



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**17th May 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

A very well done to Year 6 who had a busy week sitting their SATs. You 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. Having a '**growth mind-set**' is so valuable for children so that they can succeed and develop good learning habits that will prepare them for life. In our assemblies this week, we have continued learning about a GMS by focusing on mistakes. It was good to hear that children are not afraid of making mistakes and they can use this to get better and improve at something. One child said that 'if I make a mistake, it means that I am learning something' and another child said that she 'uses her mistakes as a stepping stone to get better at something'. I would also like to thank all the staff this week for their support and flexibility with the last minute changes with the SATs this week to ensure that they have run smoothly and efficiently. Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Noah (6H), Andrei (6H), Rowan (5D) and Zara (4V)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.3%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.1%** 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.

## 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	-	103
Blackman	-	126
<b>Fiennes</b>	-	<b>155</b>
Storey	-	140

**Well done to Fiennes**

## Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Isaac (6H)** who passed his Grade 2 Clarinet exam with a merit. 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: Charlotte (3AC) and Finnley (3L)**

**Year 4: Emily (4M) and Matthew (4V)**

**Year 5: Layah (5A) and Poppy (5D)**

**Year 6: Class Achievement (6K) and (6H)**

**Extra Special Mention to Michael (6K)**

## 4M Swimming

Reminder swimming for 4M on **Monday 20th May** and continue through to Monday 8th July.

## 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: River (3AC) and Leah (3L)**

**Year 4: Louise (4M) and Iya (4V)**

**Year 5: Kit (5D) and Gigi (5A)**

**Year 6: (No certificate awarded due to SATs)**

## The Elms Whitsun Half Term Camps

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

### Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th May 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

### Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings

attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

### NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 8954 8787

**Book Online:** <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>  
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

## Half Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th May** for half term. Children return to school on **Monday 3rd June**.

## 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'.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will visit the Chiltern Open Air Museum on **Tuesday 21st May 2024**. We will leave school promptly at 9.00am. Please make sure the children arrive by 8.45am. The children need to wear their outdoor PE kit and suitable footwear e.g. old trainers. As we will be outside for most of the day, please make sure children are prepared for all weather conditions (e.g. a waterproof coat.). They will also need to bring a packed lunch, including a drink in a disposable bag within a backpack. Please make sure they also have a snack available for when we arrive.

## 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 14th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted.** More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint the has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

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

## Year 4 French Café



**4V** will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 6th June** and **4M** on **Friday 7th June** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining room.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers / skirt and we will provide a blue or red t-shirt to represent the colours of the French flag.

Light refreshments will be served by the children and we are asking for a contribution towards the cost

## DSPL9 Parent and 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.

<https://www.dspl9.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=39&type=pdf>

This can also be found on our [website](#)

## Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 13th 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 20th June**.

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 3rd 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.

## Games Day

**Friday 24th May** is Games Day and all children are required to come school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat.

## Walk to School Week

On **Monday 20th 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 by encouraging your child to walk to school where possible.

## Summer Dates:

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

Friday 24th May	-	Games Day ( <b>all children to wear their PE Kit</b> )
Monday 3rd to 14th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	-	4V French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	4M French Café at 9.15am
Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Thursday 11th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 19th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

## Manor Adventure 2025

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 £278.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 7th June 2024**. 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 31st May 2025.**

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

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

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** will continue to focus on and write our own poem 'The Magic box'.

**Maths:** We will continue our time unit. Please practise telling the time at home to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock.

**Other:** We are looking forward to our trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum on Tuesday and Games Day at school on Friday

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write a free verse poem based on the book Fly, Eagle, Fly.

**Maths:** We will start learning formal written multiplication.

**Science:** We are going to design a living thing that could withstand a huge range of changes to their environment

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing a scene from our book 'Boy in the Tower' that includes dialogue to show how characters are feeling.

**Maths:** We will be solving problems involving all four operations.

**Science:** We will be carrying out investigations about whether the mass of an object affects the rate at which it falls.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs. Kothary's group will continue writing a short story including dialogue. Mr Hardy's Group will continue their short story based on 'Boy' by Roald Dahl.

**Maths:** Mrs. Kothary's group will work on 2D and 3D shape properties. Mr Hardy's group will be exploring mathematical investigations across a range of skills.

**Geography:** We will do some Geography field work, making sustainable rain gauges.

**History:** We will continue to explore how people lived during the Blitz and how they survived during the bombing

## 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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Chicken Paella with Potato Bravas	Roast Gammon, New Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Fajita with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Vegan Chilli with Rice	Veggie Meatballs with Potato Bravas	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>BLUE</b>	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

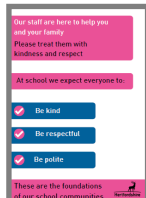
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## Upcoming Events

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