

Mears Ashby C of E Primary School

September Newsletter



Value - Love

Jesus said, 'This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.'

John 15:12

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility between home and school. We encourage parents to take an active interest in their child's online activity by talking regularly about what they do online, setting appropriate parental controls, and reminding them never to share personal information online.



Useful Sources of Support:

- UK Safer Internet Centre: [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- NSPCC Online Safety Hub: [NSPCC Online Safety Hub](#)

Attendance

At Mears Ashby CE Primary School, we believe that every day in school counts. Regular attendance is essential for children's academic achievement, wellbeing, friendships and personal development. The government's attendance guidance states that being in school every day possible underpins learning, wellbeing and wider development, and that attendance is a strong protective factor for children and young people. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to make good progress, feel connected to their peers and develop positive routines that support future success.

Mears Ashby Primary Attendance	National Attendance	Ladybirds Attendance	Hedgehog Attendance	Otters Attendance	Dolphins Attendance
92.1%	95.6%	100%	97.14%	96.54%	89.67%

We wanted to thank parents for making informed judgements about illnesses, if your child is well enough to be in school they should be in school.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Community Coffee Afternoon - 16th October 2026

Autumn Disco - 22nd October 2026 (After School)

Harvest Service - 23rd October 2026 (Afternoon)

Last Day of Term - 23rd October 2026

Teacher Training Day - 2nd November 2026

First Day of Term - 3rd November 2026

FOMAS Fireworks Event - 5th November 2026

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

Ladybirds

What a lovely start to the term we have had in Ladybirds! It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into our daily routines and become familiar with our class expectations.

A big focus for us so far has been getting to know one another and building friendships. The children have enjoyed listening to each other talk about their families, favourite things, likes and dislikes, and even their pets!

PE has definitely been a highlight of the week! The children have been busy exploring different ways of moving – going under, over and through hoops, travelling across mats and trying out lots of different movements.

Our creativity has been busy too! We have been exploring different textures through art, both inside and outside.

We are looking forward to all the fun, learning and adventures still to come!

Otters

Otters have been up to so much this term already! They settled in to their new class very well and were ready to learn straight away. We have been looking at place value in maths and are beginning to look at Roman numerals. In writing, Otters created amazing character descriptions of George from George's Marvellous medicine and digging into the book deeper in reading. We have had a great time in DT designing wearable technology to help children walk home from school safely in the dark winter months. We have also been listening to and creating some South African music and having a go playing tuned percussions in music. We have had lots of fun and worked very hard!

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

In English, we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and have been busy developing our writing skills to write a character description and a recount (diary entry).

In Maths, we have been learning about place value using numbers up to 20, and we are now learning about addition and subtraction within 20.

In History, we have been learning about old and new toys, thinking about changes within our living memory and identifying the similarities and differences between toys then and now.

In DT, we have explored using different building blocks and junk to build stable structures in preparation for making our own pencil pots.

It has been a wonderful term so far full of exciting learning opportunities. We are very proud of everything Hedgehogs have achieved!

Keep up the good work Hedgehogs!

Dolphins

It has been a busy and exciting time in our classroom! In History, we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks, with a particular focus on the Spartans.

In English, we have been inspired by Percy Jackson and have been writing descriptive pieces based on Percy battling monsters. The children have come up with some fantastic and imaginative sentences.

In Science, we have been learning about friction, air resistance and water resistance. Through practical investigations, the children have explored how different forces affect the movement of objects. They have made predictions, carried out investigations and used their results to draw conclusions about the forces acting on objects.

It has been wonderful to see the children getting stuck into their learning and making links between our different subjects. We are very proud of the creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm they have shown!

What does CAMHS stand for?

CAMHS stands for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. **CAMHS** is a free NHS service that helps children and young people with emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties.

You may sometimes also come across the newer term Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS), which is an umbrella term for all the mental health and wellbeing services, including local authorities and the voluntary sector, which support children and young people.

Use these links to find out more:

[What is CAMHS? What does CAMHS stand for? And what can CAMHS do for my child? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[CAMHS Phonenumber | North Northamptonshire Council](#)
[Children and young people's mental health services in Northamptonshire | NHFT](#)



We use Ofsted registered after school club provider the drop off!

You can book online now via
www.thedropoff.co.uk

Alongside after school provision they also run holiday clubs! Perfect for busy working parents.

Celebration Assemblies

We were thrilled to present our Star of the Week certificates to some truly deserving individuals this month. Congratulations to everyone who received one!



Hedgehogs - Joseph, Fintan
Otters - Leah, Marnie
Dolphins - Shane



We also celebrated our September Birthdays! Happy Birthday to Hugo, Kosi, Imogen and Grace!! We hope you had a fantastic day of celebration.

Autumn Fun Run

What a fantastic afternoon we had at our Autumn Fun Run! Our Year 1–6 children enjoyed an action-packed afternoon of obstacles, races and colourful powder paint, with plenty of smiles and laughter along the way. A huge thank you to all the families and community members who came along to cheer everyone on and make it such a memorable event!

Here are some photos from the day!



2027 EYFS Admissions!



If you are looking for a Pre-school or Reception for your child for 2027, please contact our office to book in a tour, meet the team and see the EYFS provisions.

If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office to book a tour!

September in pictures

