



Ashfield Junior School

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

17th October 2025

Headteacher's Message

We are fast approaching the end of the first half-term and we have one more week to go. There are a few things happening next week. Teachers will be holding parents consultations to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and their learning. Please see previous correspondence to book an appointment (online or face-to-face) with your child's teacher. If you need support with booking an appointment, please contact the school office. On Tuesday, the school nurse will be in school to administer the flu vaccination. On Wednesday, the photographer will be taking individual photos of children. Also on Wednesday, the Deputy Lieutenants of Hertfordshire will be delivering a workshop for our Year 6 pupils. Towards the end of the week, Year 5 will be performing the Harvest Festival to the school and their parents. Please send any donations into school before the end of next week. The donations will be collected during the half-term break.

Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Joe (4V), Emily (4V), Rafe (4V) and Sean (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.4%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **5C** 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: Zakariyyah (3M) and Logan and Omari –Emmanuel (3AC)

Year 4: Orla and Aurora (4C) and Raffie (4V)

Year 5: Yasna (5D) and Hanzala (5C)

Year 6: Ayla (6H) and Myla (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	-	127
Blackman	-	143
Fiennes	-	125
Storey	-	115

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: Rory (3M) and Pia (3AC)

Year 4: Denis (4C) and Nikola (4V)

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

Year 6: The Whole of Year 6

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 21st October**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). **It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.** The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found below or on the information sheet.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

Secondary Transfer Application 2026

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.

4V Swimming

Unfortunately, after further investigation, the issue with the pool leak at St. Margaret's is more significant than they initially expected. Therefore, there will be **NO** swimming for 4V on **Monday 20th October**. We will add on two sessions to the end.

4V will return to swimming after half term.

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](#)

School Office and Teaching Staff

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of incidents where my teaching and office staff have been verbally abused from parents either face-to-face or over the telephone. I understand that we can all get frustrated, upset or angry when something goes amiss. However, shouting and aggressive behaviour towards the member of staff trying to resolve the issue is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Friday 24th October at 9.10am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th October**. A list of the food items we are collecting have been detailed on a separate letter sent this week. Thank you for your support.

Winter Fair

Save the date for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 29th November** from 11am to 2pm at Ashfield. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

Changes to PE for next week only

Year 6 will have PE on Thursday instead of Friday.

Year 5 will have PE on Friday instead of Thursday.

Year 3 and **Year 4** will remain on the same day.

Parents' Consultations

Online Meetings: W/c 20th October. Online links will be sent out on Friday 17th October. You are asked to join 5 minutes before your allocated time slot and will be kept in the waiting room. This will allow the teacher to see you are waiting and appointments can run smoothly.

Face to Face Meetings: Wednesday 22nd October. Parents should enter the gate via the bottom gate on School Lane. Parents should proceed to the school hall and wait until they are called by their child's class teacher. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that the afternoon can run smoothly.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 22nd 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.

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 **Wednesday 5th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 28th November**.

Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

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



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2025
For all parents/carers of children with SEND

- **TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025 10-11.30AM**
- **TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 10-11.30AM**

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS
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.

On 21st October DSPL9 are delighted to be hosting alongside professionals from [Space Herts](#). SPACE supports families of children and young people who are autistic, have ADHD or other neurodiverse conditions. No diagnosis is necessary.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at-

enquiries@dsplare9.org.uk

**THANK
YOU!**

The staff would like to extend their thanks to all those who have already purchased a book from the Amazon Wish List. Thank you for your generosity, we really appreciate it!



Our aim at Ashfield Junior is to give children as many opportunities to read as possible and to support the development of reading for pleasure both inside and outside of our school environment.

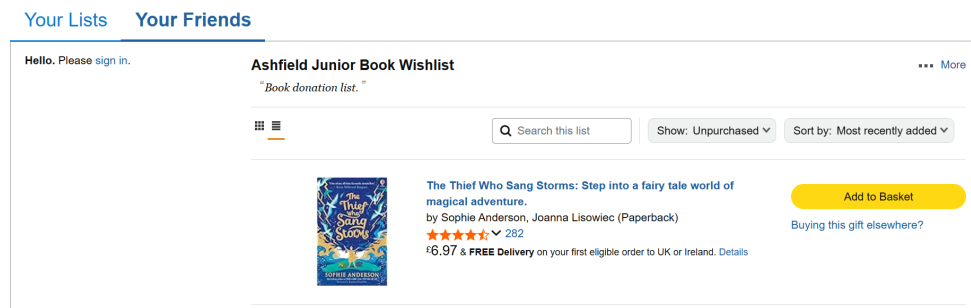
As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we would like to carry on the Merry Hill tradition of donating books to celebrate children's birthdays. In addition to this, as budgets become tighter, we would like to appeal to our Ashfield family to support us in keeping our classroom libraries updated and well stocked.

With this in mind, we have created an Amazon wish list with a wide range of books that you could buy and have sent to the school. The list includes books that are on our recommended reading lists and new exciting novels that have been recently published and are being recommended by reputable book sites.

Below find the link and a set of instructions for placing orders.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IU1W3U7NJGBM?ref=wl_share

Click on the link and you should see our **Ashfield Junior Book Wishlist**. If you are not logged into Amazon, you will be prompted for your login details when you make a purchase.



When selecting a delivery address, please select **'Ashfield Junior School's Gift Registry Address'** and click **'Use this address'**.

If the option is not there, please could you add an address and deliver to **Ashfield Junior School, School Lane, Bushey, WD23 1SR**.

Once a book has been purchased, it will disappear from the list.

When your book is delivered to the school, the book will be stamped, your name will be put on the inside cover of the book, and Miss Davison will distribute the book to one of the class libraries.

We would very much appreciate your contributions to our class libraries and send our warmest thanks in advance.

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 Miss Arthur, Miss Flint and Mrs Mocanu.



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.

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount Code: EBOCT25**

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount with code SIBCMP25**.

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: www.theelms.co.uk



“Write a story you would love to read”

BBC's **500 Words**, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries.

This is a great enrichment opportunity for children and would be a lovely way to encourage creativity, to inspire reluctant writers or to give your child's writing a purpose.

It would also be a fun way to engage with your child's learning journey.

For further information use the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/ce5jljmy5ljt>

Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on **Friday 7th November 2025**.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will begin writing our own personal narratives using our story shapes.

Maths: We will be working on our mental fluency in addition. We will start by revising numbers within 20 and then we will make the links to 100 and beyond.

Computing: We will be exploring how different networks are connected.

Year 4

English: We will be completing the final edits to our speeches and beginning to look at our next topic - poetry.

Maths: We will be looking at formal multiplication

Science: We will be making pan flutes and learning about how people communicate if there has been any damage to their ear.

Year 5

English: We will be finalising the drafting process and producing our non chronological reports for the class 'Monsters' anthology.

Maths: We will be dividing whole numbers and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000

Science: we will be investigating the viscosity of liquids based on questions we have generated ourselves.

Year 6

English: We will continue their 'Cake' narrative and use slow motion writing techniques.

Maths: We will continue to explore formal methods for multiplication and division including using known facts to help us.

Science: We will continue to use classification keys to classify a range of organisms.

RE: We will explore the Buddhist belief of karma.

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.

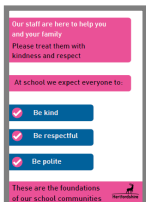
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges	Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad & Tzatziki	Breaded Fish with Chips
GREEN	Classic Vegan Bolognaise	Five Bean Jollof Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
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 21st October	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 22nd October	Individual Photographs
Friday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Assembly
Mon 27th October to Fri 31st November	Half Term
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Friday 28th November	Inset Day