



Ashfield Junior School

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

10th October 2025

Headteacher's Message

On Friday, the whole school wore yellow to celebrate **World Mental Health Day 2025**. Our mental health is important as it affects our mind, emotions, wellbeing and it affects how we think, feel and act. In our Personal Development lessons, children learn that it is okay to feel different **emotions** but if you have uncomfortable emotions, you should always talk to a trusted adult on their **safety network**. To support our mental health, there are lots of things that we can do including: eating healthy foods, spending time with people you love, listen to music, exercise, doing your favourite activity, show kindness and help others, colouring/artwork, drink water, getting a good night sleep and spending time outdoors. Have a good weekend and try and do some of the activities listed above.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Haruto (5D), Lunan (6K), Lily (5D), Leah (6H) and Orla (4C)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.2%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.4%** Well done!

A big well done to **4V** 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 **Ridley (6K)** who has scored 10 goals in 5 games, including two hatricks for his club AFC Radlet. He is the first player in the club to get to double digits. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jacob (3AC)** who has recently played in a tag rugby tournament for his club Harrow RFC and in 5 games scored 7 tries. The coach has mentioned that he was the most improved and standout player in the team. 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	-	148
Blackman	-	151
Fiennes	-	155
Storey	-	159
Well done to Storey		

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: Jayden (3M) and Arthur (3AC)

Year 4: Maria D-J (4C) and Hugo B (4V)

Year 5: Abi & Ella (5C) & Charlotte and Skyla (5D)

Year 6: Joseph (6H) and Reyan (6K)

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: Rosie (3M) and Mia (3AC)

Year 4: Orla (4C) and Amelie (4V)

Year 5: Cian (5C) and Ava (5D)

Year 6: Amelia P (6H) and Iya (6K)

DSPL9 Parent & 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.

[Newsletter](#)

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

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 21st October**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). **It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.** The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found below or on the information sheet.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

School Council

We are very pleased to have our School Council elected. It will be lovely to meet with them to discuss why they wanted to join. Two members from each class were elected by their peers.

3AC - Scarlett and Archie

3M - Kiaana and Fred

4C - Jack and Alice

4V - Vihaan and Liya

5C - Hady and Anna

5D - Nandini and Raoul

6H - Ralph and Grace C

6K - Mia-Nevaeh and Jack

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Wednesday 5th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

4V Swimming

Unfortunately due to maintenance of the swimming pool at St. Margaret's there will be **NO** swimming for 4V on **Monday 13th October**.

4V will return to swimming on Monday 20th October.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 28th November**.

Simon Mole - Poetry - The Great Big Bug Show



Following on from National Poetry Day fun with poet Simon Mole, Hertfordshire Libraries are delighted to be welcoming Mole and musician Gecko for a poetry inspired family theatre show during October half term. The Great Big Bug Show, packed with poems, raps and songs about your favourite creepy crawlies, will visit 6 of our libraries - Watford, Oxhey, Stevenage, Bishop's Stortford, Welwyn Garden City and Hitchin - and is priced at £5 per person. Tickets for your nearest show can be found here:

[The Great Big Bug Show - Simon Mole](#)

If you can't travel to any of the libraries hosting the show, do take a look at events taking place at your local library by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraryevents

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 22nd October** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.

Secondary Transfer Application 2026

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is **31st October**. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Winter Fair

Save the date for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 29th November** from 11am to 2pm at Ashfield. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

Staff Car Park

This is a polite reminder that the carpark is for staff and visitors only. Parents and carers are reminded that they should not use it to collect children from school or after-school clubs. It should also not be used for turning around or dropping off or collecting items from the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Parents' Consultations

For Parents' Consultations this term, we will offer an online meeting or a face-to-face meeting in school. We will use Teams for the online meeting and these will be held in the week before half term (w/c 20th October). Class teachers will be available on the days listed below (check times below). The face-to-face consultation will be on Wednesday 22nd October from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Please note, you only need to book one appointment with your child's teacher (either face to face or online)

Dates and times for the online meetings

Teacher	Parents 'Online' Meeting Date
Miss Arthur & Miss Flint (3AC)	Monday 20 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Mocanu (3M)	Tuesday 21 st October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Vincett (4V)	Friday 24 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Coussins (4C)	Monday 20 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Davison (5D)	Monday 20 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Cumming (5C)	Thursday 23 rd October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mr Hardy (6H)	Tuesday 21 st October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Kothary (6K)	Thursday 23 rd October (9:00am to 11:30am)

Date and time for the face-to-face meetings

Face to face – all teachers in the school hall	Wednesday 22 nd October (3:30pm to 6:00pm)
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You will need to book an appointment for the online meeting or face to face meeting. The booking system for Parents' Consultations will open at **6pm on Friday 10th October 2025**. In order to book an appointment with your child's teacher please log in to the School Cloud <https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk> and complete the form for your child which will then display appointment availability. Attached is a Parent's Guide for booking appointments. Both online and face to face parent consultations will be for 10 minutes.

Online Meetings

Teachers will send out one Teams link nearer the time. You are asked to join 5 minutes before your allocated time slot and will be kept in the waiting room. This will allow the teacher to see you are waiting and appointments can run smoothly.

Face-to-Face Meetings

We will be using the school hall for in person parent consultations. Parents should enter the gate via the bottom gate on School Lane. Parents should proceed to the school hall and wait until they are called by their child's class teacher. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that the afternoon can run smoothly. If you arrive late for your appointment, you may need to reschedule the appointment with your child's teacher

Year 5 Harvest Assembly - Red Trust Bushey - Harvest Festival Donations



Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Friday 24th October at 9.10am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th October**. A list of the food items we are collecting have been detailed on a separate letter sent this week. Thank you for your support.

Red Trust Bushey Foodbank Shopping List

Buying & donating items from this shopping list really helps local people who use the Red Trust Foodbank.

Red Trust Foodbank is open twice a week on:

Tuesday evening: 5pm - 6:30pm & Friday morning: 10am - 12noon

Located at The Phoenix Centre, 4 Farrington Avenue, Bushey, WD23 3DG

Designed to help local people through the provision of essential food and community support.

All donations can be dropped off at the Phoenix Centre throughout the week or at local points on Bushey High Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Vikki on 07483 260440



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Red Trust Shopping List

Please help local people in need by buying or donating items from the list below.

Thank you!

- ☐ Tinned meat (stew, chili, etc.)
- ☐ Tinned vegetables
- ☐ Pasta sauces/curry sauces
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Baked beans
- ☐ Tinned tomatoes
- ☐ Tinned pulses
- ☐ Tinned fruit
- ☐ Tinned fish
- ☐ Soup
- ☐ Mashed potato
- ☐ Biscuits
- ☐ Instant coffee/tea bags
- ☐ Fruit juice (long life carton)
- ☐ UHT milk (long life carton)
- ☐ Tinned rice pudding
- ☐ Custard
- ☐ Loo rolls
- ☐ Washing powder
- ☐ Toothpaste

Registered Charity No: 1161424

The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October 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 October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount Code: EBOCT25**

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** with code **SIBCMP25**.

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: www.theelms.co.uk

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be finishing our descriptive paragraph about Mini Rabbits journey home.

Maths: We will finish our work on rounding numbers and then we will practise estimating and measuring length and mass.

Art: We will continue to practise our sewing skills.

Year 4

English: We will be drafting and editing our persuasive speeches.

Maths: We are looking at repeated patterns in number and counting in 6,

History: We will be looking at religion in Celtic times and the importance of Druids.

Year 5

English: We will be editing and redrafting our non chronological reports this week in our writing lessons.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing big numbers (including decimals) by 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000.

Music: We will be practising our Harvest Festival songs as we prepare for our assembly.

Year 6

English: We will use punctuation rules to write speech in our narrative about baking a cake.

Maths: We will be exploring formal written methods of multiplication and division.

RE: We will explore the eight fold path and understand its significance in the Buddhist lifestyle.

Science: We will be concluding our mould experiment.

PE: We will continue to explore flight.

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 £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

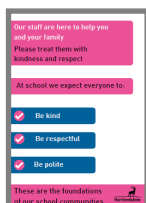
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Chicken Hotdog, with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Veg Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
BLUE	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
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

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[School Blog](#)



Upcoming Events

Monday 20th October	4V Swimming
Tuesday 21st October	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 22nd October	Individual Photographs
Friday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Assembly
Mon 27th October to Fri 1st November	Half Term
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo