



Ashfield Junior School

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

17th January 2025

Headteacher's Message

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaire - it has been helpful to see what the school is doing well and where we can make improvements. Overall, there was a lot of positive feedback (children happy at school, safety, a broad and balanced curriculum, sharing what children are learning, after-school clubs and activities to name just a few) about the school. We are always looking at ways to improve the school further and are in the process of working on some of the feedback received. ASHA donated a large amount of money on playground games and wet-play games for children to use at these times. Although I will not commit to additional or more regular parent consultations, we do have an open-door policy where teachers are available at the end of the school day for parents who would like an update on their child's progress or discuss ways how you can support them further at home. If you want an update or extra homework/strategies so you can support your child at home, please make contact at collection time and speak to your child's teacher. We do want to make learning enjoyable and fun this year, so along with our school trips that we have organised, we have some exciting new history days which will immerse children in the topic they are learning about...more information on this to follow! I have been exploring after-school club/wraparound care options and this is something that I will keep working on. I will also be working with my Senior Leadership Team to review our current homework policy. Many thanks for completing the questionnaire, your feedback and support. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.3%** Well done!

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

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 - 123
Blackman - 127
Fiennes - 118
Storey - 116

Well done to Blackman



A very happy birthday to: Zaynab (4V), Seren (6H), Matilda (4M), Freya (6H) and Ineya (4M)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Isabella (3AC)** who has been given the Dedication Award for her commitment to practising her piano every day. Well done!

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: George (3L) and Stella (3AC)

Year 4: Crina (4M)

Year 5: Zara, Amelia K, Ayla and William (5D) and Kaelan (5G)

Year 6: Rohan (6H) and Kyran (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: Safa (3L) and George (3AC)

Year 4: Haruto (4M) and Arlyn (4V)

Year 5: Joseph and Grace (5D) and Maya (5G)

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

The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February 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 7th February 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBFEB25.

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.

TT Rockstars

TT Rockstars are updating their system, offering more choices for children to personalise their settings. We have all watched the video on school this week so are aware of the changes that are coming. **This update will happen on Monday 20th January.**

Follow this link to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/JmsJFmSRZbQ>

IMPORTANT: If you are still seeing the old version of the app after Monday 20th, this means the app will need to be updated. Please download the update from the appropriate app store.

Year 4 French Café

4V will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 30th January** and **4M** on **Friday 31st January** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining hall.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers/skirt and they can change into a red, white or blue top for the duration of the event to represent the colours of the French flag.

We can accommodate a maximum of two adults per child. Although the refreshments will not be priced for sale, a contribution on the day towards the cost of the refreshments would be gratefully appreciated.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the forthcoming school journey to Manor Adventure on **Thursday 23rd January** at 3.30pm, students are welcome to also attend.

Deadline for the balance to be paid is **Friday 31st January 2024.**

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

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 30th January** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

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

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

ASHA Disco

Friday 7th February

Year 3 and 4 - 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Year 5 and 6 - 4.20pm to 5.20pm

£6.00 a ticket including a snack!

Please send payment to the account details below.

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

Queries to ashacommittee@gmail.com

Children in Years 3 & 4 should bring their clothes to school to change into on the day.

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](#)

Caterlink School Meals - Price Increase

Caterlink have just informed that the cost of the school lunch will be increasing to **£3.08** for each pupil meal from April 2025.

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.

Year 4 Roman Day

This term in History we are learning about the Romans' invasion in Britain, the Celtic rebellions, life in Britain under the Roman Empire and the Roman legacy.

On Thursday 13th of February year 4 will be holding a Roman Day.

During our Roman Day in school, we will be celebrating our learning by hosting a range of Roman events and hands-on activities. The children are invited to dress up in ancient Roman style costume, though please do not spend a lot of money on any costumes. The Romans wore long togas with a brooch/belt and sandals. A white t-shirt with a rope or similar tied around the waist would also be suitable.

Staff Car Park

This is a polite reminder that the carpark is for staff and visitors only. Parents and carers should not use it to collect children from school or after-school clubs.

Change to PE Days

PE will be on the following days:-

5G and 5D - Friday 31st January

6H and 6K - Thursday 30th January

Year 5 & Year 6 Cross-Country Race

Children in **Year 5** and **Year 6** have been invited by the Hertfordshire School Athletic Association to participate in a cross-country race on **Saturday 1st February**. The event will take place at St. Margaret's School from 10:00am. If your child is interested, you can get more information and book a place by clicking on their website [HSAA Cross Country Championships – Hertfordshire Schools Athletics Association](#). Any primary school competitor that finished in the **first 12** in the Hertfordshire County Cross Country Championships will be given/mailed information on how they can **directly enter, themselves** into the National Cross-Country Championship to be held in **March** in **Northampton**.

Careful Driving Reminder

The School has received a couple of complaints from local residents about cars driving at high speeds on roads around the school. Recently a car reversed onto the pavement and hit the recycling/waste bins knocking them over. Further to this, a neighbour has complained about parking over their driveways and using their driveway to turn around. I understand that it can be a rush at pick up and drop off times, but please be mindful and more careful with your driving.

Panto

Are you looking for a way to cure those winter blues? Well, look no further!

Come along and support the local arts in Bushey with a fantastic production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!

With former pupils of Ashfield School leading the cast be prepared to meet Dame Judy and some revamped dwarfs who battle to defeat the Evil Queen and save our Beloved Snow!

Tickets are selling fast, so book now to avoid disappointment!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad>

Box Office: 07930 185573

St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Part of the Bushey & Oxhey Community since 1958

Snow White
And the Seven Dwarfs
THE PANTOMIME

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th January 2025
7.30pm nightly, with 2.30pm Saturday matinee
Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church, WD19 4DA
www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad
Box Office: 07930 185573

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PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

For all parents/carers of children with SEND

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 10.00AM-11.30AM

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM 2
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

We will also be welcoming professionals from [Children and Young People's Mental Health Services \(CYPMHS\)](#). They will be happy to share valuable insights about their services and the support they provide to young people facing mental health challenges.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at
enquiries@dsplarea9.org.uk

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We are going to be writing setting descriptions based on The Mad Hatters tea party from Alice in Wonderland.

Maths: We will be continuing to use the formal written method for addition with regrouping.

Art: We will be exploring different illustrators such as 'Quentin Blake' and creating our own illustrations using watercolours.

Year 4

English: We are going to write our own endings of a story based on the book Zeraffa Giraffa

Maths: We are going to compare, estimate and calculate using different units of measure.

French: We will continue learning and using more vocabulary on different vegetables.

Year 5

English: We will be starting a new unit based on a book called The Promise. The writing outcome for this unit will be to write a circular story.

Maths: We will be working on fraction equivalence with a focus on simplification.

Art: We will be mark-making as we begin to learn about the process of monotype printing.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be beginning a unit based on the book Wisp. Mrs. Kothary's group will start working on language and revisiting punctuating direct speech, using the book Wisp as our inspiration.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore 2-D and 3-D shapes. We will also be exploring angles and calculating them. Mrs. Kothary's group will learn about fraction and percentage equivalents.

Science: We will be exploring Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace and the Theory of Evolution.

Geography: We will be exploring the topography of South America focusing on the Andes Mountains.

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.

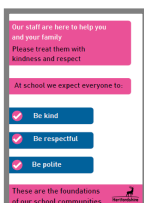
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mexican Fajitas with Rice	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll 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

Thursday 23rd January	Year 6 Manor Adventure Meeting
Monday 27th January	Forces Club
Monday 27th January	Latin and Classics (Year 5 & 6)
Thursday 30th January	4V French Cafe
Thursday 30th January	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Friday 31st January	4M French Cafe