



Ashfield Junior School

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

14th March 2025

Headteacher's Message

On Monday, I delivered an assembly about **International Women's Day** which is celebrated on 8th March every year. We linked this to our assembly from last week about **Protected Characteristics** and we learnt about gender inequality that some women may experience around the world. This included, women not being paid the same as men for doing the same job, not allowed to travel alone, attend school or sign contracts. It was encouraging to see the children engaged and understand why this is important and how this may affect us in school. In assembly, we discussed that we may hear gender stereotypes that are not true or acceptable, such as: girls cannot play football, girls do dancing, boys should not like the colour pink, girls or boys cannot do certain jobs because of their gender. Only by educating and challenging children (as necessary) can we make a change and that we should **all treat everyone equally, irrespective of their gender.**

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Khushi (4V), Veronika (5G), Jayda (5D), Myla (5G) Penny (4V) and Martin (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.4%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3L** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.6%** Well done!

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

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Mason (6K)** who has completed 2nd finger! and achieved his fiddle time certificate in his violin lessons. 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 - 169
Blackman - 144
Fiennes - 156
Storey - 154

Well done to Attenborough

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: Nikola (3AC) and Safa (3L)

Year 4: Skyla (4M) and Ilinca (4V)

Year 5: Zuzanna (5D) and Charlotte (5G)

Year 6: Chester (6H) and Hollie (6K)

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: Eirnin (3AC) and Rafe (3L)

Year 4: Anna (4V) and Isaac (4M)

Year 5: Oisin (5D) and Matthew (5G)

Year 6: Lana (6H) and Zoe (6K)

The Elms Easter 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 28th March 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using 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.

Mother's Day Secret Room

Wednesday 26th March

£3.00 per child (1 gift each)

Please send payment to:

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

4M Water Survival Activity

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 **Monday 17th March** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or track suit bottoms and a T-shirt **along with their usual swimming kit.**

4V Cornet Performance

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 18th 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.

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](#)



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 **24th March to 4th April 2025**.

Thank you

After School Clubs

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

The Elms - Monday 31st March (Netball), Tuesday 1st April (Football), Wednesday 2nd April (Tennis) Thursday 3rd April (Multisports)

Art Club - Wednesday 2nd April (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 3rd April (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 24th March

Dance Club - Friday 28th March

Jam Coding - Friday 28th March

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 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Monday 28th April**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and **5G** will be leaving at 10.10am. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear on the day. **They have requested all boys wear a covering on their head (a cap or hat).**

During the visit, the children will see and learn about the Torah, look at Jewish artefacts they have been learning about this year, and explore the Shabbat table where they will have the opportunity to taste Challah bread.

If you are available to help walk the children to and from the synagogue, please contact the school office (admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk).

World Book Day



World Book Day is always a joyous occasion and this year was no exception!

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting Steven Vinacour, author of the 'Ted and his Time-Travelling Toilet' series and were hugely entertained by his stories and his messy toilet....

The effort everybody put into dressing up to match their year-group theme was wonderful and we had a lot of fun sharing our ideas and outfits.

Children who have now started (and in some cases, even finished) reading one of the Ted books have reported that they are very funny and are a definite hit!

World Book Day



"I am in a school today and the whole school has dressed as a character from my books. Every year group has a different book. I am so happy" 😊

Steven Vinacour

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be planning our persuasive speeches.

Maths: We will be solving worded problems.

DT: We will be looking at hygiene and food safety.

Year 4

English: We are going to use expanded noun phrases to write a descriptive paragraph.

Maths: We are going to explore lines of symmetry in 2D shapes.

RE: We are going to recall the Easter story and talk about forgiveness.

Year 5

English: We will be devising success criteria and planning a narrative based on our book, 'The Promise'.

Maths: We will be multiplying unit fractions by a whole number where the answer is <1.

Geography: We will begin to work on designing and building our river models.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy and Mrs Kothary's Groups will be starting a new unit of work inspired by the book 'Spiderwick'

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will be exploring pie charts. Mrs Kothary's group will continue working on multiplying and dividing fractions.

Music: In drumming we will continue to explore Djembe drums.

PE: We will continue to explore Disco dancing and begin to choreograph our own dances.

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.

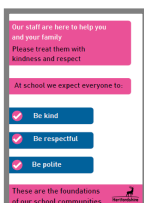
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Rainbow Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan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

Monday 17th March	4M Water Survival Activity
Tuesday 18th March	4V Cornet Concert
Wednesday 19th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting
Monday 24th March	Forces Club
Monday 24th March	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 26th March	Mother's Day Secret Room
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April	Year 6 Manor Adventure
Friday 4th April	End of Term (1:30pm)