



Ashfield Junior School

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

20th March 2026

Headteacher's Message

The focus in our assembly on Monday was on **discrimination**. Discrimination is when people are treated differently or unfairly due to factors such as gender, race, disability or any other protected characteristic. We looked at different ways on how people may discriminate including being prejudice, stereotyping, excluding and bullying. We considered how people may feel if they have been discriminated against and the impact this may have on their mental health and wellbeing. We will be continuing our learning about the **Protected Characteristics** in the summer term.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Penny (5C) and Jake (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.7%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.6%** 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 **Kaelan (6K)** who with his team Belstone Football club won the cup match on penalties. Well done!

Congratulations to **Grace (5C)** who has passed her Grade 1 Piano Practical exam with a merit. 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	-	163
Blackman	-	169
Fiennes	-	157
Storey	-	170

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: Omari-Emmanuel (3AC) and Armina (3M)

Year 4: Hamish, Joe & George Cu (4V) and Orla (4C)

Year 5: Erik (5C) and Zahra (5D)

Year 6: Daisy, Ayla & Grace (6H) and Maya (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: Arthur (3AC) and Cihan (3M)

Year 4: Eva (4C) and Amelie (4V)

Year 5: Edie (5C) and Skyla (5D)

Year 6: William (6H) and Millie (6H)

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](#)

Eid Mubarak 🌙 ✨

Wishing our families a very happy and blessed Eid Mubarak. May this special time bring joy, peace and togetherness to you all.

The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter 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 20th March 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBEAST26**

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

4C Water Survival

Swimming and water safety is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education.

On **Tuesday 24th March** the children in 4V will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or an old t-shirt plus elasticated waist shorts and a plastic bag to put them in afterwards **along with their usual swimming kit.**



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 **Thursday 26th March**. 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 under-floor heating system.

The Elms P.E. Star of the Term

Cara (3AC) - for showing co-operation to others in P.E.

Archie (3AC) - for showing respect to others in P.E.

Emily (3M) - for showing resilience within matches in P.E.

Jayden (3M) - for showing kindness to others in P.E.

Denis (4C) - for being respectful to others in P.E.

Alice (4C) - for always being fair and kind to others in P.E.

Vihaan (4V) - for a great level of fitness and is able to adapt to different sports.

Luna (4V) - for always smiling and enjoying her P.E. with a great attitude.

River (5C) - for always being respectful to others in P.E.

Anna (5C) - for always being kind to others and is a great team player!

William (5D) - for being an excellent team player who plays with respect and sportsmanship.

Yasna (5D) - for being kind and respectful to others in P.E.

Alex (6H) - for always showing respect to others in P.E.

Elizabeth (6H) - for co-operation and respect to others in P.E.

Charlotte (6K) - for resilience and kindness shown in P.E.

Muhammad (6K) - for kindness and respect in P.E.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish for the Spring Term as below:-

The Elms - Monday 23rd March (Netball), Tuesday 24th March (Football), Wednesday 25th March (Tennis) and Thursday 26th March (Multisports)

Art Club - Wednesday 25th March (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 19th March (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 19th March

Jam Coding - Friday 20th March

Chess - Monday 16th March

Drama - Friday 20th March

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opens on **Wednesday 1st April**. Please refer to the letter and PowerPoint previously sent which will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 27th March** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Monday 13th April**.

Raring2Go

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

4V Cornet Concert



Well done to 4V who impressed parents with their cornet performance. They have learnt how to play the cornet, rhythm, beat and learnt how to read basic music notation.

Year 5 Greek Pottery

Year 5 have been getting creative making their own Greek pots inspired by their recent trip to the British Museum. There are some fantastic creations. Well done Year 5!



Discovery Assembly



On Wednesday, we had a visit from the Jewish Discovery Tour and Rabbi Yosef once again delighted the children with his interactive retelling of the Jewish festival of Passover. The school was visited by 10 plagues including; frogs, darkness and water turning to blood. It was an engaging and informative experience for all!

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.

Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **16th to 27th March**.

Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. 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.

https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in

Please make sure all accounts are in credit before the end of March. Thank you

Volleyball Tournament

On Thursday and Friday last week, the children took part in our fantastic Volleyball Tournament. Mr Jones and I have always enjoyed the Volleyball Tournament and it is certainly one of the most popular tournaments we hold with the children. I had the pleasure of watching the vast majority of all the games this year and I can best summarise what I witnessed with this short statement – WOW! I was so impressed with the ability levels that I witnessed from all children in the games I watched. It is so pleasing to see how the children have improved over the term to be able to apply their skills in competitive matches.

They have all worked so hard in PE to learn the skills needed for Volleyball, the rules and how to work together cooperatively to win. Many leagues were decided by points difference; in one case by the last point of a sudden death winner! Every final was outstanding, culminating with Year 6 who produced one of the closest and most tense finals that Mr Jones and I have ever seen at Ashfield. The children continue to complete fairly in their games and demonstrate the school values throughout each game. As always, selecting the fair play winners and school value winners is so difficult and the teachers spend a long-time deliberating over who to give them to.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones for running the event and a massive congratulation to all the children who took part and made the Volleyball Tournament so fantastic. I am already looking forward to our events in the Summer Term including Games Day and Sports Day.

Mr Hardy.

Results:

Year 3. Team B 11, Team F 21

Winners: Team F – Zayyan, Mia, Ruben W, Reuban G, Sofia.

Runners Up: Team B – Scarlett, Mazin, Armina, Rose, Seb.

Fair Play Winners: Cara, Armina, Oakley, Eli, Kayla, Mia, Josh, Logan, Rosie, Husayn.

Cooperation: Reuben G. **Resilience:** Kianna. **Respect:** Mazin. **Kindness:** Ruhi.



Year 4. Team B 25, Team H 19

Winners: Team B – Jack H, Leo, Jessica, Areesha, Mila D, Rafe.

Runners Up: Team H – Praneet, Ella, Aidan, Emily S, Nikola, Raffie.

Fair Play Winners: Grayson, Jessica, Leia, George Cr, Ivory, Hugo B, Alana D, Emily S, Hamish, Olivia W.

Cooperation: Eva. **Resilience:** Orla. **Respect:** Denis. **Kindness:** Rafe.



Year 5. Team A 26, Team J 15.

Winners: Team A – Dillon, Charlotte, Zach, Alma, Edie.

Runners Up: Team J – William, Grace, Finnley, Cian, Gigi.

Fair Play Winners: Charlotte, Penny, Adam, River, Kyle, Khushi, Crina, Ella, Skyla, William.

Cooperation: Zayn. **Resilience:** Sonny. **Respect:** Stanley. **Kindness:** Bella.



Year 6. Team D 19, Team H 20.

Winners: Team H – Joseph, Nathaniel, Rhea, Elizabeth, Hriyanshi, Farzam.

Runners Up: Team D – Lunan, Emily H, Ridley, Iya, Ralph, Sahadev.

Fair Play Winners: Ayla, Sean, Hussain, Lunan, Jack, Amelia K, Maya, Nathaniel, Gracie, Marwa.

Cooperation: Louise. **Resilience:** Ralph. **Respect:** Douglas. **Kindness:** Iya.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be planning our own Wonderland settings.

Maths: We will finish our work on written subtraction. We will start learning about data in barcharts, tables and pictograms.

Geography: We will be identifying different european flags and what they symbolise for each country.

Year 4

English: We will be devising and editing magical adventure stories and including dialogue to move the story on.

Maths: We will complete our work on decimals and link to money.

History: Thursday, we are heading out on our history trip to Verulamium; where we will look at real life artefacts from the Roman Era.

Year 5

English: We will be devising and editing magical adventure stories and including dialogue to move the story on.

Maths: We will complete our work on decimals and link to money.

Computing: We will be creating paper data bases which will help us to understand and build databases in our computing lessons.

Year 6

Trip: Year 6 are off on their residential trip to Manor Adventure in Norfolk!

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	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Fritata 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.					

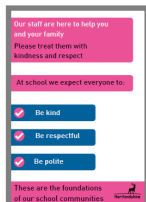
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Water Survival Activity
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March	Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (1:30pm)
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer Term