



Astley Primary School

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Dear Families,



Welcome to Sharks Class and a new term at Astley!

I would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome to Year 6! We hope that you have had a brilliant summer break and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. As you are all aware, this is a very important and exciting time for the children as they enter their final year at Astley, and we are very excited to share it with them. It is essential that in this time, the children make positive choices and have a good attitude towards their learning. I value your support in this wherever possible!

The following adults will be helping and supporting your child within the class:



Miss Wreford
Class Teacher



Mr Sayer
Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship



Mrs Alford
HLTA



Mrs Allen
HLTA

Drop-off and Pick-up times:

Please be aware of the following key timings and ensure that you are on the playground ready to collect your child at the end of the day. If for any unavoidable reason you are unable to arrive at school on time, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Class	DROP OFF	PICK UP
Sharks Class	8:30-8:45 am	3:15 pm

Shark Class will enter via the far door of the KS2 building (the usual KS2 entrance) to go straight to the cloakroom and will exit via the Shark Classroom door at the end of the school day.

Curriculum:

The children will be following the National Curriculum for English and Maths. We will be using Cornerstones to follow a range of Foundation Stage topics (Science, History, Geography, DT and Art) which can be seen below. Other Foundation Subject topics for the Autumn Term are also shown below.

Driver Project 	Maafa History 		French 	Revisiting Me, Telling the Time, Daily Life of a Superhero	Homes and Houses, Elf on the Shelf
History 	Maafa		Computing 	Internet Communication, Introduction to Spreadsheets	E-Safety
Geography 	Our Changing World		Life Skills 	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference
Science 	Light Theory	Evolution and Inheritance	PE 	Real PE Social OAA (OAA during residential)	Real PE Health and Fitness Games – Handball
Art and Design 	Tints, Tones and Shades	Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers	RE Norfolk Agreed Syllabus	What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life? (Humanist/Christianity)	How has the belief in Jesus impacted on music and art through History? (Christianity)
Design and Technology 	Food for Life		Music 	Happy Harvest Songs	Classroom Jazz 2 Singing Carols

What your Child needs to bring:

Your child should come in school uniform unless it is their PE day (see PE section for further information on this). There will be a hot dinner, jacket potato and a packed lunch option available but if your child would prefer a packed lunch from home, please send them in with this.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school so that they can keep hydrated and work even harder! Please ensure your child's bottle is named and that it contains water as outlined in our school policy.

In Year 6, resources and materials are still provided, however children are encouraged to bring in a pencil case containing a pencil, ruler, highlighters, pen, etc. if they choose to. If they do, they must ensure that they look after their own equipment as this is their responsibility!

PE:

PE is timetabled for a **Monday and Thursday**. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on these days. This should be a plain white or house team coloured t shirt, dark shorts and trainers. There should be no big logos or emblems, and no football kits. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days. On colder days you may want your child to wear a warmer top and tracksuit bottoms over the top.

Outdoor Learning:

We regularly make use of our fabulous grounds, so it would be good for your child to have wellies and waterproofs onsite, so they are available for outdoor use, whatever the weather! Please ensure that these are named so we can find them if they become lost.

Reading and Homework:

Children will receive a new reading book every week (we will try our best to update reading books as soon as children have finished them) which we encourage them to read at home daily (this can also include books from home and/or the library).

Their completed reading needs to be recorded in their blue reading record. We ask that children bring this to and from school daily as we will be encouraging independent reading wherever possible throughout the week. Children will continue to have the opportunity to share their book(s) during our ACE Book Share and children may be put forward to receive a reading prize!

In addition to this, children are expected to complete maths (times table) and spelling homework weekly. This will be collected in every Wednesday.

Throughout the year Sharks may also receive additional optional homework to support them with their SATs which will be officially in May 2027.

All children in the class also have access to TT Rockstars and Emile if they wish to participate in extra practice.

Home/school Contact:

Please send us a note or feel free to make an appointment at the office if you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum or your child's education. We also always appreciate when volunteers can come and support us by listening to readers in school. If you may be able to, please get in touch.

As you will be aware, Mr Sayer is completing his Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship this year. As part of his training, he will be working closely within our class and will be involved in all aspects of teaching and learning, including planning and delivering lessons, supporting pupils and attending parent meetings, such as parents' evenings. This will provide him with valuable experience as he continues to develop his teaching practice. If you have any questions or queries about Mr Sayer's role within the class, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on Instagram @astleyprimary

Our weekly Astley Advertiser also gives key dates and information about what is happening in school.

Some important dates to remember are that our class residential will be taking place on Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th September 2026.

Year 6 SATS week will be during the week commencing 10th May 2027 – please note there will be more information regarding this later in the year.

I cannot wait to see your child on Thursday and look forward to hearing all about their summer holiday.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Miss Wreford
Sharks Class Teacher