Ashfield Junior School

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

13th November 2026

Headteacher's Message

This week has been particularly busy and impressive and there have been some really wonderful Ashfield moments. To begin with, our whole school Remembrance assembly was a moving occasion led by Miss Davison. Year 6 recited *Flanders Fields* and we then laid a wreath at the war memorial alongside our forces families. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Year 6 enjoyed a memorable trip to Whipsnade Zoo, where they met a nine-day-old baby rhino. The staff reported that the children were beautifully behaved and represented Ashfield brilliantly. Year 3 visited Hazard Alley and learnt a great deal about safety and hazards. When leaving the school the children commented that ' I had the best day' and 'Can you book us to go back again?' Year 6 also welcomed the Lieutenancy of Hertfordshire, who helped them explore British Values in our society and how they are represented, celebrated and explored in schools.

I would also like to celebrate our school council, who were brilliant in supporting our fully booked prospective parent tours. I am also delighted that our class ambassadors have embraced their roles with real enthusiasm. Please find the new (and working link) link for our Autumn term parent view in this weeks newsletter and through SchoolComms.

Over the next few months we are hoping to find some more Parents/Carers who would consider donating a small amount of time to ASHA. Fundraising activities are planned in the lead up to Christmas, followed by discos and other fun events in the new year. If you can spare any time, we would be very grateful, even if it is just for one event. On a final note, several policies and procedures have been updated this term and ratified by our Governing Body. These include the Attendance Policy, Allergy Safety Policy, Complaints Policy, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, and Parent/Carer/Visitor Code of Conduct. They are available on our website if you need.

Have a lovely weekend, Tamsin Giannone

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94%** 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 **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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.



A very happy birthday to: Raffie (5C), Jude (3M) and Cian (6H)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Omari-Emmanuel (4V)** who competed in the Lee Valley indoor minithon during which he competed in the 60m, 200m and long jump! His performance over the three events earned him a silver medal! 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.

Attenborough	-	116
Blackman	-	119
Fiennes	-	109
Storey	**-**	**123**

Well done to Storey

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week.

Year 3: Tabby (3F) and Eleanor (3M)

Year 4: Sophia (4S) and Eli (4V)

Year 5: Ingrid (5D) and George C (5C)

Year 6: Hady (6H) and Rose (6K)

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!

Year 3: Roisin (3F) and Maria (3M)

Year 4: Jayden (4S) and Grace (4V)

Year 5: Esmee (5D) and Isla (5C)

Year 6: Zayn (6K) and all of 6H

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

4S Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4C 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 8th December** at **9:10am**. 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.

4V 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 November** 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.**

Parent Questionnaire

Please take a few moments to complete our parent questionnaire using a link below

Parent Questionnaire

Your feedback is really important to us. We appreciate your time and support.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 27th November.**

End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 18th December** and return to school on **Monday 4th January 2027.**



Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 visited Whipsnade Zoo as part of their Science Topic on Evolution and Inheritance and had a fascinating day. They looked carefully at rhinos, giraffes and penguins to see how the species have adapted to their environments over time. Thank you to all the parent helpers that support Year 6 on their visit to the zoo.








Year 4 Trip to The Safety Centre

On Wednesday 11th November, Year 3 had an amazing day visiting The Safety Centre The children have learnt safety skills for life through interactive activities and scenarios. They discussed how to stay safe online, understand risks and avoid accidents using realistic learning experiences. We have been impressed with how well behaved they have been throughout the day, proudly representing Ashfield Junior School.








Remembrance Day Assembly

On 11th November, Year 6 led an assembly to help us learn more about Remembrance Day. They shared why it was important to remember, poppies, a song and recited On Flanders Field. After the assembly, Mrs Giannone, Mrs O'Mahony and some Forces children went to the war memorial at the bottom of School Lane to lay a wreath and some stones that they painted.











Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 11th December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look thorough your child's books.

The morning session will be from **8:50am to 9:20am** and the afternoon session will be from **2:30pm to 3:00pm**.

As there is limited space in our **Year 3 classrooms**, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. **Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session (e.g. 8:50am to 9:20am** or **2:30pm to 3:00pm).** ***The booking system will open for Year 3 parents ONLY at 9:00am on Monday 16th November.***

This is an opportunity to see your child's work and talk to them about their learning. **Teachers and staff will be present but will be unable to talk to you about your child's progress as they will be managing and supporting other children in the classroom.** We look forward to seeing you soon.



Christmas Post Box

From **Tuesday 2nd December** the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 14th December**.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 14th 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.

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Tuesday 8th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 16th 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 16th December** over their school uniform or PE kit.

Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 11th December**.



All children are welcome to have Christmas dinner. Please tick on the form that will be sent home on Monday 9th November with your child's choice and return to the school office by Wednesday 25th November 2026

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing to write our poems inspired by 'The Magic Box'. We will be using our creativity to think of impossible things to put in our boxes.
Maths: We will be learning about 'fact families' This means finding all the addition and subtraction facts for a set of numbers - such as 7 + 4 = 11, 4 + 7 = 11, 11- 4 = 7 and 11 - 7 = 4
French: We are going to learn some more names of animals and how to change from singular to plural.

Year 4

English: We will be starting our new unit - Until I Met Dudley - and thinking about how we write to inform the reader.
Maths: We will continue to look at formal methods in arithmetic, focusing on subtraction, and related worded problems.
Science: We will be learning about human teeth and exploring the functions of the different types. In geography, we will be discovering the purpose of lines of latitude and longitude.

Year 5

English: We will be completing our reading, spelling, and grammar & punctuation autumn assessments. We will also continue to work on writing cinquain poetry inspired by our book, 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'.
Maths: We are currently learning about properties of number with a focus on multiples and factors. This week we will be exploring common factors.
PE: We will be practising and improving symmetrical and asymmetrical balances on benches and stools.
Science: We will start our unit about separating mixtures and changing materials. In our first lesson we will be answering the questions: **1.** What is a mixture? **2.** .How can a mixture of solid materials be separated?

Year 6

English : Year 6 will be finishing and editing their persuasive speeches.
Maths : Year 6 will be exploring negative numbers and rounding both whole and decimal numbers
History: We will be exploring the religious beliefs of the Maya.
Science: We will be exploring how animals are adapted to their environment and how this affects their body and lifestyle.
RE: We will learn about the significance of the Buddhist festival - Wesak.

School Meals

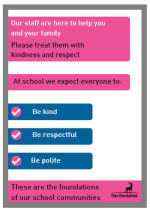
Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Chicken Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mexica Bean Roll with New Potatoes	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata 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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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th November	**4V Swimming**
Monday 23rd November	**Forces Club**
Tuesday 24th November	**4V Water Survival**
Wednesday 25th November	**Flu Immunisations**
Friday 27th November	**Inset Day**