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Newsletter: Autumn 3 Friday 20th September

Dear Parents,

It has been so lovely to see some sunshine again this week and this has meant great use of the field at playtimes. Year 6 have also had the benefit of the sun on their residential. We are looking forward to their return today - I am sure they will have lots to tell once they have had a jolly good sleep! It was a privilege to spend time with them this week at Okehampton - they were all super company and gave all their activities their very best shot. There are photos on the Jellyfish class page of the school website if you want to see what they have all been up to!

PTFA

AGM

The PTFA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 24th September at 7pm at The George. Please do come along and support and find out more about what the PTFA do for your children. 😊

Colour Run

We are very excited to be holding our first colour Run on 30th September. Letters have been sent home with all children. Please can all forms and payments be returned to the school office by Monday 23rd September.

Parking

I am sad to say that there have been complaints about parking already this year. Parents are parking on the double yellow lines outside the Church driveway and blocking the entrance to these houses. Please can I once again ask that parking is considerate of our neighbours and also legal outside the school at the start and end of the day.

Clubs

We are pleased to say that clubs will start on Monday. Please remember to let us know if your child will not be attending. YTFC club has already started. There will be NO SESSION on 30.9.24 - the session will be added onto the end of the clubs on 25.11.24.

Messy Church

Messy Church starts again on Saturday 28th September at 3:30pm. All are welcome at these sessions.

Attendance

As we begin another school year, we continue to focus on attendance and how we can ensure all our pupils are in school as often as possible. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and overall well-being. We have high aspirations for all our pupils and expect them to be in school every day they can be.

Why Attendance Matters

Learning Continuity: Regular attendance ensures that your child/children are included in important lessons, activities and opportunities.

Social Development: Being in school helps your child build strong relationships with peers and teachers.

Future Success: Consistent attendance sets a positive pattern for future education and employment.

Our Attendance Expectations

- All pupils should be in school on time every day the school is open. We expect children in their classrooms from 8:50am and by 9:00am.
- Notify us as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school.
- Ensure medical and dental appointments are arranged outside school hours wherever possible.
- Work with us if your child is experiencing barriers to attendance so we can put the right support in place. Use our Under the Weather notification if they are not quite themselves.
- Holidays are not taken during term-time.

Unauthorised Term-Time Leave

Children have a protected right to full-time education. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. In line with statutory guidance, we will not authorise any requests for term-time leave unless the circumstances are both exceptional and unavoidable. Any unauthorised leave that meets the national threshold will result in parents being issued with a penalty notice.

A Support First Approach

If your child is experiencing barriers to regular attendance, we will work with you so the right support can be offered, and those barriers overcome. Where needed, we will also work with other services and the Local Authority to ensure the right support is available.

Attendance and the Law

Where there are barriers to attendance, we will always aim to resolve them through support and collaboration before considering legal intervention. Where necessary, however, we will take action to protect a pupil's right to their education. This may include the issue of a penalty notice or legal action being taken.

If you are worried about your child's attendance or feel there is something we need to be aware of, please contact us. There are only 190 days in the school year - and every day contributes to your child's future success.

[Things happening in our community](#)



The poster features the Ansford Academy logo in the top corners. The background is a grey suit jacket with a green 'MENTOR' badge and a 'MEMBER' badge. The text is centered and reads:

Ansford Academy
Open Evening and Open Morning
Year 6 and Year 5 families are warmly invited to attend our open events

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 26th September: 5.00pm until 7.30pm
*Please join us to hear from our new Headteacher and take a tour around our school
Presentations will take place in PA2 at: 5.15pm and 6.00pm—no need to book in advance*

OPEN MORNING
Thursday 3rd October: 9.30am until 11.00am
*You are invited to come and see our students in action
School Tours will take place during the morning — no need to book in advance*

Ansford Academy is committed to creating a great place to learn, work and grow;
learning together to lead our lives

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Key dates for your diary

23.9.24 Clubs start
24.9.24 PTFA AGM at The George 7pm
30.9.24 PTFA Colour Run
30.9.24 No YTFC club
1.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
7.10 .24 Open Day - new parents September 2025
8.10.24 Individual and Family Photos
8.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
9.10.24 Year 5/6 Basketball tournament at Ansford
15.10.24 Year 2 Multi sports Festival at Ansford
15.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
15.10.24 PTFA Disco
22.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
22.10.24 Parents Evening
23.10.24 Parents Evening
24.10.24 School closes
25.10.24 INSET



Sea Otter - Eddie Winter
Turtle - Lola Higgins
Dolphin - Henry Targett
Octopus - Kylie Marshall
Swordfish - Annabelle Miller
Head teacher's award - Leo Lock

Sarah Martin

Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

