



Ashfield Junior School

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

15th November 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week at Ashfield. We started the week with our **Remembrance Day Assembly** which was led by our Year 6 children who read out 'In Flanders Field' and explained the importance of Remembrance Day. We were joined by some of our Forces parents who spoke to the children and our Forces children who also shared a poem before observing a minutes silence. This week, is also **Antibullying Week** and the children had an assembly to learn more about bullying and the impact that this has on people. The theme this year is 'respect' which is also one of our school values. Our School Council will soon be choosing the winners of the antibullying poster competition that they opened up to the school. Finally, it is great to see the children enjoying themselves and displaying great sportsmanship at our Basketball Tournament. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter. [School Blog – Ashfield Junior School](#). Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Cian (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.3%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5D** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.1%** Well done!

A big well done again to **5D** 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.

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: Ivory (3AC) and Orla (3L)

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

Year 5: Joseph (5D) and Louise (5G)

Year 6: Eli (6H) and Evelyn (6K)

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	-	149
Blackman	-	164
Fiennes	-	136
Storey	-	157

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

Year 4: Hanzala (4V) and Zayn (4M)

Year 5: Ralph (5D) and Lunan (5G)

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

Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

Friday 22nd November - Odd socks for chocs. Please bring donations of chocolates.

Friday 29th November - Non-uniform day. Please bring donations of bottles.

Saturday 30th November - ASHA and Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH) have joined together to organise the Winter Fair which will be held at Merry Hill.

Tuesday 10th December - 4M Cornet Performance.

Wednesday 11th December - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December - Secret Santa Rooms

Friday 13th December - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 16th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 18th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Wednesday 20th November**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith.

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

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

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Kai (6K)** who has completed 6 lessons in Level 1 of the Junior Lawyers Club part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (UK) and the Children's University. Well done!

Congratulations to **Penny (4V)** who has achieved Learn to Swim Level 4. Well Done!

Congratulations to **Ralph (5D)** who was awarded student of the week at Karate. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack (3L)** who was awarded player of the match for his team Bushey Rangers for listening to coaching instructions carefully and great determination on the pitch. He also scored 2 of their winning goals. Well done!

ASHA Coin Trail

A huge thank you to all the children and families for supporting ASHA with the Coin Trail. We raised an incredible **£319.09**. Well done to **3L** and Miss Lazarus who had the longest trail of 42.5m.

Odd Socks for Chocs

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a Odd Sock Day on **Friday 22nd November** children can come to school wearing odd socks with their school uniform. ASHA are asking mparents and carers to kindly donate boxes of chocolates. Please bring your donations in on the day!

Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 29th November**. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate bottles for the bottle tombola stall. Please bring your donations in on the day!



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 flamingos to see how the species have adapted to their environments over time.



4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 6th January** 4M children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

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Sweets!

We actively encourage children to be healthy and bring in a healthy snack for school time. We have noticed that a few children have been bringing sweets into the school. We ask for your support for children not to bring sweets into school. If your child does attend an after-school club, you are very welcome to provide them with something healthy to keep them going (just no sweets or nuts). Thank you for your support.

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](#)

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

3L and 3AC will be visiting Bushey Public Library on **Tuesday 26th November**. They will walk there and back.

3L will visit from 10.30am - 11.30am

3AC will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children next week and should be returned to school by **Wednesday 20th November**

Uniform Focus

A gentle reminder that those children with long hair should have it tied up for school.



The Elms Multi-Sports Leaderboard

Mr Jones attended achievements assembly last week to present **Ella (3L)** and **Maya (5G)** their certificates for being The Elms Multi-sports leaderboard winners.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Monday, our Year 6 children led our Remembrance Day Assembly. We were joined by parents from some of our Forces families who talked about the significance of Remembrance Day and why it is important to them. After the assembly and the two-minute silence, Mr Dourado, Mrs O'Mahony and Mrs Darmedru parents and children from the Forces families walked to the War Memorial at the end of School Lane to lay a poppy wreath. Thank you to Year 6 pupils and staff for leading the assembly and to the families that came to support the school.



Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will end mid-January 2025.

After-school Clubs

It is with regret that Chess Club and Choir are no longer available as an after-school club. As many of you will know, we have worked hard to develop our after-school provision and provide children with extra-curricular activities. We were informed that both the Chess Club and Choir would be ending at very short notice and were both out of the school's control but we understand the inconvenience this may cause. We are working with Herts Music Service to find a replacement choir teacher and looking at alternative way introduce new clubs. With this in mind, the Elms will be providing an extended 'after-school club' on a Tuesday and Thursday until 5:15pm. This will be run for a trial period during the spring term and will be reviewed.



Winter Fair

FOMH and ASHA will jointly be holding their Winter fair from **11am until 2pm** on **Saturday 30th November**. If you are able to spare some time to volunteer and help on one of the stalls or set up please click on the link below to fill out the volunteer sign up sheet. Without your support the fair cannot go ahead.

<https://volunteersignup.org/8HLKH>



Wednesday 11th December

£3.00 per gift (one per child)

Please transfer £3 by 1st December so we can make sure there is enough gifts.

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

Account Number: 48865658

With your child's name and class as reference.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 18th 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 18th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

Please remember to return the reply slip with your child's choice for Christmas Dinner by Monday 18th November.

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 11th 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.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 16th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

Children who have PE on a Monday should come to school in their school uniform they do not need to bring their PE Kit with them to change into. 4V will still be going swimming in the afternoon.

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 13th December**.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing a range of sentence types based on the fable 'The Squirrels who Squabbled'.

Maths: We will be continuing exploring mental maths methods and begin to look at subtraction methods.

RE: We will be learning about the Christmas story.

Year 4

English: We will be writing our own explanation texts.

Maths: We will be revisiting column multiplication.

Science: We will be learning about different types of animals based on their diet.

Year 5

English: We will start the week with Autumn Term assessment tests for Reading and for Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling end with some lovely descriptive writing based on our class text.

Maths: We will also be completing our Autumn Term maths assessments in the form of an arithmetic test and two reasoning tests. Later in the week, we will be learning about the formal written method for addition.

DT: We will be starting our new DT unit where we will be looking at cam mechanisms in toys.

Year 6

English: Mrs. Kotharys group will reflect on what we have learned about direct speech and apply it in our own version of a part of Kensuke's Kingdom. Mr Hardy's group will be writing narratives involving direct and reported speech.

Maths: Mrs.Kothary's group will continue comparing decimal numbers and recap rounding. Mr Hardy's group will be comparing and ordering fractions and decimals.

French: We will revisit some key vocabulary in the 'My Home' unit, with a focus on phonics, pronunciation and spelling.

History: We will be exploring trench warfare.

Science: We will be exploring animals' adaptations to their environment.

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for the week ahead. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette 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.					

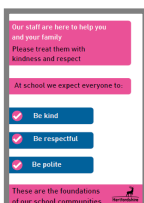
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Upcoming Events

Monday 18th November	Latin and Classics (Year 5 & 6)
Wednesday 20th November	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Friday 22nd November	Odd Socks for Chocs
Monday 25th November	Forces Club
Tuesday 26th November	Year 3 trip to Bushey Library
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform Day (bring a bottle)
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair
Friday 13th December	Open Classroom