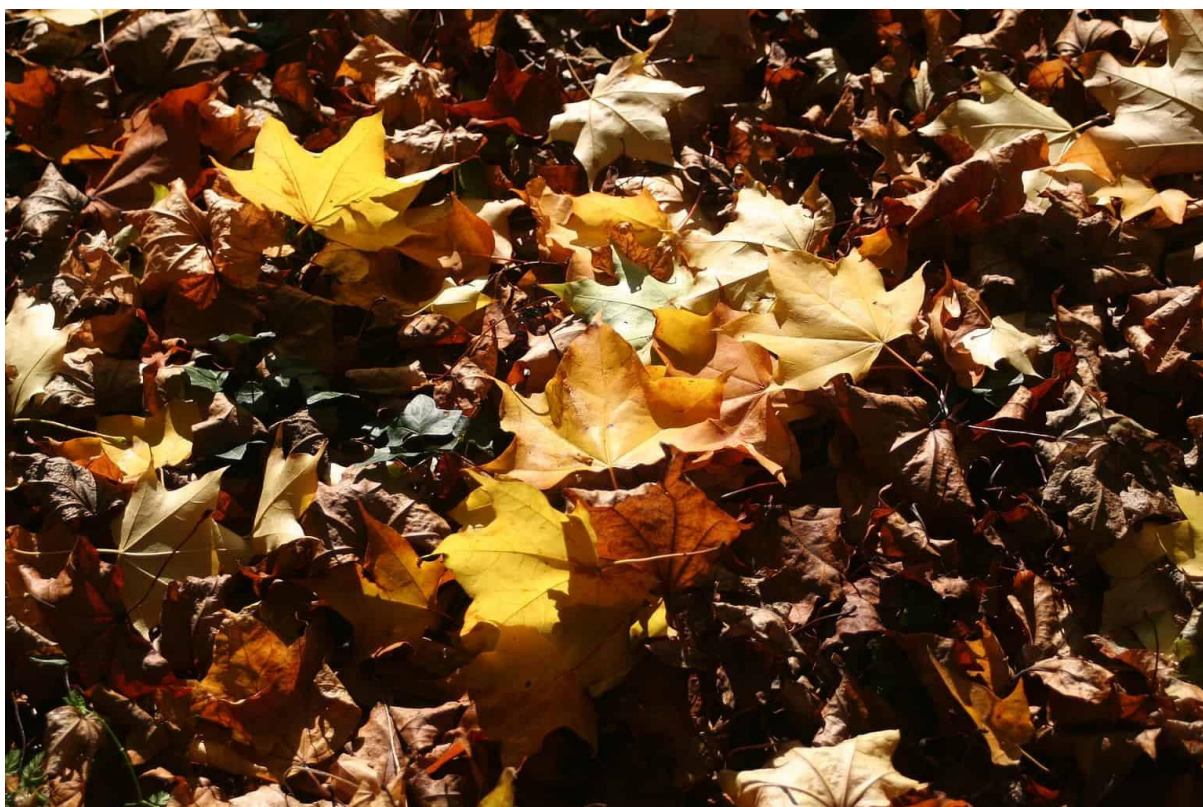




SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

Wow! What a busy September we have had. It has been wonderful welcoming our new Reception children to our school community, and we enjoyed a wonderful Picnic in the Park with family and friends.

Our new school rules have been introduced and are easy for everybody to remember.

- Be Ready - be ready to learn and make good choices
- Be Respectful- respect everyone and everything
- Be Safe- keep ourselves and others safe

These work alongside our school values of honesty, enjoyment, respect, courage and fairness. We encourage parents to talk about these with your children and what they might look like in school.

SQUIRREL CLASS

We welcomed the new Reception children to Squirrel Class, they have all settled in well and are making lots of new friends.



YEAR 5 - TRIP TO SINGLETON LAKES

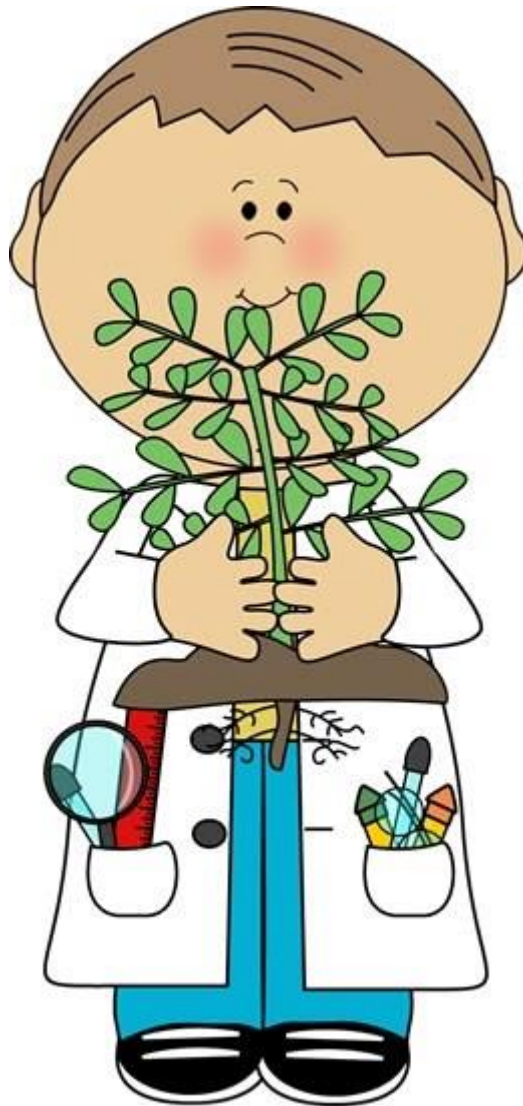
Year 5 visited Singeton Lake as part of their 'River topic'. They went pond dipping and looked at the wildlife in the river, as well as learning about how to keep safe around water.







YEAR 2 - SUPER SCIENTISTS



Year 2 have been 'Super Scientists' exploring the school in search of things that are living, were once alive or were never alive.







SPORTING EVENTS

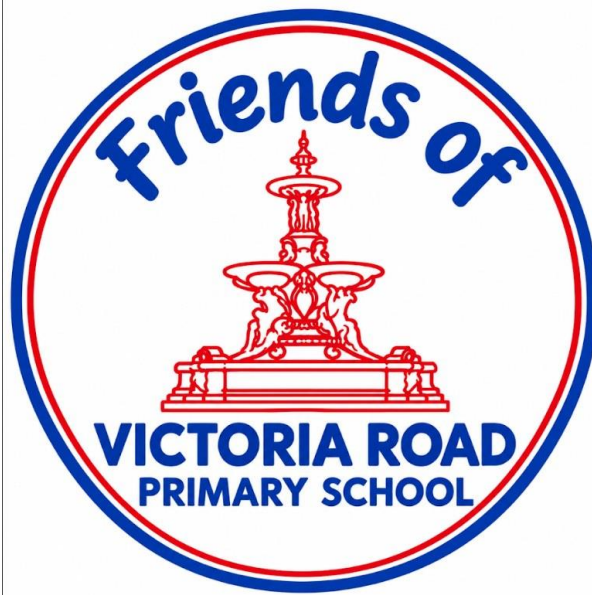
Some of our Year 5 & 6s took part in a hockey match against Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary School at Ashford Hockey Club and they won 3 -2.

'WELL DONE' to everyone who took part.



Another fantastic result by our school hockey team they played against Brabourne Primary School and won 3 nil





Welcome to The Friends of Victoria Road Primary School

Hello everyone!

We'd love to introduce you to The Friends of Victoria Road Primary School, our school PTA! We're a group of parents and supporters who want to make a difference to our children's school experience by organising fun events, bringing families together and raising money for the school.

Every penny we raise goes straight back into the school to benefit the children. Whether it's helping to fund extra resources, activities or special experiences, every bit of support helps us make a difference.

You don't need to have lots of spare time or experience to get involved. Whether you can lend a hand at an event, share ideas, help with fundraising or simply come along and support us, we'd love to have you on board! The more parents who get involved, the more we can achieve together.

Coming up !

Uniform Sale & Lost Property – 2nd October

Come along and have a look through our uniform sale and lost property. It's a great opportunity to pick up any uniform essentials and reunite lost items with their owners!

Adults-Only Quiz Night – 27th November

Fancy a night off from the kids? Join us for a fun-filled evening of quizzes, games, laughter and a chance to socialise with other parents in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to unwind, have some fun and support our school at the same time!

And this is just the beginning! We have more events and dates to announce, so keep an eye out for updates.

If you'd like to get involved, share ideas or find out more, please get in touch. You don't have to do it all — every little bit helps!

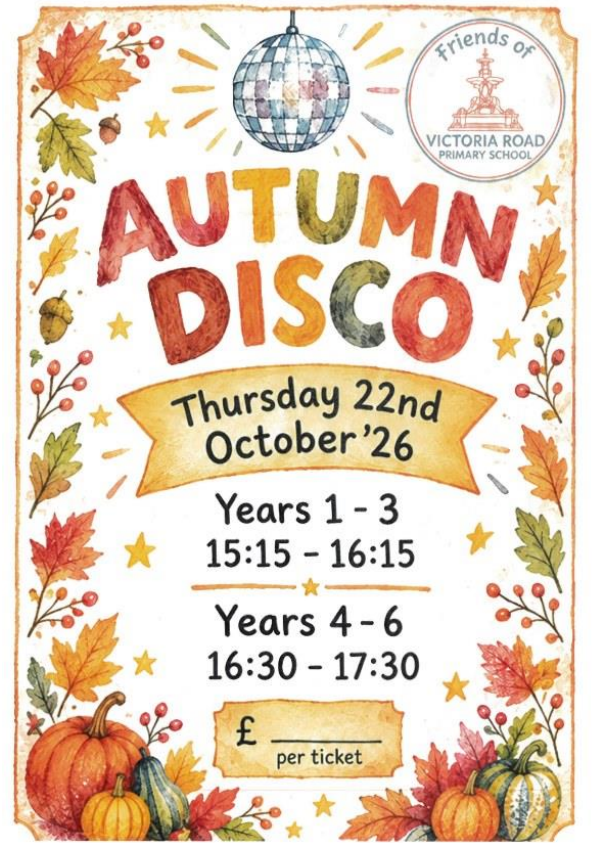
Let's work together to make a difference for our children.

The Friends of Victoria Road Primary School — bringing our school community together, one event at a time!

This will be happening on the 2nd and 16th October at the end of the day on the Main playground.



More details and the price of a ticket to follow shortly.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM OUR FLO

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Keep them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
Cough, cold or sore throat Five with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Five unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP. Once with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they have antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe pain, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to other people. Keep your child at home for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Head lice or nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Shingles Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appear.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.nhs.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'.



'COMPETITION TIME' - Ashford Borough Council

What is the main reason you Love Ashford?

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) is launching a competition with school children and students to find out the best reasons why we Love Ashford!

Is there something you love doing, a place you like to visit, a special memory you have? To enter our competition either draw a picture or take a photo of that location, activity or moment along with a short explanation of why it is special to you.

Entries can be submitted via email to competition@ashford.gov.uk by the end of October.

There will be three age categories:

- Primary school children (under 11s)
- Secondary school children (11- to 16-year-olds)

- Further education students (six form, college students).

ABC also asks that the name of the child, their age and their school/college are included with every submission, as well as a parent or guardian's contact details, so we know who to contact if they win.

Winners will receive £100 of Love 2 Shop vouchers. (There are three prizes in total – one winner per age category).

The winners will also have their submissions included on hoardings displayed around the town as well as on the [Love Ashford website](#) and in a future edition of [Ashford For You magazine](#). They will also be shared on Ashford Borough Council and Love Ashford's social media channels.

The competition opens on Friday 25 September and the closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 30 October.

Entries can be submitted via email or by post: Ashford Borough Council, Communications Team, International House, Dover Place, Ashford, TN23 1HU.

Competition guidelines

- Entrants must be within the specific age categories set out above
- It must be their own original image (no cheating parents!)
- It must be in landscape format and either A4 or A3
- It must be a jpeg or pdf attachment (not embedded in the body of an email)
- It must be supplied as a high resolution (at least 300dpi)
- ABC staff or direct family members cannot enter the competition

Further information can also be found on our [website](#).