



Ashfield Junior School

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

21st March 2025

Headteacher's Message

The focus in our assembly on Monday was about **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. **Governor Day** - On Tuesday, six governors visited the school to meet staff and children and to see what we were learning about. It was a good opportunity for the governors to see at first hand all the good practice at Ashfield and talk to the children. The **School Council** met with three governors and asked them some questions about their role and what they do as a governor.

Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Jake (3AC), Caitlin (6H), Gigi (6H) and Martin (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.9%** 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 **99.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **5G** who are also 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.

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: Esmee (3AC) and Olivia W (3L)

Year 4: Roman (4V) and Raoul and Freddie (4M)

Year 5: Amelia K (5D) and Veronika (5G)

Year 6: Kyran (6K) and Rowan (6K)

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 - 141

Blackman - 156

Fiennes - 151

Storey - 140

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: Jack (3AC) and Hamish (3L)

Year 4: Arlyn (4V) and Sonny (4M)

Year 5: Grace (5D) and Farzam (5G)

Year 6: Ansh (6K) and Hana (6H)

The Elms Easter 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.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25

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/>

PE Shorts

Just a polite reminder, that children should wear 'black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms' for PE. **Cycling shorts are not allowed.**

Mother's Day Secret Room

Wednesday 26th March

£3.00 per child (1 gift each)

Please send payment to:

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

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](#)

Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Monday 28th April**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and **5G** will be leaving at 10.10am. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear on the day. **They have requested all boys wear a covering on their head (a cap or hat).**

During the visit, the children will see and learn about the Torah, look at Jewish artefacts they have been learning about this year, and explore the Shabbat table where they will have the opportunity to taste Challah bread.

Dandelion Day

As you will be aware, we have several children at Ashfield whose parents are in the military. April is the Month of the Military Child and for the first time ever a day is being dedicated in April for 'Dandelion Day'. The dandelion is the symbol of the military child because they put down roots and bloom wherever they land.

So, on **Friday 4th April**, we would like to turn our school community yellow! Children are invited to **wear something yellow** (this can be their yellow PE t-shirt and jumper) in support of our military children and to take part in the first 'Dandelion Day'.

4M Swimming

The last swimming lesson for 4M will be on **Monday 31st March**.

4V Cornet Concert



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



Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

We will be taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling to school challenge. Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **24th March to 4th April 2025**.

Thank you

After School Clubs

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

The Elms - Monday 31st March (Netball), Tuesday 1st April (Football), Wednesday 2nd April (Tennis) Thursday 3rd April (Multisports)

Art Club - Wednesday 2nd April (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 3rd April (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 27th March

Dance Club - Friday 28th March

Jam Coding - Friday 28th March

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opens on **Monday 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 4th April** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

The Elms P.E. Star of the Term

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| Meila (3AC) | For always trying her hardest and she shows co-operation towards others! |
| Jack (3AC) | Jack has shown fairness and respect in matches. |
| Hamish (3L) | For his excellent attitude in matches with respect towards his team! |
| Penny (3L) | For always trying her hardest with a great attitude! |
| Hady (4V) | Hady has shown a real resilience within the matches! |
| Alma (4V) | Alma plays games with fairness and respect in our hockey matches! |
| Lily (4M) | Lily is the best goal keeper in the whole school in hockey! What a shot stopper she is! |
| Tristan (4M) | Tristan has shown respect and fairness towards others in PE. |
| Iya (5G) | Iya shows co-operation to everyone she plays against! |
| Lunan (5G) | Lunan has a great will to win but with kindness towards others! |
| Douglas (5D) | For showing fairness and respect in hockey! |
| Ayla (5D) | Ayla plays in matches with a great resilience and energy! |
| Antonia (6H) | Antonia always enjoys P.E. with a smile on her face and is consistently respectful. |
| Ibrahim (6H) | For always playing with fairness and a willingness to win! |
| Mason (6K) | Mason has shown real effort in games with a resilience to playing matches. |
| Lana (6K) | For always showing fairness and respect towards others in games. |

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be finalising and performing our persuasive speeches.

Maths: We will be solving worded money problems.

DT: We will be looking at the different health benefits of fruits and vegetables.

Year 4

English: We will create a travel leaflet about our area using persuasive devices.

Maths: We are going to explore shapes and their lines of symmetry.

Music: We will continue to play glockenspiels using the C,D,E,F and G notes.

Year 5

English: As our final piece, we will be writing a cyclical story based on our reading of The Promise.

Maths: We will complete our fractions unit and begin a new unit about measurement conversions.

Science: We will be learning about how the planets move.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's group will continue to explore Spiderwick and the fantastical creatures contained within! Mrs Kothary's group will continue to explore new sentence structures and vocabulary from Spiderwick

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will be exploring ratio and proportion. Mrs Kothary's group will begin to explore equivalent fractions and adding fractions.

PE: We will continue to explore disco dancing.

RE: We will be looking at the eightfold path.

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.

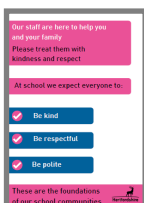
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette 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 24th March	Forces Club
Monday 24th March	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 26th March	Mother's Day Secret Room
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April	Year 6 Manor Adventure
Friday 4th April	Dandelion Day (wear yellow)
Friday 4th April	End of Term (1:30pm)
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of the Summer Term
Monday 28th April	Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue