



Ashfield Junior School

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

1st May 2026

Headteacher's Message

On Monday, we held an assembly focused on the Personal Development theme of **Relationships**, where children explored the many types of relationships in their lives, including those with family members, friends, teachers and coaches. We discussed how strong friendships are built and maintained through kindness, honesty, listening and respect, and children reflected on the qualities they value in a good friend. The assembly also highlighted that relationships can exist both offline and online, such as through gaming, WhatsApp and messaging apps. Pupils learned about the importance of behaving responsibly online by being respectful, keeping personal information private and speaking to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Overall, the assembly encouraged children to build positive, safe and supportive relationships in all areas of their lives.

Have a lovely long weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Jessica (3M), Maria P (4C), Erik (5C), Amelia P (6H) and Anna (5C)

Attendance Matters!

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

Congratulations to **3M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.9%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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 **Benji (5C)** whose football team won the Junior Premier League regional finals, finishing the competition undefeated. They will now go on to compete in the national finals in Coventry where they will face teams from across the UK. Well done!

Congratulations to **River (5C)** and his team won the JPL (Junior Premier League) title, they became Middlesex Regional champions and are now going to play in the Nationals. 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	-	109
Blackman	-	108
Fiennes	-	101
Storey	-	104

Well done to Attenborough

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: Arthur (3AC) and Jessica (3M)

Year 4: George Cu (4V) and Grayson (4C)

Year 5: Rose (5D) and Hannah (5C)

Year 6: Hawler (6H), Marwa, Anele and Farzam (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: Armina (3M) and Eli (3AC)

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

Year 5: Dillon (5D) and Gigi (5C)

Year 6: Gracie (6K) and Emily (6K)

DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

NEW

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](#)

The Elms May Half Term & Inset Day Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May 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 15th May 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBMAY26**

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 1st June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 29th June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If your child does not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm this.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATs will begin on **Monday 11th 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.

Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 22nd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 1st June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Music Lessons

Week commencing **Monday 11th May** there will be **NO** music lessons during the Year 6 SATs.

Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 4th May**.

Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. To further enhance the children's learning, we have arranged a day in school where we will be exploring how children were evacuated at the start of World War 2. This will be on **Tuesday 9th June** and will be held at Ashfield.

We would like to request that children dress up as a child from WW2, in school uniform as would have been worn by evacuees. There is no need to go out and buy a costume and a typical list of World War Two dress is listed on the letter that was previously sent out to parents.

Games Day

Friday 22nd May is Games Day and all children are required to come school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat. If your child suffers with hay fever please make sure they have taken their antihistamine in the morning.

4C Swimming

The last swimming lesson for 4C will be on **Tuesday 5th May**.

Ocarina Club



This term Year 3 children have joined the ocarina club. They made fantastic progress in a short time, transitioning from learning the finger placements to performing a full melody. Last week Year 3 performed in our Friday assembly, singing and playing 'Mary had a Little Lamb'.

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The letter previously sent will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

The deadline is Friday 5th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 1st June and administered until Friday 12th June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

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

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 19th May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

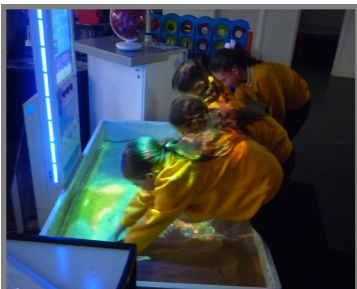
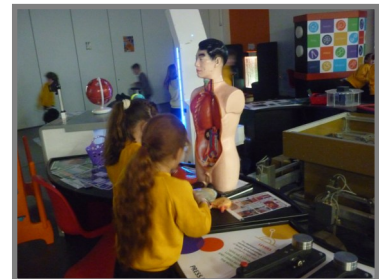
Summer Dates:

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

Monday 11th to Friday 15th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	-	Class Photographs
Friday 22nd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 4th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 1st to 12th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 27th June	-	Summer Fair
w/c Monday 29th June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Thursday 9th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 10th July	-	Reports go home
Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Hoodies given to children
Tuesday 14th July	-	Open Evening at Ashfield (5pm—6.30pm)
Friday 17th July	-	Year 6 Picnic
Monday 20th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Tuesday 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Show (9:00 am)
Tuesday 21st July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Year 4 Visit to The STEM Centre

On Tuesday, Year 4 visited the STEM Discovery centre in Stevenage. The children had a wonderful time finding out about the European Space Agency (ESA) and their mission to send a rover to Mars. They investigated lots of different scientific theories, as well as finding out about different states of matter and learning that we share 50% of our DNA with a banana! It was a wonderful day and the children represented Ashfield extremely well!



Manor Adventure 2027

Next year, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to go on a residential school journey to Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for 3 days <https://www.manoradventure.com/>.

The cost of the school journey will be £285.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 5th June 2026**. Please note places will only be booked for children who have paid the deposit and no places will be booked after the cut-off date.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the journey, please notify the school office by emailing admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk by Friday 29th May 2026.

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

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

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 20th May**.

If your child has PE on a **Wednesday**, please send them into school in their school uniform with their PE kits in named bags on this occasion only.

Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to send a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name) to school each day. Children will have the opportunity to refill if they need to and staff will be reminding them about the importance of remaining hydrated.

Please also make sure that the children have a hat for break and lunchtime in warm weather and sun cream is applied before school.

Football Boots

Have you got any old, good quality football boots that your children have outgrown that you no longer need and are happy to donate. We can give them a second life and help other pupils who may not otherwise have the opportunity to play.

Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink account. As a reminder, meals cost £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

Please contact the school office if you require your login details.



For all parents/carers of children with SEND

Tuesday 12th May 2026 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. We are delighted that Charlotte from [JPC](#) will also be in attendance to share information about how they support parents of children with SEND.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at speciation@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be planning our persuasive posters about picking up litter in the school.

Maths: We will continue our fraction work finding fractions of shapes. We will also start to work with fractions as numbers, comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator

History: We will be creating some cave art.

Year 4

English: We will be looking at poetry in English and using the environment to help us write our own haikus.

Maths: We will be looking at equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts.

Science: We will be looking at branching trees to help us classify animals.

Year 5

English: We will be planning and writing a persuasive letter to Mr Dourado.

Maths: We will start our unit about measures where we will be converting from larger units to smaller.

Science: We will be learning about the reproductive parts of a flowering plant.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's Group will start to explore the language used in fairy tales. Mr Hardy's Group will be creating our own sprites and then describing their features, habitat and diet.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore ratio. Mrs. Kothary's group will continue to revise and recap in preparation for the SATs.

RE: We will bring together what we have learned about how Buddhists pray.

Science: We will be exploring the circulatory system and its role in the human body.

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	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	FishFingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Bean Pasty 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.					

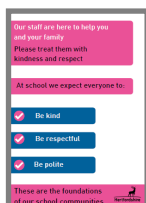
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Upcoming Events

Monday May 4th	Bank Holiday—no school for children
Tuesday 5th May	4C Last Swimming Lesson
Monday 11th - 15th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Visit to COAM
Friday 22nd May	Games Day
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	Inset Day
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day
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