



Ashfield Junior School

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

11th October 2024

Headteacher's Message

On Thursday, the whole school wore yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day 2024. In assembly, we learnt more about our mental health and how it focuses our mind, emotions and wellbeing and how it affects how we think, feel and act. We learnt that it is okay to feel different emotions but if you have uncomfortable emotions, you should always talk to a trusted adult. 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, do an activity you enjoy, show kindness and help others, do something active, 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 (4M), Lunan (5G), Billie (6H), Lily (4M), Leah (5D), Ellis (6H), Orla (3L), Joe (3AC) and Emily (3L)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.7%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **96.7%** Well done!

A big well done to Year **4M** 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.

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	-	118
Blackman	-	119
Fiennes	-	116
Storey	-	113

Well done to **Blackman**

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 25th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 4th November.

Winter Uniform

A polite reminder that children should return to school on **Monday 4th November** wearing their winter uniform. Please also make sure that your child comes to school with a jacket or coat as the weather is going to get much colder.

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 18th October 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).

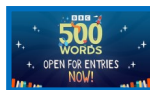
NHS Discount

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/>

BBC's 500 Words



“Write a story you would love to read”

BBC's **500 Words**, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries. This is a great enrichment opportunity for children and would be a lovely way to encourage creativity, to inspire reluctant writers or to give your child's writing a purpose. It would also be a fun way to engage with your child's learning journey.

For further information use the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on **Friday 8 November 2024**

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 begin in the first week of October and end mid-January 2025. We will be notified of the outcome in February 2025. Please see below for a list of the stores taking part in the voting for our project.

So, each time you shop in Tesco, remember to cast your vote for Ashfield.

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

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.

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.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11r9qatqPazIb9SLgq2o7Ue9m2GD_wmJt/view

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

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

This year we will be again collaborating with St Margaret's School, who will be visiting Ashfield School on a bi-weekly basis to deliver some sessions to our students on Latin and Classics. These sessions will run after school on a **Monday from 3:30-4:00pm** and will be supervised by Miss Emma Desmond, the Head of Classics at St Margaret's.

St Margaret's School will be bringing some students across Years 11-13 to teach small groups of our students in Year 5-6 some basics of the Latin language. They will also deliver lessons on well-known Greek and Roman myths such as the story of Medusa and Perseus, Daedalus and Icarus and Pandora's Box. Sessions will be creative and fun for all the students involved. The students from St. Margaret's School will always be supervised and overseen by Miss Desmond and/or Miss Thomas.

This is an opportunity open to students in Year 5-6. There is no need for Ashfield students to have any prior knowledge of the Ancient World, mythology or Latin, but it is an exciting way for them to learn more. There are 20 spaces available for students with the first session starting on **Monday 4th November**. Students will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate.

The dates for this term are as follows: Monday 4th November, Monday 18th November and Monday 2nd December

If the outreach lessons are well attended, we will aim to continue this opportunity into the spring term. If your child is interested in attending this after-school club and learning about the classics and Latin, please email the school office via admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.

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 13th 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>

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Thursday 24th October at 2.15pm**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 21st to Thursday 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.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 23rd 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.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

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 21st October). Class teachers will be available on the days listed below (check times below). The face-to-face consultation will be on Wednesday 23rd 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 & Mrs Chapman (3AC)	Friday 25 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Lazarus (3L)	Monday 21 st October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Vincett (4V)	Tuesday 22 nd October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Mocanu (4M)	Wednesday 23 rd October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Giffen (5G)	Thursday 24 th October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Davison (5D)	Wednesday 23 rd October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mr Hardy (6H)	Monday 21 st October (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Kothary (6K)	Thursday 24 th 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 23 rd 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 **5pm on Friday 11th October 2024**. 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.

Wellbeing Bingo

Play our wellbeing bingo by crossing off the activities you've done to help your mental health. You can also play with your friends/family!

In the past week I have...

<p>Sung in the shower</p> 	<p>Played with a furry friend</p> 	<p>Slept well</p> 	<p>Spent time with family/friends</p> 
<p>Listened to my favorite songs</p> 	<p>Read a good book</p> 	<p>Watched a great movie/TV show</p> 	<p>Eaten something delicious</p> 
<p>Exercised</p> 	<p>Stayed hydrated</p> 	<p>Drawn a picture</p> 	<p>Laughed until my cheeks hurt</p> 
<p>Spent time outdoors</p> 	<p>Danced</p> 	<p>Treated myself</p> 	<p>Explored a new place</p> 

Illustrations by Jen Springall

#HelloYellow

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What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue to explore poetry, in particular free verse poetry.

Maths: We are going to be rounding numbers to the next 10 and 100,

Art: We will continue with our cave painting work and start making our caves.

Year 4

English: We will be finishing our persuasive writing and editing our work.

Maths: We will be practicing our formal written subtraction with/without regrouping.

RE: We will be making our own rangoli patterns.

Year 5

English: We will be inventing words using latin root words, prefixes and suffixes to use in our 'monster' writing.

Maths: We will be multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

Art: We will be using the chromebooks to create our own 'Monsters' book cover as a link to our Art unit about typography.

Year 6

English: We are going to be writing using authorial technique to manipulate language for effect.

Maths: We are going to be exploring formal written methods for multiplication and division.

Geography: We will be exploring the human impact on biomes and the environment.

PD: We will be updating our Compass for Life maps.

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
RED	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn with Cihips
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.					

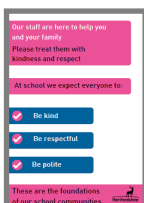
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<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>



Upcoming Events

Monday 14th October	Forces Club
w/c Monday 21st October	Parents' Consultations
Wednesday 23rd October	Individual Photos
Thursday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Festival
Friday 25th October	End of Term (3:20pm)
Thursday 31st October	Secondary Transfer Deadline
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Back to School
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair