



Ashfield Junior School

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

13th February 2026

Headteacher's Message

As you will all be aware, there has been more than usual traffic congestion on School Lane due to the roadworks on Merry Hill Road. The increase in traffic, increases the road safety risk to our pupils and school community. Over the last two weeks, I have been involved in communication with local councillors, Hertfordshire Police, Hertsmeire Council, Cadent (gas) and headteachers at Merry Hill Infants and St. Margaret's. However, there appears to be little resolution on how we can move forward or speed up the roadworks. Local residents have also voiced their frustration with some members of our school community parking and blocking driveways. I understand the difficulty School Lane presents for those that need to drive to get their child to school, but please be considerate on where you park and please refrain from parking on the crisscross yellow lines outside the school. I do hope that the roadworks will be completed very soon and I wish you all a relaxing half-term break. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Meila (4C), Emily (6K), Douglas (6H), Isaac (5D), Ralph (6H), Millie (6H) Bella (6K), Maya (6K), Reyan (6K), Emily (3M) and Cara (3AC)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.3%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **95.7%** Well done!

A big well done to **3AC** 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 **Praneet (4C)** who competed in the Scouts District Chess Competition and came in second place. There were 44 participants and he played in 5 rounds. Well done!

Congratulations to **Millie (6H), Alice (6H) and Charlotte (6K)**, for winning the Master Chef 2026 competition at Guides. They had to come up with a theme, plan a menu, get all the ingredients and cook the meal themselves. They did amazing and won first place! 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.

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| Attenborough | - | 147 |
| Blackman | - | 145 |
| Fiennes | - | 139 |
| Storey | - | 154 |

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: Jacob (3AC) and Kiaana (3M)

Year 4: Gia (4V) and Leo (4C)

Year 5: Isaac (5D) and Finnley (5C)

Year 6: Louise (6K) and Ayla (6H)

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: Grace (3AC) and Sebastian (3M)

Year 4: Areesha (4V) and all of class (4C)

Year 5: Zahra (5D) and Finnley (5C)

Year 6: Charlotte (6K) and Iya (6H)

DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

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](#)

Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Thursday 26th March**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 5th March** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

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

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Hertfordshire Sustainability and Climate Change Survey

Hertfordshire want to hear from people who live, work, or study in Hertfordshire. They are asking 18 questions about what you think and do to help the environment, tackle climate change, and look after our county for the future. Your views are important and they want to make sure that they are keeping you informed about their work and also enabling you to get involved.

This survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and will be open until 22nd March.

If you need this survey in an alternative format email sustainable@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4040.

[Hertfordshire.gov.uk/sustainabilitysurvey](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/sustainabilitysurvey)

[Hertfordshire.gov.uk/easyreadsustainabilitysurvey](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/easyreadsustainabilitysurvey)



End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 27th March** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Monday 13th April**.

Tuesday 3rd March
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice
OR
Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice
Served with Carrots and Peas
Dessert Pineapple Loaf

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 The ADHD and Autism Trust

Passionate about understanding, embracing and celebrating neurodiversity

Our professional team of specialist trainers and coaches have first-hand experience of ADHD and Autistic family life, in our opinion, nobody understands living with additional needs more than parents and carers who "walk the talk" everyday!

Contact the Neurodiversity Support Hub if you need someone to talk to

01727 833963

For parents & professionals. Lines are open:
 9am-1pm Mon, Wed & Fri
 9am-3pm Tues & Thurs.
 7pm-9pm Wed (by appt)

Specialist workshops & courses

Do you have a specific concern? We run termly workshops covering a range of common issues.

We also offer unique training courses for parents, with weekly sessions over 6 weeks

Join our community

Become a member of ADD-vance. It's free and gives you priority information about our courses, training, & workshops. Sign up on our website.

Support Groups

Our coaches run support groups for parents which are relevant for the age of your child

Join us on Facebook

ADD-vance - ADHD & Autism Trust plus closed groups:
 ADD-vance Parent/Carers & Professionals or Spectrum Girls

Paid Services

QbCheck™
 This measures the three core symptoms of ADHD. It provides objective data which can help parents & professionals evaluate and manage ADHD.

SEN Services
 Specialist service for children and young people with SEN. We offer general support as well as help with EHCPs.

Parent Coaching
 Our specialist coaches work with parents to provide knowledge and skills to support your child and improve family life.

Specialist Sleep Service
 Our Specialist Sleep Coach will work with you to improve the sleep of the child/young person

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Junior Bake Off

There are a few children who want to follow their North Star to become a chef or baker so they may be excited to hear that there is an opportunity to star on *Junior Bake Off* on Channel 4. Budding bakers need to be between **9-15 years old** and interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. Filming would take place from July 2026, but their **applications closes on Sunday 15th March 2026**. Please contact **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Wellbeing Support

Sandbox - [Award-winning digital Mental Health Support for young People – The Sandbox](#)

Luminova - [Lumi Nova: tales of Courange](#)

Shout - [Shout: the UK's free, confidential, 24/7 mental health text service – Shout 85258](#)

SENDIASS - [The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer](#)

MIND homepage - [We are Mind, the Mental Health Charity – Mind](#)

MIND support page - [Guides to Mental Health Support and Services](#)

Hub of Hope - [Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma – Hub of Hope](#)

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

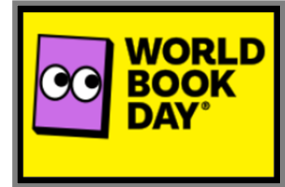
To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to. Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 have had a very busy term and it has culminated in Roman day this week. Thank you to all the parents who ensured all the children looked wonderful on the day and could really immerse themselves in the experience. Magisters Coussinum and Vinceticus helped the children decipher common Latin phrases; as well as brushing up on their Roman Numerals. They finished off the day creating their very own mosaics. Well done everyone!



World Book Day 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We will not be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March this year as Year 5 children will be on a school trip. We will, however, be celebrating on **Wednesday 4th March!**

As this is the *National Year of Reading*, we will be focusing on **reading for pleasure** and taking this opportunity to get lost in books.

By popular demand, we will be having a 'cosy pyjama day' this year.

The children can come to school in their pyjamas or they may choose to just wear their comfiest stay-at-home-today clothes (e.g. tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt/ sweatshirt). For their indoor shoes, they may wear their slippers or house shoes. They can also bring in a pillow/cushion/blanket to make their reading time even more of a pleasure.

Throughout the day we will be hearing the 'reading bell' at which times we will all stop whatever we are doing, make ourselves comfortable and READ for pleasure. If your child is reading a book at home that they would like to read, please ensure they have the book in school on the day. We will also encourage the children to use our class libraries to be prepared for WBD.

In assembly, we will be sharing fairy-tales and bedtime stories with the children and teachers will provide fun and engaging activities for the children to complete in lessons.

Weather Matters:

*Ensure children have outdoor shoes (trainers) at school for play and lunchtime.

*Provide layers so that the children are prepared for cold or wet weather.

Please have a look at the World Book Day Family Hub for more activities to do at home. The site has a wealth of ideas and online resources about books should you wish to share some fun reading time with your children. The World Book Day link is <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day.

Thank you.

Miss Davison



What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be starting a new unit on 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Maths: We are continuing our work on multiplication. We will be splitting up 2 digit numbers to multiply, using our x tables facts (for example 15 x 3 is the same as 10 x 3 add 5 x 3)

Science: We will be learning about Animals, including humans.

Year 4

English: We are continuing to look at the features of a report and using the correct tenses when writing about things that happen in the past.

Maths: We will be looking at decimal numbers and their fraction equivalents.

Geography We are starting our new topic The Water Cycle.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a descriptive paragraph that includes dialogue. Our writing will be based on our book, The Promise

Maths: We will be working on the equivalence of tenths and hundredths and matching equivalent fractions in a range of contexts.

Science: We will be learning about the planets in our solar system.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore persuasive writing and then plan our own speeches.

Mrs Kothary's Group will continue to enhance our knowledge of persuasive writing. We will explore and analyse famous speeches to help us plan and write our own.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring the properties of 3D shapes.

Mrs Kothary's Group will start to link our percentage of amounts knowledge to understand how to calculate fractions of amounts.

Geography: We will be beginning a project to compare a South American country with the UK.

Science: We will begin to explore electrical circuits.

RE: Year 6 will explore how Buddhists worship.

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 |
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| RED | Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice | Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Chicken Biryani | Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Autumn Vegetable Lasagne | Beetroot and Lentil Burger with Potato Wedges | Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread | Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| 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. | | | | | |

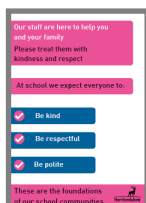
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[Amazon Wishlist](#)



Upcoming Events

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| Monday 23rd February | Start of term 8.50am |
| Monday 2nd March | Forces Club |
| Wednesday 4th March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 5th March | Year 5 Trip to The British Museum |
| Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March | Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure |
| Thursday 26th March | Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium |
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