



Ashfield Junior School

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

17th April 2026

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield and to the summer term. There are a lot of activities and events happening in the summer term, especially after the half-term break. We have school trips planned for each year group, workshops, Games Day and the Year 6 SATs. The second half-term is also very busy, with school trips, summer fair, Sports Day, Open Evening and transitioning for the next school year. There are also a few events (Bikeability, Y6 BBQ and Disco, Leavers Assembly), just for our Year 6 pupils. **We will keep you informed on all forthcoming events via our school messaging service and weekly newsletter.**

Attendance is very good at Ashfield Junior School and currently stands at **95.4%**. Thank you for getting your child into school. A letter will be sent to all parents next week informing you of your child's attendance.

Chair of Governors: Unfortunately, Chris Holt has needed to step down as Chair of Governors. Therefore, Jo Barnett will be replacing him as Chair of Governors until the end of the summer term. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Arlyn (5C), Sebastian (3M), Aurora (4C) and William (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.7%** 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 **95.7%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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 **Armina (3M)** who has passed her Taekwondo grading and achieved her yellow belt. She has also passed her Grade 4 swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **Rhiannon (5D)** who has passed her Level 1 in Gymnastics and swam 50m and received a badge and certificate. Well done!

Congratulations to **Mason (3M)** who has passed his grading and achieved his yellow belt in Karate. 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	-	100
Blackman	-	106
Fiennes	-	108
Storey	-	125

Well done to Storey

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: Archie (3AC) and Karen (3M)

Year 4: Isla (4V) and Alice (4C)

Year 5: Adam (5C) and Nandini (5D)

Year 6: Farzam (6K) and Lunan (6H)

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: Omari (3AC) and Sofia (3M)

Year 4: Mila (4V) and Aurora (4C)

Year 5: Edie (5C) and Sonny (5D)

Year 6: Charlotte (6K) and Joseph (6H)

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 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.

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 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 to confirm this.

Year 6 SATs Preparation

Year 6 children are currently working hard in class as they prepare for their SATs. It will be very important that children are in school so that they can gain practice with how to answer questions. The assessments will begin on the week commencing Monday 11th May so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

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**.

Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 4th May**.

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/>

Year 4 Trip to The STEM Centre

To support our learning in science we are very excited to be visiting the STEM Centre in Stevenage on **Tuesday 28th April**. During the day the children will attend two workshops: 'What's the Matter?' where the children will investigate how we classify materials as well as change their behaviour and 'Coding Keyring' where the children will have the opportunity to explore genetics and inheritance.

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

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

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.

4C Swimming

Due to the Year 4 School Trip on Tuesday 28th April there will be no swimming, therefore the last swimming lesson for 4C will be on **Tuesday 5th May**.

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>

Why choose a Caterlink School Meal

Sign-up today!
Please speak to reception.

We have won a number of awards for using **honest, local produce** and pride ourselves on making **fresh and nutritionally balanced meals**.

Behind every meal is a team of dedicated **chefs and nutritionists**. **Did you know?** Most of our meals are made completely from scratch in-house!

Our pizzas are homemade and made using **50/50 wholemeal flour** for extra added fibre! And our meat products are freshly delivered from our local butchers.

We don't add any salt to any of our meals!

Our desserts are handmade in-house.

On average, our meals contain **37% less free sugars** than the government recommendations for school meals.

Many of our desserts contain hidden wholegrains and are sweetened with fruit so they count toward one of your child's 5-a-day!

We ensure the menu adheres to the **School Food standards**. That means your child is getting a **well balanced and nutritious meal** through out their school day.

Per meal, we provide:

- 1 portion of protein
- 1 portion of carbohydrates
- 2 portions of vegetables
- A choice of salad available daily
- Freshly baked bread
- One homemade dessert

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Playtime Trainers

Please make sure that your child comes into school with a pair of trainers that they can get changed into at playtime and lunchtime. If your child does not have a pair of trainers, they will not be allowed to go onto the school field or equipment.

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)
Saturday 27th June	-	Summer Fair
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

Eco Council

Mr Jones and the Year 3 and 4 Eco Councillors have been working hard this week at lunchtime planting wild flower!



Dietary and Allergies

This is just a quick reminder to please inform the school office if there have been any recent changes to your child's dietary requirements or allergies.

DSPL9 SEND Information Fair.

Monday 27th April 12.30-3.00pm
The Stanborough Centre, St Albans Rd, WD25 9JL

We are delighted that a wide range of fantastic local services will be in attendance to share their work and the support available.

In addition there will be 3 optional workshops to choose from as well as the event providing great networking opportunities. We'd love to see you there!

Please use the link below to confirm your attendance and to book an optional workshop.
<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/2132432>
Refreshments available!

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing our stories inspired by Alice in Wonderland

Maths: We are starting a unit on fractions. We will learn about unit and non-unit fractions and find fractions of objects and amounts.

History: We will be understanding chronology and creating timelines to order events from The Stone Age and The Bronze Age.

Year 4

English: We will begin to create our own travel leaflets persuading people to come and visit Bushey!

Maths: We will look at adding and subtracting fractions.

RE: We will look at how we know about Anglo-Saxon life in Britain.

Year 5

English: We will be learning about using hyperbole (exaggeration) when writing a response to a persuasive letter.

Maths: We will be solving fractions problems.

Computing: We will continue to learn about creating databases

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's group will strengthen their knowledge of passive voice and discover ways to apply it effectively in writing. Mr Hardy's Group will finish our balanced argument and then begin to explore a new text - Spiderwick.

Maths: Mrs Kothary's group will work on angles and properties of 2D shapes. Mr Hardy's Group will be reflecting shapes across a range of mirror lines.

RE: We will delve into why vegetarianism is important to Buddhists.

History: We will continue to learn about the causes of WW2.

Science: We will be starting to learn about the human circulatory system.

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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn and Cucumber Salsa	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti and Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips
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.

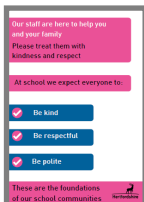
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 28th April	Year 4 trip to The STEM Centre
Tuesday 28th April	No Swimming 4C
Tuesday 5th May	4C Last Swimming Lesson
Monday 11th - 15th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Visit to COAM
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	Inset Day
w/c Monday 29th June	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency