



Ashfield Junior School

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

21st June 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week at Ashfield. Firstly, we had a visit from the Police who delivered a workshop for Year 6 children about anti-social behaviour including knife and gang crime. This was followed up with a Police community afternoon for children in Year 3 to Year 5 who tried on some police equipment (helmets, jackets, clothes) and to see how fast they could run on the 'speed camera'. It has been really good having the Police be part of the Ashfield community this year and I look forward to working with them again next year. The weather has finally turned and it is starting to feel more like summer, which meant that we could hold our annual Sports Day. It was lovely to see such a huge turnout of parents and carers supporting the school and seeing the children have a lot of fun in the various activities. Well done to all children for taking part and House Storey for being this year's winning house. Well done to House Fiennes who won this year's Fair Play award. A huge thank you to Mr Hardy for getting everything organised, as well as his team of Year 6 helpers and Mr Jones. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Grace (4M), Ava (3L), Kyle (3AC) and Molly (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.3%** 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 **Alina (5D)** who painted a beautiful picture whilst chatting with her mum and grandma and had it printed onto a T-Shirt. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bella (5D)** for completing the 5K Race for Life. Well done!

Congratulations to **Hollie (5D)** who came 1st for her Beam routine at gymnastics. 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	-	130
Blackman	-	144
Fiennes	-	143
Storey	-	129

Well done to Blackman

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: Martin (3AC) and Sophia (3L)

Year 4: Gracie and Elijah (4M) and Abhinav (4V)

Year 5: Chloe (5A) and Kai (5D)

Year 6: Colette (6K) and Zoe (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: Crina (3L) and Tristan (3AC)

Year 4: Emilie (4M) and Zara (4V)

Year 5: Caitlin (5A) and Lana (5D)

Year 6: Shraeya (6H) and Louis (6K)

The Elms Summer Holiday Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Summer Holidays at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Week 1: 22nd July to 26th July

Week 2: 29th July to 2nd August

Week 3: 5th August to 9th August

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 12th July 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/>

2025 Manor Adventure

Thank you to the Year 5 parents / carers for paying the deposit for the School Journey to Manor Adventure (Norfolk Lakes) in March 2025. 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.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

Summer Fair

Thank you all so much for your huge support at the fair, clearly the rain did not keep too many of you away! Our fair raised just over £3,000 which will be shared between our two schools. Mr Dourado is busy working out what to spend the money on.

A huge thank you to both ASHA and FOMH our committees, who started setting up on Friday night and were back again bright and early on Saturday morning.

We are such a lucky school to have so many wonderful parents and events such as these that simply could not happen without your support.

If you would like to get involved please contact ASHA via email ashacommittee@gmail.com

Caterlink School Meals - Price Increase

School lunch will be increasing to £3.00 for each pupil meal from September 2024.

4M Swimming

Reminder the last session for 4M swimming lessons is **Monday 8th July**.

4M Water Survival Activity

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 **Monday 24th June** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send in with your child an old pair of pyjamas, track suit bottoms or shorts and a T-shirt. **Please make sure they also bring their usual swimming kit.**

If you would also include a plastic bag to put the wet clothes in afterwards.

Year 5 Visit to The Tate Modern

As part of our Art curriculum, we have arranged an art appreciation visit to The Tate Modern on **Wednesday 26th June**. The children will have opportunity to explore the permanent collection displays and complete activities that encourage them to interact with different forms of art.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9.00am. Please ensure the children arrive by 8.35am. The children need to wear their PE uniform and trainers (no fashion hoodies and trainers please). They will need to bring a backpack with a packed lunch, a healthy snack and water.

End of Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 19th July** for the Summer Holidays. Children return to school for the Autumn term on **Tuesday 3rd September**.

DSPL9 Parent and 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://drive.google.com/file/d/1JT9Jo2LzZELjOBKd-voq9JOVXGZYeYk2/view>

Sports Day

At last the sun started shining, the rain stopped falling and the field stopped resembling a swamp that more closely reminded me of a home for Shrek than a field fit for a school's sports day! Sports Day was a great success and a huge thank you to all the children who participated fantastically. You were all superstars! I would also like to thank Mr Jones, the Elms coaches and all of the staff at Ashfield who ran the events. It takes everyone working together to make Sports Day a success. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, carers and other adults who attended and supported their child or children as they competed. It truly makes Sports Day a wonderful occasion.

Congratulations to our winners **House Storey** and to our **Fair Play Winners House Fiennes**. It was a very close result! I would also like to congratulate all of our sprint and relay medalists.

The final scores were: **Storey 2193 points, Blackman 2122 points, Attenborough 2014 points, and Fiennes 1944 points.**

Finally, I would like to personally thank the five Sports Monitors. They have given up their own time to prepare all the equipment used and help set it up on the field. So thank you to **Ethan, Jessica, Georgie, Andrei and Maya**. Their help is greatly appreciated. I am already looking forward to next years sports day, though hopefully not with as much rain in the preceding days!

Mr Hardy

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing our local study of Bushey and learning about how it has changed over time.

Maths: We are going to be continuing our topic on division.

Art: We are going to be exploring different artists and planning our sculptures.

Year 4

English: We will be writing and editing our persuasive writing about Paris.

Maths: We are going to learn about time - reading, calculating and converting.

Science: We are going to explore creating open and closed circuits using a switch and a buzzer.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a piece of narrative that includes action and dialogue and develops characters.

Maths: We will continue our work on area and perimeter - including in composite shapes.

Trip: We will be visiting the Tate Modern in London this week where we will be touring the permanent collections in the gallery. Our focus will be on studying the materials and techniques artists use in their art.

Year 6

English: In Mrs Kothary's group we will start exploring the features and language of a persuasive letter. Mr Hardy's group will be top copying our Sprite description and turning it into a small book.

Maths: In Mrs Kothary's group we will continue exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Mr Hardy's group will be continuing to explore real life problem solving.

Art: We will make stencils and learn to print.

History: We will be learning about the role of women in World War 2.

Geography: We will be continuing to conduct field work around the school grounds.

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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn 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.					

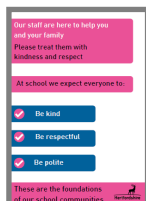
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern
Monday 8th July	Years 3, 4 & 5 Meet New Teacher
Wednesday 10th July	Open Evening (5:00pm to 6:30pm)
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 to receive leavers hoodies
Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 12th July	Reports to go home
Monday 15th July	Year 6 BBQ & Disco (4:30pm to 6:30pm)
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (9:15am)
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leaver's Picnic
Friday 19th July	End of Term (1:30pm)