



# Ashfield Junior School

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

22nd May 2026

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week as we draw a close to this half-term. **Year 3** had a fantastic day out at the Chiltern Open Air Museum learning about the Stone Age. They had a lot of fun learning how people lived in the Stone Age, making fire and with the charcoal! Today, we held our annual **Games Day** which the children have really enjoyed. It is an excellent event which the children enjoyed taking part in. In Games Day, we continue to promote good **sportsmanship** and our **school values (respect, kindness, cooperation, resilience)** with certificates being awarded in our achievement assembly. Well done to **Emily (6K)** for drawing the winning medal design for this year's Games Day certificate. There are a lot more fun activities planned after the half-term break! We also had **Headteacher interviews** this week. I am pleased to announce that the Governing Body have appointed a new headteacher - further details will be formally announced with the school community on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Remember, Monday 1st June is an INSET Day, so I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Have a lovely, sunny half-term break! Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Zara (6H), Freddie (5D), Dillon (5D), Alegria (4V) and Alanna (4C)

**Half term:** Maria (4C), Tyaan (6H), Leo (4C), Rory (3M), Matthew (6K), Sophia (5D), Swayam (6H) and Esmee (4C)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **3AC** 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 **Isabella (4V)** who has completed her Stage 5 swimming. Well done!

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)

## 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	-	116
Blackman	-	105
Fiennes	-	119
<b>Storey</b>	-	<b>129</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:** Zayyan (3AC) and Fred (3M)

**Year 4:** Stella (4C) and Safa (4V)

**Year 5:** Isaiah (5C) and Charlotte (5D)

**Year 6:** Murtada (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:** Jacob (3AC), and Zack (3M)

**Year 4:** Jack P (4C) and George Cr (4V)

**Year 5:** Isaac (5D) and Adam (5C)

**Year 6:** Kaelan (6H) and All of Mrs Kothary' Group

## 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.

[Newsletter](#)

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

# FATHER'S DAY PICK & PACK



ASHA presents our annual shop for  
Father's Day!

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Each child will get the chance to take a  
gift home for their loved one

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Please contribute £3.50 per  
child to the ASHA account  
acc no: 48865658  
sort code: 23-05-80

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Tuesday 16th June

## Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The letter previously sent will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

**The deadline is Friday 5th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted.** More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 1st June and administered until Friday 12th June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

## Football Boot Storage

We are so grateful to the parents who have donated football boots. We now need some storage for them, so if anyone has a shoe rack they not longer need and would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year 5 Visit to Cassiobury Park**

As part of our Geography study of rivers, we have arranged a visit to Cassiobury Park Educational Hub on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. The children will have the opportunity to conduct a river study – they will recap the water cycle and the journey of a river, they will visit the local river and undertake simple experiments, and then visit the nearby canal and compare/contrast the two water bodies.

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

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

### **Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day**

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. To further enhance the children's learning, we have arranged a day in school where we will be exploring how children were evacuated at the start of World War 2. This will be on **Tuesday 9th June** and will be held at Ashfield.

We would like to request that children dress up as a child from WW2, in school uniform as would have been worn by evacuees. There is no need to go out and buy a costume and a typical list of World War Two dress is listed on the letter that was previously sent out to parents.

### **Sports Day**

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 4th June** on the school playing field. Parents are welcome to attend and the gates will open from 12.45pm. The events will start at 1:00pm. Should the weather be inclement that day we will make a decision to postpone by 11:00am and notify you via the school messaging system.

The reserve Sports Day date is **Thursday 11th June**.

### **Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum**

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. We have arranged a visit to Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, on **Wednesday 17th June** to support our learning in this area. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am. The children need to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear.

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

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

### **Manor Adventure 2027**

Next year, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to go on a residential school journey to Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for 3 days <https://www.manoradventure.com/>.

The cost of the school journey will be £285.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 5th June 2026**. Please note places will only be booked for children who have paid the deposit and no places will be booked after the cut-off date.

**If you do not wish your child to take part in the journey, please notify the school office by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) by Friday 29th May 2026.**

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

## Year 3 Trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Tuesday learning about the Stone Age and Iron Age. They learnt how to make fire using flint and practised hunting with spears, just as the people did in the Stone Age. The children also built shelters, which Miss Arthur tested out!



## Games Day

Today we celebrated games day, the children showed excellent school values throughout the day participating in a number of different games, the weather was fantastic and the children had a wonderful time. It has been a lovely end to the first half of the summer term.



## Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

Thursday 4th June	- Sports Day (PM)
Monday 1st to 12th June	- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11th June	- Reserve Sports Day (PM)
w/c Monday 29th June	- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday 8th July	- Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Thursday 9th July	- Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 10th July	- Reports go home
Tuesday 14th July	- Year 6 Hoodies given to children
Tuesday 14th July	- Open Evening at Ashfield (5pm—6.30pm)
Friday 17th July	- Year 6 Picnic
Monday 20th July	- Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Tuesday 21st July	- Yar 6 Leavers Show (9:00 am)
Tuesday 21st July	- End of Term at 1.30pm

## The Elms May Half Term & Inset Day Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May half term and Inset Day at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 954 8787

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

## 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 your require your login details.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## Sickness

This is a polite reminder that it is school policy children do not return to school following illness with sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

## Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 1st June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

The Elms Holiday Camps

# MAY

## HALF TERM CAMPS

Ashfield Junior School

26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

9am - 4pm

£34 per child

5-11 years

## What we will be learning after half term

### Year 3

**English:** We will be starting our new unit looking at instructional texts.

**Maths:** We will be starting our new unit looking at instructional texts.

**Geography:** We will be starting our new unit looking at instructional texts.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be starting our new unit and exploring our new text 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant'

**Maths:** We will look at long division and time.

**DT:** We will be designing an Ashfield Mascot.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be starting a new writing unit based on three non fiction books called, The Skies Above my Eyes, The Sea Below my Toes, and The Street Beneath my Feet.

**Maths:** We will complete our Area unit.

**Computing:** We will be learning about creating vector graphics.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs Kothary's group will start to look at the purpose, audience and features of balanced arguments.

Mr Hardy's Group will finish and edit our fairy tale.

**Maths:** Mrs Kothary's Group will learn about the properties of 2D shapes with a focus on understanding and using key vocabulary. Mr Hardy's group will be exploring pie charts.

**RE:** We will explore ways in which Muslims show their commitment to God.

**Science:** We will explore the different types of blood vessels and their role in the human body.

**History:** We will be exploring peoples' experiences of living through the Blitz.

## 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
<b>RED</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Past Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	FishFingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<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>					

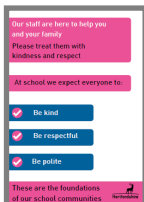
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Thursday 4th June</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
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