



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**19th April 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield and the Summer Term! I hope you all had a lovely break. The summer term is usually very busy with lots of things events happening including French Cafe, Games Day, Sports Day, SATs, Year 4 MTC, summer fair, school trips as well as activities planned for Year 6. Below are the dates that have been confirmed and these will be forwarded onto you ASAP. This week, I have been monitoring the school's attendance. From September up to the end of March, our attendance is **94.8%**, which is just below the government expectations of 96%. There has been a lot of illness around this winter and into the spring term that has affected the overall attendance and I am also aware of other reasons of absence from school. Hopefully, the improved weather will have a positive impact on our attendance and we can meet (and exceed) the 96% benchmark. As usual, the termly letter informing you of your child's attendance will be sent out next week. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** David (3AC), Adam (4D), William (4V), Christopher (5D) and Lily (6H)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.6%** Well done!

A big well done to Year **5A** 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 **Rhiannon (3L)** who has passed her Level 3 swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **Charlotte (5D)** who achieved her Bronze award at Brownies. She had to earn all six theme awards. Well done!

Congratulations to **Eva (5A)** who has passed her Level 8 at swimming and moved up to the next level. Well done!

Congratulations to **Myla (4V)** and **Jayda (4M)** for both completing a 200m challenge by non-stop swimming for 8 lengths of the pool. 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	-	126
Blackman	-	121
Fiennes	-	138
<b>Storey</b>	-	<b>156</b>

**Well done to Storey**

## 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: Ava (3L) and Alma (3AC)**

**Year 4: Charles (4M) and Reyan (4V)**

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

**Year 6: Shraeya (6H) and Chloe (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: Raoul (3L) and Stanley (3AC)**

**Year 4: Gracie (4M) and Blue (4V)**

**Year 5: Seren (5A) and Mason (5D)**

**Year 6: Khalid (6K) and Zoe (6H)**

## Year 6 SATs Preparation

Year 6 children are currently working hard in class as they prepare for their SATs. It will be very important that children are in school so that they can gain practice with how to answer questions. The assessments will begin on the week commencing 13th May so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

## 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/>

## Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

## After School Choir

Herts Music Service (HMS) will continue to run the school choir as an after-school club on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. The school choir will restart on **Tuesday 23rd April to Tuesday 9th July 2024**. Please note that there will be no choir on Tuesday 21st May.

There will be a maximum of **25** children allowed to join the choir and it will be a first-come, first served basis. The cost of the school choir for 10 weeks will be **£30.00**.

If your child wants to join the choir, please email the school office on

[admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)

## Passover

We would like to wish all of our Jewish families celebrating Passover a wonderful time with their loved ones.

## Summer Uniforms

As the weather warms up, please feel free to send your children into school wearing the Ashfield Summer Uniform. Full uniform details can be found on our school website. Please remember to apply sunscreen before school and for children to bring sun hats and water bottles into school daily. As noted in our School Uniform Policy, the summer uniform is optional and children can continue to wear their winter uniform.

## DSPL9 Parent and Carer Newsletter

The DSPL9 website provides families with all recent and current local SEND information. The newsletters are published fortnightly and can be found on the website with a variety of other useful information. Please click on the link below to be re-directed to the website .

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

## Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 21st May 2024**.

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

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## Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opened on **Monday 8th April**. Please refer to the letter previously sent which will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

## Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 6th May**.

## Summer Dates:

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

13th to 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
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 (TBC)	-	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

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We are going to be looking into persuasive writing and will be writing a persuasive letter to save our trees.

**Maths:** We will continue working with fractions, learning how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.

**Science:** On Earth Day, we will learn more about the 3Rs of recycling.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be planning and writing our own myth, based on the Roman myths.

**Maths:** We will be calculating with decimals.

**History:** We start learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be exploring how tension and suspense are created in text.

**Maths:** We will continue our work on fractions and will be converting improper fractions and mixed numbers.

**History:** Introducing The Ancient Egyptians, and will be looking at where they fit on our history timeline.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs. Kothary's group will focus on vocabulary choices for various effects and cohesion in slow - motion descriptive writing. Mr Hardy's group will be continuing to write our slow motion story focusing on vocabulary, description and cohesion.

**Maths:** Mrs. Kothary's group will work on ordering and comparing fractions. Mr Hardy's group will be revising: measurements including Conversion, Area, Perimeter and Volume as well as Reflection and Translation.

**Art:** We will explore non - verbal messages in poster making.

On Earth Day we will delve deeper into the effects of deforestation and use our voices to be activists against it.

**History:** We will continue to explore the causal factors of WW2.

## 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
RED	Carbonara Pasta with Toppings	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Beef Lasage with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips and Tomato Sauce
BLUE	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.					

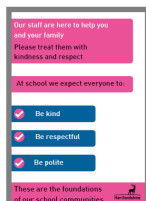
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## Upcoming Events

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 21st May	Year 3 Trip to COAM