



# Ashfield Junior School

*Inspiring our children to dream big, be extraordinary and change the world*

10th January 2025

## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield and the spring term. I hope that all families had a good and restful holiday. This week, I have spent some time in a few classes to see them at work and start their new topics. This week's assembly focus was '**Dreams and Goals**'. Children will be learning more about this in our Personal Development lessons and setting goals for school and outside school interests. This links into our school vision to '**dream big, be extraordinary and to change the world**' and our Compass for Life work. The goals that the children set will be stepping stones for their 'North Star'.

This term, we are trialling an extended 'after-school activity club' with the Elms until **5:15pm** on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. This week, this extended after-school provision has been poorly attended. If the numbers for this extended after-school provision does not improve, it will not be continued in the summer term. You do not have to commitment to this provision each week. If you wish, you can drop your child in on the days provided just as long as you book via the Elms website ([The Elms Group](#)). The indoor activities run from **3:30pm** to **5:15pm**. Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Hollie (6K) and Olivia (3L)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.6%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5G** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **4M** who are also our Punctuality Champions.

Please help us by ensuring your child's arrival is prompt. The school gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am. If possible, please schedule doctors or dentists appointments after school.

## Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Ella (4V)** who was successful in achieving her Bronze Cristal medal for skiing. During the ski trip, she also participated in a torchlight descent at night. She was part of 250 skiers skiing down the mountain with both fire torches and LED light torches. Well done!

Congratulations to **Eva (6H)** who has completed her Stage 9 swimming and was also accepted to Challenge Squad in Bushey Amateur Swim Club. Well done!

## House Points

It is always lovely to see so many children be awarded individual house points for excellent work or effort, modelling the school values or going above and beyond in the classroom.

<b>Attenborough</b>	-	<b>132</b>
Blackman	-	129
Fiennes	-	120
Storey	-	106

**Well done to Attenborough**

## Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week. Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

**Year 3: Isabella (3AC) and Hugo (3L)**

**Year 4: Bella (4M) and Emma (4V)**

**Year 5: Tyaan (5D) and Anele (5G)**

**Year 6: Florence (6K) and Theo L-H (6H)**

## Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week! Children in Year 6 are split into groups therefore will be given a certificate by either teacher.

**Year 3: Hugo (3AC) and Alanna (3L)**

**Year 4: William (4M) and Kyle (4V)**

**Year 5: Charlotte (5G) and Blue and Alex (5D)**

**Year 6: Ashley (6H) and Freya (6H)**

## The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

### Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 7th February 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBFEB25.

### Sibling Discount Code - SIBCOMP25

All siblings receive at 20% discount if attending the same day/s.

### NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to verify your NHS status. Please note, proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this 25% discount.

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 954 8787

**Book Online:** <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

## Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the forthcoming school journey to Manor Adventure on **Thursday 23rd January** at 3.30pm, students are welcome to also attend.

Deadline for the balance to be paid is **Friday 31st January 2024.**

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

## Year 4 French Café

**4V** will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 30th January** and **4M** on **Friday 31st January** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining hall.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers/skirt and they can change into a red, white or blue top for the duration of the event to represent the colours of the French flag.

We can accommodate a maximum of two adults per child. Although the refreshments will not be priced for sale, a contribution on the day towards the cost of the refreshments would be gratefully appreciated.

## Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 30th January** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

## Communication

If you have changed your contact details or moved house please can you let the school office know so that we can update our system. Furthermore, if you are a parent and you want to be added on our database to receive school notifications, please email the school office.

Our current system automatically sends notifications to one parent but we can add a second adult at your request.

## Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.

Absence can be reported by ringing the school number 02089502350, choosing option 2 or alternatively, please send an email to the school office [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) by 9.10am **everyday of your child is absent.**

## Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will end mid-January 2025.

## Minimus Project - Latin and Classics Opportunity for Students in Year 5 and 6

Following the success of the Latin and Classics outreach lessons delivered by St. Margaret's School in the Autumn Term, these will continue in the Spring Term. As before, these sessions will run after school on alternative **Mondays from 3:30-4:00pm** on the following days:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Unless your child has been given permission to walk home alone, pupils will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate on School Lane.

If your child wishes to attend the remaining outreach lessons after-school and learning more about the Classics and Latin, please email the school office via [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk). Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.

## Thank you to ASHA



ASHA have kindly donated money to each class to spend on wet play games. Over the summer we were also fortunate to receive money from ASHA to purchase playground equipment.

## Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. As a reminder, meals cost £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if you require your login details.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## Collection of Children

Just a polite reminder that school closes at 3:20pm. Teachers will wait with children at the top gate until 3:30pm, before taking children to wait in the office area. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff to carry out their other roles and responsibilities.

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be looking at different characters in Alice in Wonderland and use inverted commas to show when they are speaking.

**Maths:** We will be using the formal written method for addition

**Science:** We are going to be exploring magnets.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write contrasting setting descriptions based on the book "Zeraffa Giraffa".

**Maths:** We are going to learn units of measure and conversions.

**History:** We are going to investigate the Roman invasion of Britain.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be learning about the structure of cinquain poetry and we will use the book 'Where the Poppies Grow' to inspire our own cinquain writing.

**Maths:** We will be starting a new fractions unit and will begin with naming and identifying fractions

**Music:** We will begin a series of lessons where we learn to play the recorder.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's group will be finishing editing our version of The Great Mouse Plot before beginning a new piece of writing inspired by Wisp. Mrs. Kothary's group will finish off The Great Mouse Plot and starting to work on our next narrative unit inspired by Wisp.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore percentages in worded problems. We will then begin to explore Geometry. Mrs. Kothary's Group we will revisit fractions and start to understand their equivalent decimals.

**Geography:** We will be exploring the climate of South America.

**PE:** We will be performing Bhangra Dances that the children have choreographed.

**Art:** We will continue working on the unit: Exploring Identities. We will focus on the blind contouring technique.

## School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

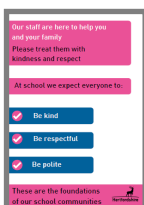
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>BLUE</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

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## Upcoming Events

Monday 13th January	Forces Club
Monday 13th January	Latin and Classics (Year 5 & 6)
Thursday 23rd January	Year 6 Manor Adventure Meeting
Thursday 30th January	4V French Cafe
Thursday 30th January	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Friday 31st January	4M French Cafe