



Ashfield Junior School

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

10th May 2024

Headteacher's Message

It is nice to see the weather improving and sun shining this week, it definitely makes a difference to everyone's wellbeing. Now that it is warming up, it will be nice to see more children wearing their **summer uniform** (dresses, polo shirts and shorts). More information on our school uniform can be found on our website [School Uniform – Ashfield Junior School](#). Please make sure that your child wears the correct P.E. uniform (black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a yellow t-shirt). Please note that **black cycling shorts are not allowed**. Whilst on uniform, staff have noticed a number of children wearing **jewellery** in school. As part of our uniform expectations, children are not allowed to wear jewellery (chains, bracelets, rings) and should only come into school wearing 'stud' earrings. If your child is wearing jewellery (other than stud earring), we kindly ask that you remove these. Please also make sure that **long hair** is tied up and request that hair is not dyed or bleached. A few children have come to the school office this week for a drink of water so please make sure that your child has a water bottle. Have a nice weekend and hope the sun continues to shine. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Logan (6K), Colette (6K), Amelia (4V) and Louis (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%**. Well done!

A big well done to **3AC** who are 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 **Florence (5D)** who passed her Grade One Acoustic Guitar exam with a Distinction. Well Done!

Congratulations to **Molly (6H)** and **Ella (3AC)** who both achieved a bronze award in skiing. 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.

Attenborough	-	166
Blackman	-	124
Fiennes	-	163
Storey	-	121

Well done to 166

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: Crina (3L), Gigi (3L), Zaynab (3L), Bella (3L), Anna (3L), Grace (3L) and Skyla (3AC)
Year 4: Muhammad (4M) and Reyan (4V)
Year 5: Seren (5A) and Alina (5D)
Year 6: Logan (6K) and Ethan (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: Sophia (3AC) and Rose (3L)

Year 4: Jayda (4M) and Lunan (4M)

Year 5: Ashley (5A) and Mason (5D)

Year 6: Cecile (6K) and Lily (6H)

The Elms Whitsun Half Term Camps

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

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th May 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

Parking

A couple of residents and parents have asked to give a polite reminder about parking safely on School Lane and not over driveways and on the dropped kerb.

Year 4 French Café



4V will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 6th June and 4M** on **Friday 7th June** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining room.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers / skirt and we will provide a blue or red t-shirt to represent the colours of the French flag. Light refreshments will be served by the children and we are asking for a contribution towards the cost

Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. We have arranged a visit to Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, on **Wednesday 12th June** to support our learning in this area. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am. The children need to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear.

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

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

4M Swimming

Reminder that there will be no swimming for 4M on **Monday 13th May**. It will re-start **Monday 20th May** and continue through to Monday 8th July.

Music Lessons

There will be **NO** music lessons next week due to the Year 6 SATs.

Half Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th May** for half term.

DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter **NEW**

Welcome to the DSPL9 newsletter. This provides families with all recent and current local SEND information. The newsletter will be published fortnightly. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the newsletter.

<https://www.dspl9.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=39&type=pdf>

This can also be found on our [website](#)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 3rd June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 21st May 2024**.

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Walk to School Week

On **Monday 20th May** we start Walk to School Week. Every day the children will be recording their journeys to school and our aim is to have as many children walking, scooting or cycling to school. This is working towards our aim of cleaner air and more exercise.

We want to encourage active school journeys which can help towards children achieving 60 minutes of active every day. In a recent study, children that exercised before school had improved concentration levels in school. With regular physical activity children improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build strong bones and muscles, control weight and reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. Please join us by encouraging your child to walk to school where possible.

Games Day

Friday 24th May is Games Day and all children are required to come school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATS will begin on **Monday 13th May** so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

Year 4 Trip to the Verulamium Museum

Year 4 have had a great day visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. The children had the opportunity to explore the museum galleries - The Rites and Recreation area, The Merchants and Market area, the Making a Living gallery, and to handle some Roman artefacts. We have also examined the Hypocaust (underfloor heating system) and the floor mosaics.



Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

13th to 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Monday 3rd to 14th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	-	4V French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	4M French Café at 9.15am
Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Thursday 11th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 19th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Manor Adventure 2025

Next year, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to go on a residential school journey to Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for 3 days <https://www.manoradventure.com/>.

The cost of the school journey will be £278.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 7th June 2024**. Please note places will only be booked for children who have paid the deposit and no places will be booked after the cut-off date.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the journey, please notify the school office by emailing admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk by Friday 31st May 2025.

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be exploring and writing poetry.

Maths: We will start a long unit on time. Please practise days of the week and months of the year at home to help.

PE: We will be continuing to develop our skills in athletics.

Year 4

English: We will explore the way descriptive language and small details create an impression for the reader, based on the book Fly, Eagle, Fly.

Maths: We will be ordering and comparing equivalent fractions.

Art: We will talk about the art of display and the importance of a plinth.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a news article based on our book 'Boy in the Tower'.

Maths: We will be solving problems using all four operations.

Computing: We will be introducing our topic about vector drawings.

Year 6

English: We will be doing our SATs.

Maths: We will be doing our SATs.

Art: We will use the grid method to draw aircraft from WW2.

French: We will start to explore the famous Lemon festival (fete de citron) which takes place in Menton, Nice.

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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Carbonara Pasta with Toppings	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Beef Lasage with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips and Tomato Sauce
BLUE	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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Upcoming Events

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Friday 7th June	4M French Café
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