



Ashfield Junior School

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

16th October 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have had a very very busy week here at Ashfield. There has been so much learning, so much that has been achieved and so much to celebrate. Children across the school have been demonstrating some fantastic writing skills, not only in English lessons but across the curriculum. It is really good to see that children have been practising these skills in other subjects and different contexts. We also welcomed a specialist advisor from HFL who will be working with Year 6 across the year on some of the foundational skills in writing. I have been really impressed with Year 3 and their commitment and dedication in learning to sew this week. They have demonstrated so much resilience, trying again when their stitching went wrong. Year 4 have apparently been plotting against me! They have been planning and preparing persuasive letters in an attempt to stop homework at Ashfield! I very much look forward to reading these and I hope that they are full of evidence to support their argument. Finally, a huge well done to Year 5 on your beautiful artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama. I am very much looking forward to **opening school and classrooms to Parents/Carers on Friday December 11th** to enjoy our wonderful work. From all the staff at Ashfield, we wish you a happy weekend. We will finish at normal time next Friday 23rd October for half term.

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Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.7%** 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 **98.6%** 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.



A very happy birthday to: Orla (5D), Joe (5C), Emily (5C) and Rafe (5C)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Joshan (3M)** who took part in the WUMF World Karate Championship winning a Bronze Medal. He also achieved his brown with white stripe and is 2 belts away from a black belt! 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	-	155
Blackman	-	194
Fiennes	-	198
Storey	-	204

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: Abhay (3F) and Adham (3M)

Year 4: Rose (4S) and Kayla (4V)

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

Year 6: Alma (6H) and Crina (6K)

Writer of the Week!

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

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

Year 4: Cihan (4S) and Ruhi (4V)

Year 5: Ruby (5D) and Raffie (5C)

Year 6: Adam (6H) and Kena (6K)

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](#)

Year 3 Trip to Hazard Alley

As part of our Personal Development curriculum where we learn how to keep ourselves safe, Year 3 will be visiting The Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) in Milton Keynes on **Wednesday 11th November**. The children will experience different scenarios first-hand, such as fire, water and rail safety situations, where they will identify the risks whilst receiving expert guidance and tuition from the staff there.

Please login into [The School Gateway](#) to make payment and give consent.

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 **Thursday 22nd October**. 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.

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Monday 9th November** to support our learning in these areas.

Please login into [The School Gateway](#) to make payment and give consent.

Year 6 - 2027 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2027** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments. Please login into [The School Gateway](#) to make payment.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 23rd October** for half term and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Inset Day

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

Raring2Go

Please [CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#) to the Raring2Go Autumn Magazine with lots of things for families to do!

3F Visit to Bushey Library



3F visited Bushey Library on Tuesday and during this visit, the children had an introduction to the library and the services it provides, listened to a story called "I want my hat back" by Jon Klassen and then had the chance to browse and borrow a book.

Autumn Term Dates

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

Wednesday 21st October - Individual Photographs

Thursday 22nd October - Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

Monday 9th November - Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Wednesday 11th November - Year 3 Trip to The Safety Centre (Hazard Alley)

Tuesday 8th December - 4S Cornet Performance (9.10am). Parents welcome.

Tuesday 8th December - Year 3 Christmas Performance (1.45pm). Parents welcome.

Friday 11th 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 8:50am to 9:20am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 14th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 16th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

Year 3 - Arriving to School

It has been lovely to see our Year 3 settle into school life at Ashfield. After the half-term break, we would like parents to drop their child off at the school gates and allow children to walk independently to their class. We understand that some children may require further support from parents on arrival to school. If this is the case, please speak to Mrs Farrow, Miss Flint and Mrs Mocanu.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 21st October** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. **If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.**

Winter Uniform

A polite reminder that children should return to school on **Monday 2nd November** wearing their winter uniform. Please also make sure that your child comes to school with a jacket or coat as the weather is going to get much colder.







SEN & Pan-Disability

FOOTBALL CAMP 26TH AND 27TH OCTOBER 10AM-2PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

@ MERIDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

For young people aged 9-16 with any form of physical and/or learning disability or special educational need.

Whether this be for a first time footballer, or someone with some experience, why not come along and give it a go!


 To register your interest, please scan the code and fill out the form.

The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is **31st October**. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Monday 19th October**.

You should have received a email or text message from Vaccination UK with a link to an online form. Please complete the this before the deadline, even if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination.

If you require help or more information please contact Vaccination UK directly.

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

3M Visit to Bushey Library

3M will be visiting Bushey Public Library on **Monday 19th October from 1.30pm - 2.30pm**. They will walk there and back.

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.

Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

Reminder

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack and water bottle (clearly labelled). Also, as the weather is likely to become more autumnal, please make sure that your child has a jacket or coat.

School Nursing Newsletter

The [Newsletter](#) contains health and wellbeing information, practical advice, and details of local support services available to children, young people, and their families.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing the ending of Mini Rabbit. We will think about how stories can have different types of endings.

Maths: We will continue their work on place value, looking at estimating and rounding to help them think about number magnitude (size).

Computing: We will be exploring how a computer network can be used to share information.

Year 4

English: We will be finalising our persuasive speeches and getting ready to perform them to the rest of the class.

Maths: We will be looking at different methods and techniques to solve problems.

History: We will be finishing off our Celtic roundhouses by mixing a daub to coat our wattle and creating posts for our fences to stand up in.

Year 5

English: We will be drafting our monster reports in English this week. We will be applying all the skills we have practiced over the last few weeks to write paragraphs that are clear, detailed, and show our understanding of how to structure sentences for best effect.

Maths: We will complete our decimal numbers unit by rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place.

Geography: We will be researching some of the most prominent cities in North America. We will create a leaflet giving information about the human and physical geography of one of the cities.

Art: We will be creating our final pop art piece demonstrating how typography can be used to represent an onomatopoeic word.

Year 6

English: We will be beginning a new unit about writing persuasive speeches by exploring famous speeches using the book Talking History.

Maths: We will be beginning a new unit exploring the place value of large numbers. We will be looking at numbers up to a million and with up to 3 decimal places.

Science: We will be learning how to make a classification key to sort different types of plants and animals.

Geography: We will be creating a presentation about the biomes we have been learning about.

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	Phat Past Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	FishFingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Bean Pasty 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.					

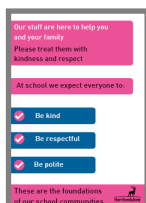
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Upcoming Events

Monday 19th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20th October	4V Swimming
Wednesday 21st October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 22nd October	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Forces Club
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Wednesday 11th November	Year 3 Trip to Hazard Alley