Ashfield Junior School

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

11th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been a positive week of settling into routines and getting to know one another. Our classrooms have been calm and purposeful as children have practised new routines and have demonstrated our highest expectations in their books and discussions. We are also learning to negotiate new playground games and navigate situations where we do not always agree. These moments are helping us build respectful relationships, confidence and the skills to work together successfully. Year 6 have begun the year being excellent role models to the younger children. The staff are very grateful for the time Year 6 and Mr Hardy are giving up at lunchtime for the Year 3 sports club. Thank you! Please keep an eye out for your termly curriculum leaflet which will be emailed to you. You will also find a copy on our website alongside your child's yearly curriculum map. Please take some time to look through the relevant year groups class slides which will give you class specific information and important reminders for the year. If you are celebrating the Jewish new year this weekend, we wish you and your families a sweet and happy new year.! Have a wonderful weekend.

A very happy birthday to: Naomi (3F), Samuel (3M), Benji (6H), Darien (6K), Danylo (3M), Eirnin (5D), Isabella (6K) and Joshan (3M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.4%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3F** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%.** 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.

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

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	-	123
Blackman	-	124
Fiennes	**-**	**141**
Storey	-	136

Well done to Fiennes

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: Jediel (3F) and Ava (3M)

Year 4: Jessica (4S) and Archie (4V)

Year 5: Percy (5D) and Olivia (5C)

Year 6: Cian (6H) and Rhiannon and Leah (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: Cayden (3F) and Abel (3M)

Year 4: Karen (4S) and Pia (4V)

Year 5: Praneet (5D) and George Cr (5C)

Year 6: Kyle (6H) and Yasna (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

4V Swimming Lessons

On **Tuesday 15th September** **4V** children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Tuesday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

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

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

Year 6 - 2027 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2027** 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.

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Wednesday 30th September at 9.05am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Wednesday 23rd to 30th September**. A list of the food items we are collecting have been detailed on a separate letter sent this week. Thank you for your support.

Earings

A reminder regarding PE lessons: children who wear earrings should only wear stud earrings to school. During PE, earrings must be removed or securely covered with earring tape**.**

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is able to remove their earrings independently or has earring tape available when needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 Tie Assembly

Save the date! Our traditional Year 6 Tie Assembly will be on **Thursday 17th September at 9.10am.** Year 6 parents are most welcome to the assembly. Please enter by the Year 6 double doors.

Handwriting Pens

Handwriting pens can be purchased from the school office at a cost of 3 for £1.00.

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

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.

Year 6 Bushey Meads Open Evening

We are very pleased to invite you and your children to the Bushey Meads School Open Evening on Thursday 17 September, from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

Ashfield pupils have always gone on to thrive at Bushey Meads, and we are proud of the strong partnership between our schools. This event is a wonderful opportunity to explore the learning environment, meet staff, and experience the wide range of activities and facilities that help our students succeed.

The Executive Principal will be giving talks in the main hall at 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Throughout the evening, families will be able to tour the school, take part in interactive departmental activities, and speak with staff and student helpers. Complimentary refreshments will also be available.

In addition, tours of the school will be available to book from Monday 21 September. Tours run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am and 10am. To reserve your place, please contact Reception on 0208 950 3000.

11+ After School Club - MTT

Year 5 children will be able to attend an after-school club run by MTT which provides tuition for Maths and Verbal Reasoning for the 11+ assessments. Further information and how to join this after school club can be found on our website

https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/parents/after-school-clubs/

Further information about MTT can be found on their website

https://www.mocktransfertests.co.uk/

Healthy Snack Time

Children have their 'snack and chat' every morning so they should bring in some fruit and vegetables.

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform. Children are allowed to wear their summer uniform until 23rd October. Please make sure that your child has the correct uniform in school and that it is clearly named. We believe that the wearing of a school uniform gives children a sense of belonging with their school; it is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents and carers by avoiding inequalities in terms of possessing the latest designer fashions. Our guidance and policy on school uniform can be found on our school website School Uniform – Ashfield Junior School. Parents will be informed by their teacher if their uniform is not correct.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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 £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if your require your login details.

https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in

Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, you can now book lessons via Herts Music Service (HMS). As well as violins, piano, guitar, cornet and woodwind. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website.

Hertfordshire Music Service

Ashfield School and Home Association

Would you like to support the school community? ASHA organise a number of events throughout the year and are looking for some volunteers to support with these events. If you are interested and would like to be involved or would like further information, please contact the committee via the email below and they will get back to you. Without the support from the school community, ASHA will not be able to put these events on. So, please get in touch! ashacommittee@gmail.com

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. We also advise to have a third contact in case of emergencies. 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.

PE Timetable

3F	Monday and Friday
3M	Monday and Friday
4S	Tuesday and Thursday
4V	Tuesday and Thursday
5C	Monday and Thursday
5D	Monday and Wednesday
6H	Wednesday and Friday
6K	Wednesday and Friday

Healthy Packed Lunch

As we are on a mission to promote healthy eating, it would be good to see children having a healthy and balanced diet at lunchtimes. A polite reminder not to provide your child with sweets, chocolates and nuts for their packed lunches

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing the middle of our stories based on 'Mini Rabbit' where we introduce a problem.
Maths: We will be exploring and comparing 3 digit numbers.
History: We will be learning about who Arthur Ashfield is.

Year 4

English: We are exploring the text Arthur and the Golden Rope in English and rehearsing the skill of 'show, not tell' in our narratives.
Maths: We will begin to look at magnitude of numbers with rounding and estimation.
History: We will be learning about Celtic settlements and exploring why hillforts were so important to Celtic communities.

Year 5

English: We will be constructing sentences using main and subordinate clauses and exploring the different ways our sentences can be structured. Our writing unit is based on a DK text called The Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures where we will be learning how to write non-chronological reports.
Maths: Our first maths unit is all about place value. We have looked at the value of digits in seven-digit numbers and are now working on comparing and ordering large numbers, and on counting in powers of ten.
Geography: We are learning about North America in Geography this term. We have identified the 23 countries and are now learning about five of the environmental regions (the Mountainous West, the Eastern Region, the Great Plains, the Canadian Shield, and the Caribbean).
Science: We are learning about the properties of materials. We are creating comparison tables to identify and classify them.

Year 6

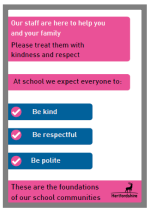
English: We will continue to take inspiration from the authors of Planetarium and explore how vocabulary and grammar is selected to compose an introduction to a non - chronological report.
Maths: We will continue to learn about shape. We will start to explore how the perimeter of a shape is calculated.
We will then begin to explore different types of angles and how to measure them using a protractor.
RE: We will continue to listen to the story of How Siddharta Gautama became the Buddha and discover how the Four Noble sights impacted him.
Science: We will use the facts we know about invertebrates and classify them.
Geography: We will create a map of the different types of biomes in the world.

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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn and Cucumber Salsa	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti and Metballs in a Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata 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.					

Contact Us



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School Blog

Amazon Wishlist

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 15th September	**4V Swimming Lessons**
Thursday 17th September	**Year 6 Tie Assembly (9:10am)**
Friday 25th September	**MacMillian Coffee Morning**
Wednesday 30th September	**Year 5 Harvest Assembly (9:05am)**