



# Ashfield Junior School

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

15th May 2026

## Headteacher's Message

A very well done to Year 6 who had a busy week sitting their SATs. They have all worked extremely hard, not just this week but throughout the last two terms. The hard work and perseverance shown will certainly make the children more **resilient** with overcoming difficult obstacles as they now prepare for transition to secondary school. Year 6 have demonstrated a '**growth mind-set**' over the last few weeks and have developed good learning habits that will prepare them for the next part of the educational journey. I would like to thank all the staff for flexibility with the last-minute changes to this week's timetable and their support before and during SATs week. Just a quick update regarding headteacher recruitment. We are holding interviews next week and I am hopeful that the position will be offered to one of the candidates. Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Amelia K (6H), Mia (3AC) and Farzam (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97.4%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **6K** 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 **Ethan (5C), Bella (5D), Ava (5D), Leah (6H), Esmee (4C), Olivia S (4V) and Olivia W (4C)** for a fantastic performance in Alice in Wonderland. Well done!

Congratulations to **Zach (5C)** for showing initiative and being a responsible pet owner. Well done!

Congratulations to **Ella (5C)** who plays for Garston in the Hertfordshire Girls Football League. They won the cup final and are top of the league. 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	-	93
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>106</b>
Fiennes	-	97
Storey	-	99

**Well done to Blackman**

## 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:** Ruhi (3AC) and Reuben (3M)

**Year 4:** Emily (4V) and Sophie (4C)

**Year 5:** Zach and Sophia (5C) and Kena (5D)

**Year 6:** Iya and Veronika (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:** Haasini (3AC) and Rosie (3M)

**Year 4:** Hugo H (4V) and Ivory (4C)

**Year 5:** Joel (5D) and Carter (5C)

## 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](#)

## The Elms May Half Term & Inset Day Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May 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 15th May 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBMAY26**

### **Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26**

All siblings receive a 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.

## The Elms Inset Day Camp

**Date:** Monday 1st June

**Time:** 9am - 3pm

**Cost:** £30.00 per child

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 954 8787

**Book Online:** <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

## Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6s who have now completed their KS2 SATs! We are very proud of the positive attitudes and the extra work children have put into revising and preparing for the tests. We are now looking forward to a very busy summer term where we'll have many opportunities to prepare for secondary school, to take on new and exciting responsibilities, and to enjoy our last few weeks of being 'Ashfielders'.

## Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 20th May**.

If your child has PE on a **Wednesday**, please send them into school in their school uniform with their PE kits in named bags on this occasion only.

## Games Day

**Friday 22nd May** is Games Day and all children are required to come to school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat. If your child suffers with hay fever please make sure they have taken their antihistamine in the morning.

### **Year 5 Visit to Cassiobury Park**

As part of our Geography study of rivers, we have arranged a visit to Cassiobury Park Educational Hub on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. The children will have the opportunity to conduct a river study – they will recap the water cycle and the journey of a river, they will visit the local river and undertake simple experiments, and then visit the nearby canal and compare/contrast the two water bodies.

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

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

### **Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day**

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. To further enhance the children's learning, we have arranged a day in school where we will be exploring how children were evacuated at the start of World War 2. This will be on **Tuesday 9th June** and will be held at Ashfield.

We would like to request that children dress up as a child from WW2, in school uniform as would have been worn by evacuees. There is no need to go out and buy a costume and a typical list of World War Two dress is listed on the letter that was previously sent out to parents.

### **Walk to School Week**

On **Monday 18th May** we start Walk to School Week. Every day the children will be recording their journeys to school and our aim is to have as many children walking, scooting or cycling to school. This is working towards our aim of cleaner air and more exercise.

We want to encourage active school journeys which can help towards children achieving 60 minutes of active every day. In a recent study, children that exercised before school had improved concentration levels in school. With regular physical activity children improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build strong bones and muscles, control weight and reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. Please join us encouraging your child to walk to school where possible.

### **Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum**

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. We have arranged a visit to Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, on **Wednesday 17th June** to support our learning in this area. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am. The children need to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear.

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

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

### **Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum**

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 19th May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

### **Year 6 Cycling Proficiency**

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 29th June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If your child does not want to take part please email [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) to confirm this.

## Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

Monday 11th to Friday 15th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	-	Class Photographs
Friday 22nd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 4th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 1st to 12th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
w/c Monday 29th June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Thursday 9th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 10th July	-	Reports go home
Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Hoodies given to children
Tuesday 14th July	-	Open Evening at Ashfield (5pm—6.30pm)
Friday 17th July	-	Year 6 Picnic
Monday 20th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Tuesday 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Show (9:00 am)
Tuesday 21st July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

## Manor Adventure 2027

Next year, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to go on a residential school journey to Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for 3 days <https://www.manoradventure.com/>.

The cost of the school journey will be £285.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 5th June 2026**. Please note places will only be booked for children who have paid the deposit and no places will be booked after the cut-off date.

**If you do not wish your child to take part in the journey, please notify the school office by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) by Friday 29th May 2026.**

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 1st June and administered until Friday 12th June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

## Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 22nd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 1st June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

# FATHER'S DAY PICK & PACK



ASHA presents our annual shop for  
Father's Day!

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Each child will get the chance to take a  
gift home for their loved one

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Please contribute £3.50 per  
child to the ASHA account  
acc no: 48865658  
sort code: 23-05-80

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Tuesday 16th June

## Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 4th June** on the school playing field. Parents are welcome to attend and the gates will open from 12.45pm. The events will start at 1:00pm. Should the weather be inclement that day we will make a decision to postpone by 11:00am and notify you via the school messaging system. The reserve Sports Day date is **Thursday 11th June**.

## Football Boot Storage

We are so grateful to the parents who have donated football boots. We now need some storage for them, so if anyone has a shoe rack they not longer need and would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it. Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The letter previously sent will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

**The deadline is Friday 5th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted.** More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

## Communication

If you have changed your contact details or moved house please can you let the school office know so that we can update our system. We also advise to have a third contact in case of emergencies. Furthermore, if you are a parent and you want to be added on our database to receive school notifications, please email the school office. Our current system automatically sends notifications to one parent but we can add a second adult at your request.

## 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/)

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will begin to plan our persuasive letters.

**Maths:** In our fractions work we will explore equivalence.

**Trip:** Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum to experience The Stone Age and Iron Age.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be completing our haikus and looking carefully at construction of sentences.

**Maths:** We will be finishing off our fractions unit by finding equivalents by multiplying and dividing.

**History:** We will be looking at the great kings during the Viking era and the Norman invasion.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be editing and publishing our persuasive letters to Mr Dourado this week.

**Maths:** We will be calculating and comparing the area of rectangles.

**Computing:** We will be introduced to our new unit about creating vector graphics.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's Group will begin to explore fairytales.

Mrs Kothary's Group will be exploring the language of fairytales.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will be continuing to explore a range of pie charts.

Mrs Kothary's Group will be exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Science:** We will be exploring the parts of the human heart.

**History:** We will be learning about the Blitz.

**RE:** We will be starting to explore how Muslims show commitment to God.

## 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>	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Rainbow Slaw	Roast Chicken, Mash Potato and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes and Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mash Potato and Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
<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>					

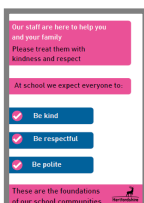
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Tuesday 19th May</b>	<b>Year 3 Visit to COAM</b>
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>Games Day</b>
<b>Monday 25th - Friday 29th May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Thursday 4th June</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th June</b>	<b>Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day</b>
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