



Ashfield Junior School

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

20th December 2024

Headteacher's Message

On behalf of Ashfield Junior School, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful holiday. We look forward seeing you on Monday 6th January 2025.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Evelyn (6K), Giles (6H), Crina (4M), Leo (6K), Jack (3AC), Zach (4V), Florence (6K), Isabella (3AC), Archie (3L), Eva (6H), Harrison (3AC), Isla (3AC) and Ridley (5G)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **91.2%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **94.2%** 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 End of Term Certificates

The following children were given awards for modelling our School Rules!

Kindness: Jack (3AC), Amelie (3L), Bella (4M), Ella (4V), Elizabeth (5D), Bella (5G), Yuna (6H) and Zoe (6K)

Respect: Sophie (3AC), Hamish (3L), Charlotte (4M), Anna (4V), Swayam (5D), Charlotte (5G), Cecily (6H) and Christopher (6K)

Cooperation: Isla F (3AC), Olivia S (3L), Zayn (4M), River (4V), Millie (5D), Abhinav (5G), Antonia (6H) and Poppy (6K)

Resilience: Lev (3AC), Jack (3L), Tristan (4M), Hanzala (4V), Alex (5D), Maya (5G), Ibrahim (6H) and Nathan (6K)



Thank you

A huge thank you from all the staff at Ashfield for the lovely gifts and cards received, the staff room has been full of wonderful treats for us to enjoy.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February 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 7th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCOMP25

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/>

4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 6th January** 4M children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

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

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

Spring Term 2025

The start of the Spring term begins on **Monday 6th January**, gates open at **8.35am** and school starts at **8.50am**. We will look forward to seeing you all!

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 end mid-January 2025.

Manor Adventure 2024

The remaining balance for the School Journey is now available to pay on the School Gateway. You have until the payment deadline of **Friday 26th January 2024** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or in gradual instalments. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

Reading at home

At Ashfield, we place an extremely high value on the importance of reading. Our mission is to instill a love of reading and story-telling in our pupils. Please continue to encourage your child to read over the holidays to family and friends and record this on BoomReader.



To our families celebrating Hanukkah.
May the warmth of the candles fill your home
with Joy and laughter.

The Elms PE Star of the Term

Leia (3L) - Wonderful attitude to others in PE with a willingness to learn.

River (4V) - Always respectful to those in his team and never complains he just gets on with it!

Charles (5G) - Charles shows kindness to others in his team and is always helpful to others who are struggling.

Alina (6K) - Alina has a great attitude in PE when things are not going well and is able to show resilience to find a way to help change this.

These children have also demonstrated the Elms values:

Jack (3AC) - Respect, **Ava (4M)** - Fairness, **Mille (5D)** - Co-operation and **Oscar (6H)** - Resilience

The Elms After School Clubs

Congratulations to the following children for the Autumn Term Sports Clubs.

Netball Club: Players of the Term

Hannah (4V), Isabel (6K) and Yuna (6H)

Football Club: Players of the Term

Leia (3L), Darien (4M) and Charlies (5G)

Top Goal Scorer:

William (4M)

Tennis Club: Players of the Term

Maria (3L), Tristan (4M), Muhammad (5G) and Alina (6K)

Multisports Club: Players of the Term

Alana (3L) and Denis (3L)

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

Following the success of the Latin and Classics outreach lessons delivered by St. Margaret's School in the Autumn Term, these will continue in the Spring Term. As before, these sessions will run after school on alternative **Mondays from 3:30-4:00pm** on the following days:

Monday 13th January, Monday 27th January, Monday 10th February, Monday 24th February, Monday 10th March and Monday 24th March

Unless your child has been given permission to walk home alone, pupils will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate on School Lane.

If your child wishes to attend the remaining outreach lessons after-school and learning more 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.

Hall Displays

The photos below are of our hall displays we wanted to share with you all.



School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for when we return on 6th January, we will start on Week 2. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit and all arrears have been cleared. As a reminder; meals cost £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Rainbow Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche 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.					

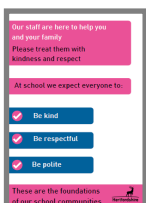
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DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

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 or website.

[Newsletter](#)

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