



# Ashfield Junior School

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

13th March 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Last week's **World Book Day** was a lot of fun and it was nice to see everyone engaged and reading for pleasure! We have a big focus on reading at Ashfield which includes guided reading lessons, a 10-minute read (everyday after lunch), a class novel, reading books in English and reading across the curriculum. Personally, I believe that reading is a fundamental, lifelong skill that acts as a gateway to knowledge, imagination and learning. Regular reading improves communication and vocabulary skills, boosts cognitive abilities, and fosters independent, lifelong learning. I am sure that children felt inspired by World Book Day and that they continue reading daily outside of school. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. Whilst we are on the topic of reading, we are continuing the Merry Hill Infants '**birthday book tradition**' and we have created a reading 'shopping list' from [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) where you can buy and donate a book to school. There is no obligation to take part but all books donated will be greatly appreciated and used by the pupils at Ashfield. Have a lovely weekend. Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Khushi (5C), Veronika (6K), Jayda (6H) and Myla (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.8%** Well done!

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

## 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:** Sofia (3M) and Cara (3AC)

**Year 4:** Vedika (4C) and Amelie (4V)

**Year 5:** Matilda (5D) and Grace and River (5C)

**Year 6:** Muhammad (6K) and Alice & Zuzanna (6H)

## 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	-	128
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>151</b>
Fiennes	-	130
Storey	-	131

**Well done to Blackman**

## 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:** Eliska (3M) and Pia (3AC)

**Year 4:** Luna 4V and All of Class of 4C

**Year 5:** Zayn (5D) and Emma (5C)

**Year 6:** Amelia K (6H) and Amelia P (6H)

## Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Matteo (3AC)** who has passed his 8th Kyu and is now a red belt. Well done!

Congratulations to **George Cr (4V)** who received player of the week at Harrow Rugby Club and also received a medal for the Rugby tournament where his team won 4 out of 5 games. Well done!

Congratulations to **George Cr (4V)** who has gained a Merit in his Grade 1 piano exam and now has a Distinction in Grade 1 theory and a Merit in the Grade 1 practical exam. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nikola (4V)** who had a fantastic result at her gymnastics competition. She won a trophy for 1st place for her bars routine and two bronze medals for her floor routines and a silver medal for her beam routine. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nathaniel (6K)** and **Omari-Emmanuel (3AC)** who competed for Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers athletics club at BFTTA open event at Lee Valley. Both boys ran faster than ever which shows the excellent progress they are making. Nathaniel improved his 100m time by more than half a second and Omari-Emmanuel improved his 200 metres time by more than a second. Well done!

## The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter 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 20th March 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBEAST26**

### Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26

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/>

## 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](#)

## 4V Cornet Concert

This year, Class 4V have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Ms Oliver. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at **9.05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9.00am where you will be escorted to the performance.

## Raring2Go

Please [CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#) to the Raring2Go Spring Magazine with lots of things for families to do!

### **Year 3 Visit to St James' Church**

As part of our RE topic, Year 3 will be visiting St James' Church to learn more about how Easter is celebrated in a Christian Church on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. The children and staff will walk there and back, so there will be no charge for the visit.

**3AC will leave at 9.10am and 3M at 10.10am.**

Lunch and after school arrangements will not be affected on this day. Children will wear their school uniform, but may need suitable extra clothes according to the weather on the day.

### **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.

### **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.

### **After School Clubs**

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

**The Elms** - Monday 23rd March (Netball), Tuesday 24th March (Football), Wednesday 25th March (Tennis) and Thursday 26th March (Multisports)

**Art Club** - Wednesday 25th March (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 19th March (Year 5 & 6)

**Mock Transfer** - Thursday 19th March

**Jam Coding** - Friday 20th March

**Chess** - Monday 16th March

**Drama** - Friday 20th March

### **4C Water Survival**

Swimming and water safety is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education.

On **Tuesday 24th March** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or an old t-shirt plus elasticated waist shorts and a plastic bag to put them in afterwards **along with their usual swimming kit**.

### **Amazon Wish List**

Our aim at Ashfield Junior is to give children as many opportunities to read as possible and to support the development of reading for pleasure both inside and outside of our school environment. Please click on this link if you wish to purchase a book for our school library.

[Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

## YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH  
3:20PM ONWARDS  
LOCATION TBC

YEAR 5- PLEASE SEND ALL  
CAKES INTO SCHOOL BY  
MONDAY 16 MARCH



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN

### Modeshift STARS Accreditation

**Ashfield Junior School**

has been awarded **Good Travel Plan** Modeshift STARS accreditation for their efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling, and other forms of sustainable travel.

1 January 2026	31 December 2026
Date awarded	Expiry date

Ross Butcher  
National Chair of Modeshift

TEAM  
MODESHIFT

### Big Walk and Wheel Challenge



We will be taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling to school challenge.

Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **16th to 27th March**.

### 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**.

### Football Boots

Have you got any old, good quality football boots that your children have outgrown that you no longer need and are happy to donate. We can give them a second life and help other pupils who may not otherwise have the opportunity to play.

### Leave of Absence Request

Due to new Hertfordshire County Council guidelines we will not be accepting emails regarding leave of absence requests. You will need to complete a Leave of Absence Form and return it to the school office. Please contact the school office if you require a copy.

JOIN THE ASHFIELD EGG HUNT

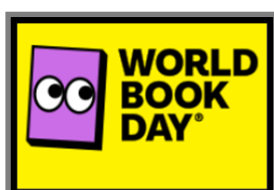
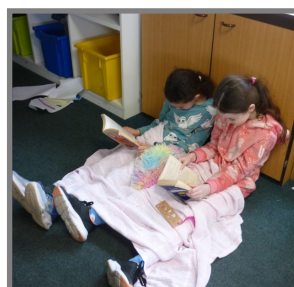
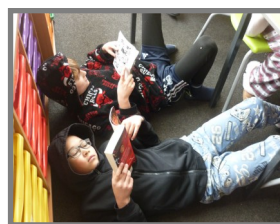
# EASTER EGG HUNT

WEEK COMMENCING  
23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

Please contribute  
£3.50 per child to  
the ASHA account  
acc no: 48865658  
sort code: 23-05-80  
Each child will get an  
Easter Egg

## World Book Day

The school was buzzing with excitement on Wednesday last week as we celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to have a whole school assembly. Miss Davison rang the bell to let the children and staff know to get comfy with their pillow/blanket and start reading their books.



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing and editing descriptions about The Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on written subtraction, We will be working on regrouping both tens and hundreds.

**Re:** We are going to be visiting St James Church this week to learn about the importance of Easter in Christianity.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be exploring the language in Leon and the Place Between in preparation to write our own adventure stories.

**Maths:** We will continue our work with decimals and look at calculations.

**Geography:** We are looking at the formation of clouds and their role in the water cycle.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing and editing our final descriptive story based on our book, The Promise, and we will be introducing our new book, The Misdventures of Frederick.

**Maths:** We will be adding and subtracting fractions in maths this week.

**Geography:** We will be learning about the features of a river.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's Group will be beginning a new unit writing balanced arguments. Mrs Kothary's Group will assemble a persuasive speech using the features we have learned.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring missing angles and learning to use a protractor.

Mrs Kothary's group will start to explore 2D shape properties and transformations.

**PE:** We will begin to learn to disco dance.

**Science:** We will be exploring electricity.

**RE:** We will explore how Buddhists view life as a journey

## 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>	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and 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>					

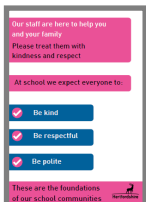
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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th March	4V Cornet Concert
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting
Wednesday 18th March	Year 3 Visit to St. James Church
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Water Survival Activity
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March	Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (1:30pm)
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer Term