



# Ashfield Junior School

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

12th September 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It is lovely to see the children settle into their new classrooms. This week, we have focused on school routines. We have revisited our **school values (respect, kindness, resilience and cooperation)** and school rules. Children reflected on what good behaviour looks like in the classroom and outside and have worked with teachers to create a Class Charter. It has been a pleasure seeing the Year 3 children settle into life at Ashfield this week. It has also been delightful to see the Year 6 children carry out their Year 6 roles and responsibilities with diligence and pride. The School Development Plan (SDP) is available to view on the school website [Our Vision, Aims & Values – Ashfield Junior School](#) and outlines the school's priorities for this academic year.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



**A very happy birthday to:** Darien (5D), Eirnin (4C), Bella (5D), Mia-Nevaeh (6K), Marwa (6K), Grace (6H) and Sienna (3AC)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93.5%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **4C** 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.

## 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: Christopher (3M) & Rose (3AC)**

**Year 4: Rafe (4V) & Whole Class (4C)**

**Year 5: Bella (5D) & Anna (5C)**

**Year 6: Hriyanshi & Eashan (6K) & Elizabeth (6K)**

## 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	-	83
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>109</b>
Fiennes	-	105
Storey	-	102

**Well done to Blackman**

## Special Achievements

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

Please let the office know by email if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in achievements assembly and the weekly newsletter.

**Please email [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)**

## 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](http://www.theelms.co.uk)

## 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>.

## 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 their [Website](#)

## 4V Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 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 Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. 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 Tie Assembly

Save the date! Our traditional Year 6 Tie Assembly will be on **Tuesday 16th September at 9.10am**. Year 6 parents are most welcome to the assembly. Please enter by the Year 6 double doors.

## 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](http://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.

## School Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform. Children are allowed to wear their summer uniform until 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. We are looking at changing our suppliers for our branded school uniform. I will be sending out a questionnaire to hear your voice. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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**PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2025**  
For all parents/carers of children with SEND

**TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025 10-11.30AM**  
**TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 10-11.30AM**

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS  
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at:

[enquiries@dspl9.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dspl9.org.uk)

## 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 you require your login details.

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

## 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

<b>3AC</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>3M</b>	Wednesday and Thursday
<b>4C</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>4V</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>5C</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>5D</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>6H</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>6K</b>	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

## Ashfield School Rules

Below our school rules to make them easier to remember and to link them with our school values.

The school rules are:

- Show respect
- Be kind
- Be cooperative
- Be resilient
- Work hard
- Be safe

Our school values are respect, kindness, cooperation and resilience. Please talk to your child about our school rules and values.

## 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.mocktransfertest.co.uk/>

## Healthy Snack Time

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

## Handwriting Pens

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

## Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term.

## 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](mailto:ashacommittee@gmail.com)

## 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, guitar, cornet and woodwind, we are also fortunate to have a piano teacher. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website.

[Hertfordshire Music Service](#)

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Please click on the link for further information.

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/school-office/school-meals-milk/>

## Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 6th October**.

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be retelling the story of Mini Rabbit on his adventure.

**Maths:** We will be learning about place value in 3-digit numbers. We will be making, drawing and writing 3-digit numbers.

**History:** We will be learning about the history of Ashfield Junior School.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be continuing our unit on Arthur and the Golden rope and writing an extra scene in preparation for our graphic novel

**Maths:** We will be looking at magnitude and rounding 4 digit numbers.

**Science:** We are investigating sound and how we hear.

**History:** We are learning about Celtic hillforts and naming their different parts.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing a range of descriptive complex sentences about mythical creatures. We will be learning about main and subordinate clauses.

**Maths:** We will be rounding 5 and 6 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10000.

**Geography:** We will be learning about North America this half term. We have identified the 23 North American countries and we will now be finding out more about the different environmental regions across the continent

### Year 6

**English:** Year 6 will continue to explore writing descriptive sentences using a range of sentence types including complex and compound

**Maths:** Year 6 will continue to explore place value in large numbers and begin to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

**Geography:** We will create maps of biomes and where they are located on the Earth.

**Science:** We will explore the classification of plants.

## 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.

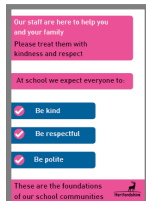
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & 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 15th September	4V Swimming
Monday 15th September	African Dance Workshop
Tuesday 16th September	Year 6 Tie Assembly