



Ashfield Junior School

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

18th October 2024

Headteacher's Message

Over the last two weeks, it has been lovely to pop into classes and see what the children are learning about. Our **curriculum** continues to grow from strength to strength and it is good to see the positive impact that this is having on our pupils. Each year group has its own curriculum and you can find this on the '**class pages**' on the school website - [Children – Ashfield Junior School](#). This will give you information on what your child will learn about this year. Under the '**curriculum**' tab on our school website, you will find detailed information about each subject from our Ashfield curriculum - [Subjects – Ashfield Junior School](#). You will find our **intent** and rationale for how we teach each subject, how this is **implemented** and the **impact** this will have on our pupils. On these pages, you will also be able to see the **curriculum overview** for each subject and the **progression of skills and knowledge** that children will learn as they progress through KS2. We have spent a lot of time on our curriculum, so have a look at what your child will be learning or look at a subject that you were passionate about as a child to see how it is being delivered in school. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Oscar (6H), Rafe (3L) and Sean (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.5%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3L** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.8%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** 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 **Grayson (3L)** who was named Player of the Match for his football club Bushey Rangers U8's. Well done!

Congratulations to **Macie (3L)** who has enrolled as a Brownie. She has received her sash where she will be able to display her badges. Well done!

Congratulations to **Archie (3L)** who was awarded Under 8's Top Goal Scorer for last season at Borehamwood Hawks. Well done!

Congratulations to **Mason (6K)** who had achieved Gold Level in fishing. 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 - 133
Blackman - 135
Fiennes - 168
Storey - 142

Well done to Fiennes

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: Harrison (3AC) and Penny (3L)

Year 4: Martin (4M) and Adam (4V)

Year 5: Swayam (5D) and Nathaniel (5G)

Year 6: Scarlet (6H) and Adam (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: Meila (3AC) and Ella (3L)

Year 4: Ella (4V), Tristan and Crina (4M)

Year 5: Amelia K (5D) and Lunan (5G)

Year 6: Gigi (6H) and Izzy (6K)

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 8954 8787

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

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Monday 11th November**. 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 attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

School Council

We are very pleased to have our School Council elected. It was lovely to meet with them to discuss why they wanted to join. Two members from each class were elected by their peers.

3AC - George and Isla F

3L - Orla and Percy

4M - Ineya and Darien

4V - Kyle and Emma

5G - Abinhav and Harriet

5D - Leo and Amelia K

6H - Ellis and Cecily

6K - Lana and Eli

Minimus Project - Latin and Classics Opportunity for Year 5 and 6

This year we will be again collaborating with St Margaret's School, who will be visiting Ashfield School on a bi-weekly basis to deliver some sessions to our students on Latin and Classics. These sessions will run after school on a **Monday from 3:30-4:00pm** and will be supervised by Miss Emma Desmond, the Head of Classics at St Margaret's.

If your child is interested in attending this after-school club and learning about the classics and Latin, please email the school office via admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk.

Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 25th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 4th November.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 23rd 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.

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.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11r9qatqPazlb9SLgq2o7Ue9m2GD_wmJt/view

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

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 13th 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>

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

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

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 begin in the first week of October and end mid-January 2025. We will be notified of the outcome in February 2025. Please see below for a list of the stores taking part in the voting for our project.

So, each time you shop in Tesco, remember to cast your vote for Ashfield.

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Thursday 24th October at 2.15pm**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 21st to Thursday 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.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

Communication with Teachers

If you have a concern about your child's learning, friendship issues or other class related issues, please make contact with your child's teacher. You will briefly be able to speak to teachers at the end of the school day when you collect your child.

Alternatively, please email the school office (admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) and address 'FAO class teacher's name' in the subject header and your email will be forwarded. Teachers may respond by email, phone call or arrange a time to meet in person. However, please allow up to 3 working days for teachers to respond.

Parents' Consultations

Online Meetings: W/c 21st October. Online links will be sent out on Friday 18th 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 23rd 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.

Parent & Carer Support Spring Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm
26th Feb - 2nd Apr
Face to Face: ID 707
Gade Community Room
Oakleaf Primary School,
Hemel Hempstead

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course: ID 708

TALKING ANGER in FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-11**, supporting you to:

- Understand why teens and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
8th Jan - 12th Feb
Online Course: ID 705

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th Jan - 10th Feb
Online Course: ID 710 0-19yrs

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
27th Feb - 3rd Apr
Online Course: ID 711 0-11yrs

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
26th Feb - 2nd Mar
Online Course: ID 712 12-19yrs

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course ID 703

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
7th Jan - 11th Feb
Online Course ID 704

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
25th Feb - 1st Apr
Online Course ID 702

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **12-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Mondays 7.45 - 9.30pm
24th Feb - 31 Mar
Online Course ID 706

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need.

- Your child does not need a diagnosis.
- Understand your child's behaviour.
 - Develop strategies that really work.
 - Reduce conflict.
 - Improve emotional regulation.
 - Explore sensory needs.
 - Increase your child's resilience.
 - Manage different needs in your family.



Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
25th Feb - 1st Apr
Course ID 701 2-19yrs

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
8th Jan - 12 Feb
Online Course ID 709 12-19yrs

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on **07512 709556** or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We are going to be writing our own poems based on The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

Maths: We will be exploring different units of measurements.

Art: We will be decorating our caves from The Stone Age.

Year 4

English: We are going to write our own poems based on the poem 'A Small Dragon' by Brian Patten.

Maths: We are going to practise multiples of 6,7,9,25 and 1000.

History: We are going to start making Celtic round houses using clay.

Year 5

English: We will be proofreading and editing our Monster non-chronological reports and producing a second draft.

Maths: We will complete our unit on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 100 (including decimals).

Geography: We will be learning about the Grand Canyon in North America and about the cause and effect of erosion.

Year 6

English: We will continue to explore authorial techniques and how speech can be used effectively in writing.

Maths: We will be exploring written methods for division.

Geography: We will be exploring the effect humans have had on ecosystems and biomes.

Science: We will be exploring branching keys for classification.

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	Carbonara Pasta with toppings	Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasange with Garlic Bread	Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage 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.					

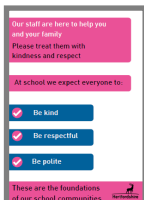
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<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>



Upcoming Events

w/c Monday 21st October	Parents' Consultations
Wednesday 23rd October	Individual Photos
Thursday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Festival
Friday 25th October	End of Term (3:20pm)
Thursday 31st October	Secondary Transfer Deadline
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Back to School
Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair