



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**13th December 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week at Ashfield and it has been lovely to see so many parents and carers visit the school. The **Year 3 performance** was 'eggcellent!' They should be very proud of themselves with learning the songs, lines, dances and actions in such a short space of time. It was lovely to see all the hard work pay off for their final performances to the school and parents. The **4M cornet performance** was also a success. The children have learnt so much in their cornet lessons with learning how to play a musical instrument, read basic music notes, rhythm, beat, tempo and dynamics. It was also delightful to see the progress of the three additional children in Year 5 and 6 playing the cornet at the performance too. Today, we had our **open morning and afternoon**. It was nice to see so many parents attend this event to celebrate their child's work and achievements. You would have seen a range of work in your child's books and around the classrooms from a range of curriculum subjects. This is an area that we have worked hard on over the last two years so it is nice to see it come together. Thank you for your continued support. Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Alice (5D), Charlotte (5G), Ella (3L), Kaiden (6K), Hamish (3L) and Grace (4V)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.8%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3L** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.9%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** 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	-	159
Blackman	-	161
<b>Fiennes</b>	-	<b>178</b>
Storey	-	170

**Well done to Fiennes**

## Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Rhiannon (4M)** who passed her Stage 4 Swimming and Level 2 Gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Ralph (5D)** who passed and received a 3rd KYU Diploma and a Brown Belt. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack (3L), Abigail (4V), Carter (4V), Charlotte (4M), Freddie (4M), Hady (4V), Lily (4M), Sonny (4M), Zayn (4M) and Tyaan (5D)** who all successfully passed their recent Taijutsu grading. They all showed resilience, strength and determination. Well done all on moving up to your next belts - a great achievement. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack (3L)** who passed his Karate grading and has achieved his red belt. Well done!

## End of Autumn Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Monday 6th January** for the Spring Term.

## **The Elms February Half Term Camps**

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

### **Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount**

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 7th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

### **Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25**

All siblings receive at 20% discount if attending the same day/s.

### **NHS Discount**

Please call The Elms to verify your NHS status. Please note, proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this 25% discount.

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 954 8787

**Book Online:** <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

## **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.

**Where payment has not been fully made, we will refund any money already paid, minus the non-refundable deposit and cancel the place.**

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

## **Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day**

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 18th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

## **Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)**

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 17th December** for a catch up session if your child was absent and missed the previous Flu Immunisation or you have changed your mind and would like them to receive it.

You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found via the link.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>

## **St James Carol Concert**

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 16th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

**If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers. 4V will still attend swimming.**

## **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 end mid-January 2025.



## Hanukkah Assembly

On Tuesday we had a visit from the Jewish School Tour with Rabbi Yosef, who hosted another wonderful assembly. This time about the Jewish festival of lights, Hanukkah. The children learned why the dreidel is significant and why there are 8 candles on a menorah.



## 4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 6th January** 4M 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>

## 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](#)

## Forces Club

This week in Forces Club the children enjoyed making melting snowmen biscuits, with icing and marshmallows.



## Winter Fair

Thank you all so much for your huge support at the fair. Our fair raised just over £2,500 which will be shared between our two schools. Mr Dourado is busy working out what to spend the money on.

A huge thank you to both ASHA and FOMH our committees, who started setting up on Friday night and were back again bright and early on Saturday morning.

We are such a lucky school to have so many wonderful parents and events such as these that simply could not happen without your support.

If you would like to get involved please contact ASHA via email [ashacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ashacommittee@gmail.com)

## After School Clubs

**The following clubs will finish for the Autumn Term as below:-**

**The Elms** - Monday 9th December (Netball), Tuesday 10th December (Football), Wednesday 11th December (Tennis) and Thursday 12th December (Multisports).

**Art Club** - Wednesday 11th December (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 12th December (Year 5 & 6)

**Mock Transfer** - Thursday 12th December

**Dance Club** - Friday 13th December

**Jam Coding** - Friday 13th December

## Parent / Carer Motor Development Information Sessions

Places are now available to book on our Spring Term 2025  
information sessions for parents and carers

### Supporting your child's motor skills development

When do children develop particular motor skills, such as riding a bicycle or using a pen? How can you help your child to develop these skills? What can you do if your child is struggling with a skill?

This session is for parents or carers of children aged between 4-8 years old who would like to understand more about their child's motor development and how to support this. The session will share information about the typical ages when children develop different motor skills. It will explain how to breakdown an activity such as pulling on a jumper into simple steps to help your child complete this independently. You will also get advice on activities and simple things you can do at home to support your child's motor development.

#### BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076430044239>

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076446944789>

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076454868489>

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 11:00 – 12:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076459572559>

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 – 11:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076463865399>

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11:00 – 12:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1076469422019>

We are also offering parent information sessions on understanding sensory preferences and supporting self-regulation. To find out dates of these and other training opportunities please visit our CYP Therapies – Occupational Therapy Service webpage

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-occupational-therapy//>



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