



Ashfield Junior School

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

18th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in full swing and it has been a busy and productive week 3. There has been so much to celebrate this week. Year 4V attended their first swimming lesson of the term. The children were incredibly excited, counting down the minutes until they could leave. They behaved impeccably. They were patient whilst the coaches organised them into groups ready for the term ahead. Year 3 have been busy embarking on their own personal development programme. They have been exploring our school values and have been finding out all about the history of Ashfield. They have learnt about Arthur Ashfield and his role in the beginnings of our school. Year 5 have taken on the role of surveyors this week. They have been assessing our school site, analysing the materials used in building and thinking about what we might need to do next to improve our school site. The highlight of this week was Year 6's Tie Assembly. We were thrilled to welcome so many families to watch the children. Year 6 showed all of us they are indeed ready for the roles and responsibilities that lie ahead. They are wearing their ties with pride and we are so proud of them all. A big thank you to the Year 6 team who organised the whole assembly. I wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend. Mrs Giannone



A very happy birthday to: Sienna (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.6%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.9%** Well done!

A big well done to **6K** 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!

Year 3: Leonardo (3F) and Kofi (3M)

Year 4: Isla (4S) and Ruben (4V)

Year 5: Sophie (5D) and Mila (5C)

Year 6: Benji (6H) and Isaac (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	-	102
Blackman	-	124
Fiennes	-	121
Storey	-	129

Well done to Storey

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week.

Year 3: Willow (3M) and Eva (3F)

Year 4: Fred (4S) and Scarlet (4V)

Year 5: Jack P (5D) and Amelie (5C)

Year 6: Hanzala (6H) and Leah (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.

Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 16th October 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBOCT26**

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.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

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](#)

Playground Equipment

Just a polite reminder, please can we ask that children **do not** use the playground equipment after school. This will ensure that no accidents and injuries occur.

Please also be aware that the school gates will close promptly at **3:30pm**.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Special Achievements

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Raring2Go

Please [CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#) to the Raring2Go Autumn Magazine with lots of things for families to do!

Collection of Children

Just a polite reminder that school closes at 3:20pm. Teachers will wait with children at the top gate until 3:30pm, before taking children to wait in the office area. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff to carry out their other roles and responsibilities.

Please can we ask that you also let the school office know if your child is being collected by another adult.

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, **we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.**

This can be done by ringing the school number 0208 950 2350, choosing option 2 or your can email the school office by **9.10am everyday of your child is absent.**

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Headlice

Please be aware that there has been several cases of head lice (nits) in school. We therefore urge you to check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. If you find evidence of lice or eggs, you can treat your child by conditioning wet hair and combing through thoroughly with a fine comb. You will need to repeat this process every few days for several weeks as the nits transform into headlice. Alternatively there are several treatments you can buy from your local pharmacy.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

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.

The Grange Academy Open Evening

The Grange Academy are very pleased to invite you and your children to the The Grange Academy Open Evening on Thursday 24th September, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Principals speeches are at 5:15pm and 6:15pm.

All families are welcome including those of children in Year 5.

4V Swimming

As this is a smaller year group, the cost per child is unfortunately higher than last academic year, therefore we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35.00. We would appreciate parents and carers' support in contributing towards the cost of swimming. Every penny counts in our school budget. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Wednesday 30th September at 9.05am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Wednesday 23rd to 30th September**. 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 Tie Assembly



**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.

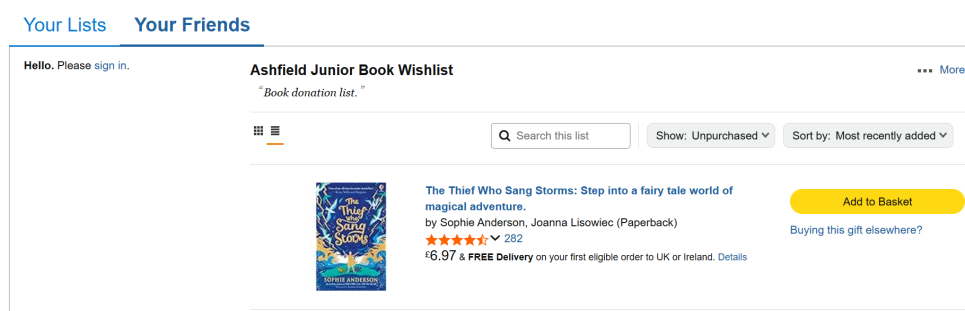
As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we would like to carry on the Merry Hill tradition of donating books to celebrate children's birthdays. In addition to this, as budgets become tighter, we would like to appeal to our Ashfield family to support us in keeping our classroom libraries updated and well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

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We are going to be writing a setting description focused on Mini Rabbits safety at the beginning of the story.

Maths: We will be counting back and on in ones, tens and hundreds.

French: We are going to practise how to greet each other and ask 'How are you?' and 'What is your name?'

Year 4

English: We will be turning our narratives into graphic novels and bringing the story to life with added captions.

Maths: We will be looking at rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

History: We will begin to construct our own roundhouses and look at what Celts would have used to build them in the Iron Age.

Year 5

English: We begin to create a plan for the monster we will be writing about in our non-chronological reports. Our focus will be on using precise nouns and verbs and using expanded noun phrases.

Maths: We will continue to work on rounding and then move on to learning about negative numbers.

Geography: We will be learning about the United States of America. We will identify the states and some of the notable physical and human features of the country.

Art: We will be creating our own fonts using objects around the classroom and on the field.

Year 6

English: We will continue to use the Planetarium texts and gather facts about Mars, Jupiter or Saturn. We will use these to practise writing complex sentences and explore the effects of choosing how and where to use subordination.

Maths: We will be exploring different types of angles and how to use a protractor.

RE; We will explore the importance of the Eight Fold Path as a guide to life for Buddhists.

Computing: We will learn how sharing information online safely can help people work together.

Geography: We will be exploring ecosystems and how they are affected.

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	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Rainbow Slaw	Roast Chicken, Mash Potato and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes and Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mash Potato and Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
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.					

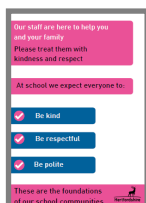
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[Amazon Wishlist](#)



Upcoming Events

Friday 25th September	MacMillian Coffee Morning
Monday 28th September	Forces Club
Wednesday 30th September	Year 5 Harvest Assembly (9:05am)
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 Height and Weight
Monday 19th October	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 21st October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 22nd October	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term