



Ashfield Junior School

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

19th September 2025

Headteacher's Message

One of our school priorities is to ensure that our subject leaders are monitoring their subject effectively. Each teacher is responsible for ensuring the quality and provision for different subjects. This includes ensuring that our curriculum is in line with the National Curriculum, progression of knowledge and skills and the sequence of learning. The subject leaders are as follows: Miss Flint (**Maths**), Miss Davison (**English**), Mr Hardy (**PE** and **Computing**), Mrs Kothary (**History** and **Geography**), Mrs Cumming (**Science**), Mrs Chapman (**PD**), Miss Coussins (**Art** and **DT**), Mrs Vincett (**RE**) and Mrs Mocanu (**Music** and **French**). The curriculum overviews for this academic year. If you are interested in seeing what the children are learning about in different subjects, the information has been uploaded to the website.

[Subjects – Ashfield Junior School.](#)

Mr Dourado

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.3%** 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 **98.6%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** who are also 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 **Ralph (6H)** who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at the Library. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nathaniel (6K)** who has passed his Stage 3 swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **Omari-Emmanuel (3AC)** who has passed his Stage 1 swimming. 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	-	140
Blackman	-	139
Fiennes	-	141
Storey	-	159

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: Ruhi (3AC) and Armina (3M)

Year 4: Sophie (4C) and Joe (4V)

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

Year 6: Elijah (6K) and Blue (6H)

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: Isla (3M) and Archie (3AC)

Year 4: Isla (4V) and Meila (4C)

Year 5: Ineya (5D) and Ella (5C)

Year 6: Grace (6K) and Alice (6H)

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

Bushey Library

Ashfield will be taking part in the libraries Centenary challenge to see if we can get 100 library visits between 30th September and 30th November. Please see information sheet that has been emailed out. We really hope you will take part in the challenge and help us achieve this.

Reminder

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack and water bottle. Also, as the weather is likely to become more autumnal, please make sure that your child has a jacket/coat.

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>.

African Dance Workshop

This week, children took part in an African dance workshop which was a lot of fun! They learnt some dance skills and moves whilst in time with the beat and rhythm of African music.

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.

Rosh Hashanah Assembly



On Tuesday we had a visit from The Jewish Discovery Tour who came to teach the children about Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. Rabbi Yosef delivered a very entertaining assembly showing the children his 'Shofar Factory'; where the children were invited up to help saw, drill and sand a ram's horn, which plays an important role in the celebrations.

Secondary Transfer Application 2025

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.

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 their [Website](#)

Leave of Absence Request

Due to new Hertfordshire County Council guidelines we will not be accepting emails regarding leave of absence requests. You will need to complete a Leave of Absence Form and return it to the school office.

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.

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 02089502350, choosing option 2 or you can email the school office by **9.10am everyday of your child is absent.**

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 6th October.**

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be using powerful verbs to write a paragraph about Mini Rabbit's journey to find some berries.

Maths: We will be looking at how numbers change when we count on and back in ones, tens and hundreds

Computing: We will be exploring how digital devices work and creating our own digital art using the Chromebook.

Year 4

English: We will be creating graphic novels with captions adapted from our re-worked adventures from Arthur and the Golden Rope.

Maths: We will be recalling different and most efficient ways to solve mathematical problems and revisiting column addition.

Art: This week we will be drawing pictures which match a stanza of a poem and help to tell the story.

Year 5

English: We will be using adverbials and expanded noun phrases to describe a choice of creatures like merfolk and fauns.

Maths: We will be reading scales involving negative numbers and will apply what we know to solve worded problems.

Art: This term is all about typography, and this week we will be creating our own fonts.

Year 6

English: We will practise using a variety of sentence lengths and sentence starters in our descriptive writing based on Kensuke's Kingdom.

Maths: We will continue to explore multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

RE: We will explore how Buddha prayed.

French: We will work on our language reading and listening skills in our topic : My family.

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	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Chicken Hotdog, with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Veg Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
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

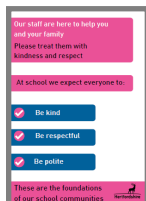
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.

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Upcoming Events

Monday 22nd September	4V Swimming
Monday 6th October	Inset Day
Wednesday 22nd October	Individual Photographs
Monday 27th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term