



# Ashfield Junior School

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

20th September 2024

## Headteacher's Message

This week, we have been reviewing some of our policies including Child Protection, Behaviour and SEND. All our policies are available on the school website to view. Changes have been made to our Behaviour Policy which have been shared with staff and pupils. Children will be familiar with our rules, values rewards and consequences (behaviour ladders) as we lay down our expectations on behaviour around the school. I advise reading over the policies so that you have a clearer understanding on procedures in place. It was wonderful to see the Year 6 Tie Assembly yesterday and award them with their special tie. It is a lovely Ashfield tradition and the poem that they recited was very fitting. As well as being the oldest, they are also role models for the rest of the school. They have transitioned into Year 6 seamlessly and are taking on the extra responsibilities around the school (e.g. sport leaders, play leaders, dinner monitors, IT monitors, assembly monitors to name just a few) with pride. It has been an extremely positive start to Year 6. The respect, kindness and cooperation that they have shown at the start of this year has been exceptional and they will grow in resilience as they navigate through the year. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Ella (6K)

## Attendance Matters!

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

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **3L** 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 (4V)** who has been selected to be the captain of his U9 team for the whole season. Well done!

Congratulations to **Praneet (3L)** who has been awarded U9 Batsman of the Year at Bushey Cricket Club for the 2024 season. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bella (4M)** who has passed her Grade 1 Piano Practical 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	-	144
Blackman	-	156
Fiennes	-	149
<b>Storey</b>	-	<b>178</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: Esmee (3AC) and Leo (3L)**

**Year 4: Charlotte (4M) and River (4V)**

**Year 5: Mia-Nevaeh (5D) and Maya and Iya (5G)**

**Year 6: Lana (6K) and Cecily (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: Raffie (3AC) and Leia (3L)**

**Year 4: Ineya (4M) and Alma (4V)**

**Year 5: Oisin (5D) and Reyan (5G)**

**Year 6: James (6H) and Leo (6K)**

## 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 18th October 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/>

## Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 25th October** for half term.

## Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

## 4V Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 23rd September** 4V 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>

## Secondary Transfer Application 2024

### 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](http://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.

## Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 11th October**.

## Rosh Hashanah Assembly



On Monday, we had a visit from Rabbi Yosef, who hosted a wonderful assembly explaining the importance of the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah. He explained how the festival is observed; and some of the children had the opportunity to blow the shofar, which is a reminder for contemplation and improvement.

## Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 23rd 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.

## 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.

## After School Choir

We still have places left at the after-school choir. This club will for 11 weeks on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:25pm to 4:10pm. The school choir will start on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** and end on **11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. The cost of the choir for all 11 weeks is £30.

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).

## 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.

<https://www.dspl9.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=60&type=pdf>

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



**Thursday 3rd October 2024**

**Pork Hotdog & Chips served with Baked Beans or Peas**

**Vegan Sausage & Chips served with Baked Beans or Peas**

**Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans**

**Served with a Chocolate Brownie for Dessert**



## Winter Fair

Save the date for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 30th November** from 11am to 2pm at Merry Hill. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** we will be writing the next part of our stories based on Mini Rabbit Not Lost.

**Maths:** we will be counting on and back in ones, tens and hundreds.

**Science:** we will continue exploring light. In History we will be learning about the Bronze Age.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to create a mini version of a graphic novel, including captions, illustrations and speech bubbles.

**Maths:** We are going to practise adding and subtracting mentally.

**Art:** We will start creating our own concertina books based on the Jabberwocky poem.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing descriptions based on our reading about Merfolk. They will be using adverbials and noun phrases to enhance meaning in their writing.

**Maths:** We will be learning about how to compare and order numbers with up to 3 decimal places.

**Geography & Computing:** We will be linking Geography and Computing and completing safe and reliable searches so as to answer geographical questions about the United States of America.

### Year 6

**English:** we will be continuing to write a diary entry inspired by Kensuke's Kingdom.

**Maths:** we will continue to explore strategies for solving problems involving the 4 operations.

**Geography:** we will be researching a biome for a project.

**PE:** we will be exploring counter balance and counter tension in Gymnastics.

## 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 £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn with Cihips
<b>BLUE</b>	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
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

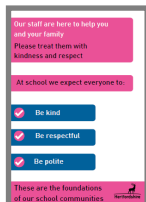
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday 23rd September</b>	<b>4V Swimming</b>
<b>Friday 11th October</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd October</b>	<b>Cater Link Themed Lunch</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd October</b>	<b>Individual Photos</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>End of Term (3:20pm)</b>
<b>Monday 28th to Friday 1st November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Saturday 30th November</b>	<b>Winter Fair</b>