



# Ashfield Junior School

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

14th February 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week. The **School Council** delivered assembly to celebrate **Safer Internet Day** and explain this year's theme on protecting ourselves from online scams. It was excellent to see the School Council confidently delivering this online safety message to the rest of the school. They also set a competition for children to create online safety posters and they will choose the winning posters after half-term. This week, some of our **Year 6 play leaders** went to Merry Hill Infants to support at lunchtime. I received glowing feedback from Ms Adams and Mrs Ineson who both reported on how **kind, respectful** and **cooperative** they were playing with the younger children. They were excellent ambassadors for Ashfield and the rest of the play leaders are looking forward to their visit to the infants. On Thursday, we had a **Roman invasion** at Ashfield. It was lovely to see Year 4 immerse themselves in their History topic. The children had a lot of fun and a full day learning on the Romans. Thank you for supporting your child with their Roman outfits - it will be a day that they will remember for a long time! Have a lovely half-term break, Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Meila (3AC), Emily (5G), Douglas (5D), Isaac (4M), Ralph (5D), Millie (5D), Bella (5G), Maya (5G) and Reyan (5G)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.7%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.1%** Well done!

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

## 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	-	135
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>157</b>
Fiennes	-	145
Storey	-	153

**Well done to Blackman**

## Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Muhammad (5G)** who has won the Hertfordshire U11 Junior Open Badminton Tournament. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jessica (4M)** who has achieved Level 4 on the Vault in gymnastics. Well done!

## 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: Tammy (3AC) and Denis (3L)**

**Year 4: Nandini (4M) and Hady (4V)**

**Year 5: Jayda (5D) and Bradley (5G)**

**Year 6: Caitlin (6H) and Isobel (6K)**

*Happy Half Term!*

## 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: Sophie (3AC) and Ella F (3AC)**

**Year 4: Leah (4M) and Roman (4V)**

**Year 5: Elizabeth & Tyaan (5D) and Charlotte (5G)**

**Year 6: Mr Hardy's Group**

## Easter Holidays Activity Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter Holidays 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 28th March 2025** to qualify for the reduced price using the code EBEAS25.

### 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 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 19th 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 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 **Wednesday 5th 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>

## World Book Day

Copies of Steven Vinacour's books will be available to buy through the school, and Steven will be signing these for the children on World Book Day **Thursday 6th March**. Please remember to **complete and return the permission slip** along with exact amount of money by **Friday 28th February** in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class

## 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](#)

## End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 4th April** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

## 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 Mocanium 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!



## Short Story Competition

The Royal Mint Museum are inviting pupils aged 8 to 11 to take part in a **Short Story Competition**. Children should submit a story no more than **500 words** based around the topic of '*Sustainable Futures*'. The competition will be open for entries from 17<sup>th</sup> February until 25<sup>th</sup> April. For further information on how to enter, please click on the following link [Short story competition](#) Good luck!

## Communication with Teachers

If you have a concern about your child's learning, friendship issues or other class related issues, please make contact with your child's teacher. You will briefly be able to speak to teachers at the end of the school day when you collect your child.

Alternatively, please email the school office ([admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)) and address 'FAO class teacher's name' in the subject header and your email will be forwarded. Teachers may respond by email, phone call or arrange a time to meet in person. However, please allow up to 3 working days for teachers to respond.

## What we will be learning after Half Term

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing persuasive speeches.

**Maths:** We will be continuing with multiplication.

**Geography:** We will be starting our new Geography unit on Europe.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be investigating an unusual event and start writing a newspaper report.

**Maths:** We are going to calculate perimeters of rectilinear shapes

**Geography:** We will start investigating the water cycle.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing character descriptions and our focus will be on the correct use of commas to avoid ambiguity.

**Maths:** We will be adding and subtracting fractions that have different denominators.

**Geography:** We will be starting our new Geography unit about Rivers this week.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's Group will be starting a new book - Talking History - to prepare for writing a persuasive speech. Mrs. Kothary's group will continue to take inspiration from Talking Histories and explore famous persuasive speeches.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore coordinates, reflecting and translating. Mrs. Kothary's group will learn about finding fractions of amounts.

**Geography:** We will be creating a presentation comparing a South American country with the UK.

**Music:** We will be drumming using Djembe drums.

**PE:** We will be dancing to 70s Disco music.

## 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 £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

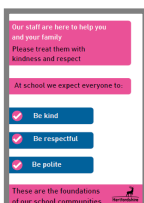
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Rainbow Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche 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

Monday 24th February	Forces Club
Monday 24th February	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 5th March	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April	Year 6 Manor Adventure
Friday 4th April	End of Term (1:30pm)