

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

### Author Visit (Virtual)

To celebrate and promote a lifelong love of reading, we will be hosting an author visit on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9.25am to 10.20am.**

The visit will be **virtual** and the author will be invited to join us via TEAMS/ZOOM in our school hall. Children will not use their iPads to access the session as it will run from our laptop and projector.

Children will have the opportunity to 'meet' Ashley Thorpe, find out what inspired him to write, hear an excerpt from his book, **'The Boy To Beat The Gods'** and ask any questions for him to answer. Children will be supervised by teachers and school staff throughout the session.

In partnership with **Usborne Books**, there is an opportunity for our families to purchase copies of Ashley's book/s. If you are keen to order any copies, please follow the secure link or QR code for payment at the bottom of this letter from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The books will be posted to our school and will be distributed by school staff.

Please note that payment will be direct to the publisher and unfortunately, school will be unable to collect any money on behalf of children and families.

If your child is scheduled for their usual music lesson during this visit and it cannot be rearranged, school will contact you to ask whether you would rather your child attend this session as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Ms F Simon**  
**Head of English**

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