still have some spaces for our wonderful nursery
provision for Sept 26 onwards (Ofsted graded 'Strong').
Please contact the school office today to join our
amazing school community!



Asterdale Nursery - Join Today!

Welcome to our Early Years Nursery Provision (3-4 year olds)
Our nursery is purpose-built to provide a warm,
welcoming environment for your child to begin
their learning journey.

WE OFFER:

- 15/30 hours flexible provision
- High quality resources
- Child-centred curriculum
- Qualified experienced teaching staff
- Forest school learning
- Wrap around school care

Ofsted "Early Years Graded Strong"
March 2026

Exceptional	●●●●
Strong standard	●●●●
Expected standard	●●●●
Needs attention	●●●●
Urgent improvement	●●●●

Ofsted
Read our report

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staff vacancy

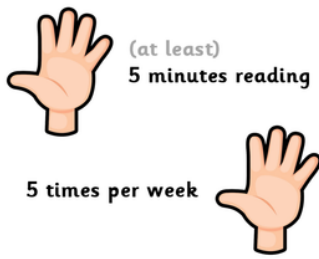
Mr Bilsby will sadly be leaving as our current site manager later this month.
We thank him for his contribution to our school community.
A recruitment process for a new site manager is currently underway.
If interested in joining Team Asterdale, more information can be found via the school office.

End of year reports, parent consultations & 'meet the teacher':

Teachers will soon be busy writing their end of year school reports for all children.
Please indicate using the [link here](#) your preference for receiving these this year.

This year, parents can arrange to discuss any aspects of their child's report
from 13th to 21st July. There will be opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher
to discuss new year group learning expectations too – these dates will be
communicated shortly.

Everyday Reading



Remember our homework expectation for all learners:

Reading:

For (at least) 5 minutes, 5 times a week...

Attendance winners last term:

Congratulations to our Year 4's who were our Attendance winners last half-term with an overall 96.8% class attendance!

Our whole-school target is 97% (minimum) for all learners.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



OFSTED

We remain thrilled with our recent inspection findings – which are a great reflection and reward for the everyday excellence that our school prides itself upon.

Naturally, school leaders remain committed to growing our school even further and have drafted a new 'Big 5' areas of school improvement.

These will be shared in readiness for September – with exciting work already underway to prepare for this.

Uniform expectations

Summer term reminders:

Shoes - sensible shoes are preferred (or smart black trainers with no large logos are permitted)

Watches featuring electronic smart elements are not permitted

Make up / nail varnish should not be worn.

Hair below the shoulder should be tied back.

We appreciate as we approach the end of the school year that children may be outgrowing some clothing items – please discuss with class teachers should individual adjustments be required.

Uniform survey - feedback

Earlier this year, we gathered parent feedback on our school uniform policy.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. The survey provided some very positive feedback, alongside some helpful suggestions for future consideration.

Headline Findings

- The vast majority of parents are happy with the current school uniform.
- Families feel the uniform is affordable, practical and easy to purchase.
- Parents value the balance of smartness, comfort and consistency.
- There was strong support for continuing the KS2 PE kit arrangements.

Key Themes from Feedback

- Most respondents felt only small adjustments are needed rather than major changes.
- Parents highlighted the importance of maintaining a smart appearance and high expectations.
- The pre-loved uniform initiative continues to be valued by families.

Ideas Raised for Future Consideration

- Optional school-branded waterproof coats.
- Waterproof trousers or all-in-one suits for outdoor play.
- A shared wellies and waterproofs store for children.
- Plain black joggers for some activities or sensory needs.
- Dark green polo shirts to help with stains and outdoor learning.
- Drawstring PE bags alongside book bags.

Additional Feedback

- Views on a possible logo change were mixed, with no clear preference for change.
- Parents stressed that any future updates should remain affordable and minimal.

Next Steps

- There is currently no requirement for significant changes to the uniform policy.
- We will continue to review practical suggestions as part of our work to support outdoor learning, inclusion and affordability.

Summary:

Next Steps:

For September 2026:

All children are asked to bring a pair of wellies and a waterproof outdoor kit as part of our uniform as we evolve our Opal Playtimes journey further. These will be kept in school and should where possible fit into a drawstring bag.

For September 2026: it is reminded that all children should bring a book-bag or a drawstring bag to school and not large rucksacks.

Finally - some key summer term dates:

Weds 17th June - National Thank a Teacher Day!

Fri 19th June - Sun 21st June - Year 6 Residential

Mon 29th June - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Weds 24th June - AM - Sports Day

Fri 26th June - PTFA Rainbow Run community event

Fri 3rd July - Years 1 + 2 - Learning away visit to Manor Farm

Tues 7th - Thurs 9th July - Year 6 City Wide Transition

Mon 13th July - End of year reports sent to parents

Weds 15th July - Years 3,4,5 - Learning Away visit to Peak Wildlife

Tues 21st July - Year 6 - Leavers Assembly & Leavers party event
afterschool

Weds 22nd July End of year 'Asters' Awards (star of the year)

Thurs 23rd July - Last day of term

Please keep checking class dojo (school story and individual class pages) for further dates which may be added to the above.

