



DREAM

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Message from the Principal, Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers:

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to share my thanks for the continued support, kindness and positivity that make Ashwood Spencer Academy such a special community. Every day, I am reminded of the warmth and determination that our pupils, families and staff bring to school, and I am truly grateful.

At Ashwood, we remain committed to being a place to *DREAM*—a place where every child feels inspired, valued and encouraged to become:

- **Determined risk takers who want to succeed**
- **Resilient and respectful learners**
- **Expressive communicators**
- **Ambitious achievers, unafraid of mistakes**
- **Magic happens when you dream** *and our children prove that every single day.*

Next term, we look forward to deepening our connection to our core purpose: *“Working together to believe and achieve.”* We’ll be exploring what this means for us as a staff team, for you as parents and carers, and for our pupils.

Behaviour and Standards

Many of our children live and breathe our DREAM values each day, and we are incredibly proud of them. However, we have noticed that some pupils have struggled to meet our expected standards of behaviour and attitude. This can affect not only their own learning journey but also the sense of calm, safety and focus in the classroom.

We know that children thrive when the adults in their lives model consistency, kindness and clear expectations. By working together—home and school—we can help every pupil feel secure, confident and ready to learn.

Working Together

We deeply value the strong partnership we have with our parents and carers. Your role in reinforcing the DREAM values at home—especially respect, resilience and ambition—makes an enormous difference to your child’s development.

We welcome open and honest communication and are always here to support you and your child. When we work side by side, we create the conditions where every pupil can shine, grow and reach their true potential.

Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. It is a privilege to educate your children!

“Teamwork turns small steps into big achievements. At Ashwood Spencer Academy, every dream is nurtured through determination, resilience and working together. This Summer term, let’s keep lifting each other up and making the magic happen.”

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter break, filled with rest, laughter and beautiful memories.

Mrs Baines-Chambers
Principal

Important dates:

- KS2 SATs Monday 11th -Thursday 14th May 2026 (**Year 6**)
- Phonics screening check week commencing 8th June 2026 (**Year 1 and Year 2**)
- Multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1st June 2026 (**Year 4**)

Upcoming **INSET** day:

Friday 10th July 2026

Attendance:

As you know, we have set a **target of 97%** for our attendance. This is in-line with the National average.

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Every Minute Counts

Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost

Please help us by ensuring your child is at school unless unwell and that they arrive on time each day. We want to reduce 'lost learning time' for our pupils; we are sharing the following information which is calculated over a school year.

Requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised

If your child is absent it is YOUR responsibility to inform school. Absences are always unauthorised until we have been informed. You can report your child's absence from school by calling our main number 348356 and choosing option 1.