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Hello from the Head...

What a week! We have been enjoying a jam-packed summer calendar in true Astley style. Last Friday, we celebrated the end of another wonderful year with our Summer Fair. Our amazing Friends of Astley raised just over £400 – a fantastic achievement! Thank you to everyone who gave up their time and energy to help organise, support and attend the event. We are also incredibly grateful to the Friends for providing each class with £25 towards an end-of-year celebration, helping our children create special memories together.

I am so proud of our Turtles, Dolphins, Penguins and Sharks, who gave superb performances in this year's Summer Show, Pirates vs Mermaids. The hard work, enthusiasm and talent on display were truly impressive, and the children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Wreford for leading the production, Mr Sayer for his technical expertise, and Miss Jarvis for managing the lighting, and Mrs Alford and Mrs Borley for designing and painting the wonderful scenery and props. As always, thank you to our entire staff team for choreographing dances, supporting rehearsals and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Finally, thank you to all of our families for your unwavering support, helping with costumes and practising lines and songs at home.

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Hester, who has been a valued member of Team Dolphins this year. We thank her for all she has contributed to Astley and wish her every success in the next chapter of her career.

We also bid farewell to Miss Harrold after an incredible 17 years of dedication, passion and commitment to Astley. She has played a significant role in our school's journey and has touched the lives of many children and families over the years. She will be missed, and we thank her for everything she has done. We wish her happiness and success in her new adventures and with the new addition to her family.

More exciting news – Miss Peacock will be going on adoption leave over the summer and will be welcoming a new little boy into her home. We wish Miss Peacock all the best and look forward to seeing her back next year.

Today marks the end of the Astley journey for our Sharks Class of 2026. It has been a privilege to watch them grow, learn and develop over the past seven years, and we are immensely proud of the young people they have become. Our Year 6 leavers thoroughly enjoyed their Sharkitude Festival, and we celebrated the end of their time with us with a special camp-out on the school field. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make Sharkitude 2026 such a memorable and special occasion.

As school will be closed over the summer break, some of your usual routes to support may not be available. If you need advice or assistance, Just One Norfolk is an excellent source of support. Their website and helpline can be accessed on 0300 300 0123. If you have an urgent safeguarding concern and believe a child may be at risk, please contact the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8020.

As we reach the end of the 2025–2026 academic year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire Astley community. Your support, encouragement and enthusiasm help make Astley such a special place for every child and family.

Have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and beginning our next chapter together on Thursday 3rd September.



Mrs Goakes



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TOP CLASS ATTENDANCE:



SHARKS



ACE LEARNING THEME:

PASSIONATE



RANK	NAME	CLASS
1	Hector Young	Penguins
2	Reggie Mallett	Dolphins
3	Isla Willimott	Penguins
4	Violet Copeman	Dolphins
5	Jack McFarlane	Turtles

ASTLEY CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Friday 17th July 10:30am:

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Sharks Leavers Assembly for Y6 Families

End of Summer Term – Summer Holiday – finish at 1:15pm

2026/2027

Thursday 3rd September:

Friday 23rd October:

w/c 26th October:

Monday 2nd November:

Friday 18th December:

Wednesday 6th January 2027:

w/c 15th February:

Thursday 25th March:

Monday 12th April:

Monday 3rd May:

w/c 31st May:

Monday 7th June:

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July

Tuesday 20th July:

Start of academic year – pupils back to school

School closed – training day

Half Term

Start of Autumn Two – pupils back to school

End of Autumn Term – 1:15pm finish for Christmas Holidays

Start of Spring Term – pupils back to school

Half Term

End of Spring Term – Easter Holidays – usual 3:15pm finish

Start of Summer Term – pupils back to school

Bank holiday – school closed

Half term

Start of Summer Two – pupils back to school

School closed – training days

Last day of Summer Term – Summer Holiday – finish at 1:15pm

You dried their tears
on the first day.



They'll dry yours
on the last.

