



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**22nd November 2024**

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week. This week, we continued our Anti-Bullying campaign in school with a whole school assembly on Monday. It was really good to see the children engaged in the assembly and talk about the different types of bullying (physical, verbal, indirect and cyberbullying). This week, the School Council chose the winners for their antibullying poster competition. A lot of children took part and the posters were all excellent - which made it very difficult for the School Council to choose from! However, they did choose a number of posters from each class. These posters have been laminated and the School Council are now tasked with displaying these in their classroom and around the school. Well done to everyone who took part! We are coming up to a busy part of the school year and there are lots of events occurring so please make sure you check those diary dates. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to: Ilinca (4V) and Hussain (5D)**

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5G** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **4M** 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 **Giles (6H)** who has been awarded a Distinction for his ABRSM Grade 3 piano exam. He has now moved on to Grade 4. Well done!

Congratulations to **Khushi (4V)** who won a Silver medal for her Vault routine and was runner up for her floor routine. Well done!

Congratulations to **Nikola (3AC)** who won a dance award. 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.

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| <b>Attenborough</b> | - | <b>151</b> |
| Blackman            | - | 118        |
| Fiennes             | - | 130        |
| Storey              | - | 138        |

**Well done to Attenborough**

## 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: Isla H (3AC) and Amelie (3L)**

**Year 4: Tristan (4M) and Hady (4V)**

**Year 5: Elizabeth (5D) and Marwa (5G)**

**Year 6: Layah (6H) and Aquil (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: Vedika (3AC) and Liya (3L)**

**Year 4: Juliet (4M) and Ethan (4V)**

**Year 5: Ralph (5D), Anele, Veronika and Iya (5G)**

**Year 6: Hollie (6K) and Zoe (6K)**

## Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

**Friday 29th November** - Non-uniform day. Please bring donations of bottles.

**Saturday 30th November** - ASHA and Friends of Merry Hill (FOMH) have joined together to organise the Winter Fair which will be held at Merry Hill.

**Tuesday 10th December** - 4M Cornet Performance for parents at 9.05am.

**Wednesday 11th December** - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

**Wednesday 11th December** - Secret Santa Rooms

**Friday 13th December** - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

**Monday 16th December** - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

**Wednesday 18th December** - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

## Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Winter Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 29th November**. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate bottles for the bottle tombola stall. Please bring your donations in on the day!

## 4V 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 25th November** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or track suit bottoms and a T-shirt along with their usual swimming kit.

## ASHA - Are you interested in supporting our school?

Do you want to support our school? Louise and Laura will be stepping down from ASHA at the end of this academic year. Therefore, we are looking to recruit a new chair and treasurer in readiness for September 2025. It will be a great opportunity to work with the whole school community to fundraise, plan events and activities for the children at Ashfield. Louise and Laura have created a range of activities that are well organised and they will be able to provide you with all the necessary information to continue the good work that they have started. They will give you a thorough handover and support you with the transition. If you are interested and want to know more information about the role of chair and treasurer please contact Louise and Laura by email: [ashacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ashacommittee@gmail.com)

## 4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 6th January** 4M 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>

## Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look through your child's books.

The morning session will be from 9:00am to 9:30am and the afternoon session will be from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

As there is limited space in our Year 3 classrooms, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system <https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session. **The booking system will open for Year 3 parents only at 9:00am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

## School Uniform Focus

Next week, we will be focusing on our presentation and making sure that children's ties are done up neatly so they look smart. Please spend some time on teaching your child how to tie a tie. Thank you for your support!

## 4M Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4M have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Ms Oliver. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9:05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the performance.

## Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

3L and 3AC will be visiting Bushey Public Library on **Tuesday 26th November**. They will walk there and back.

**3L will visit from 10.30am - 11.30am**

**3AC will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm**

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children next week and should be returned to school by **Wednesday 20th November**

## 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](#)

## End of Autumn Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Monday 6th January** for the Spring Term.

## Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford to support their learning in RE. They were invited into the Shrine to see the beautiful Murti's; and had a lesson on the importance of the soul. Some children had the opportunity to dress up as the tri-murti and their Goddess wives. They also had time to feed the cows and visit the Panganur Cattle, a small breed native to India.



## After School Chess Club

Congratulations to the following children for the Autumn Term Chess Club.

### Monday Chess Club

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| <b>Champion</b>      | Millie (5D) |
| <b>1st Runner up</b> | Reyan (5G)  |

### Wednesday Chess Club

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| <b>Champion</b>      | Rowan (6K) |
| <b>1st Runner up</b> | Eli (6H)   |

## Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will end mid-January 2025.

## Drumming Lessons

Herts Music Service (HMS) will be offering 'digital drums' in the Spring Term on a Monday morning. If your child is interested, please go to the Hertfordshire Music Website to book lessons. Select your school (1a) then select Step 2, Percussion (drums):

<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration/>

If you have any questions, you can email the teacher at [julius.faife@hertsmusicservice.org.uk](mailto:julius.faife@hertsmusicservice.org.uk)

## 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.

**Where payment has not been fully made, we will refund any money already paid, minus the non-refundable deposit and cancel the place.**

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

## Basketball Competition

On Thursday and Friday last week, the children took part in our bi-annual Basketball Tournament. The weather for once was good in November and we even saw the sun at times! It was undoubtedly one of the best tournaments we have hosted at Ashfield. Both Mr Jones and I were delighted to witness the high standard of teamwork from each team; the children applied the skills they have been learning in PE successfully. For each Year Group, most finalists came down to either points difference or last-minute baskets. In Year 4, the final itself was settled by a sudden death winner! That game was incredibly close.



In all Year Groups the children demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and upheld the Ashfield School values of Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Cooperation. It remains hard for teachers and Mr Jones to select the Fair Play Winners and School Value Winners at the end. A list of winners can be found below. We could award far more certificates than we do.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones and the Elms Coaches for running the event and a massive congratulations to all the children who took part and made the Basketball Tournament so fantastic. I am looking forward to our Hockey Tournament in the Spring Term.

Mr Hardy.

### Results:

#### Year 3. Team A 2, Team H 1.

Winners: Team A – Ivory, Eirnin, Alice, Hugo B, Orla, Maria DJ

Runners Up: Team H – Aidan, Isla H, Emily, Rafe, Alanna M

Fair Play Winners: Hugo B, Stella, Archie, Alegria, Meila, Tammy, Maria, Rafe, Ruby, Praneet.

Cooperation: Liya, Resilience: Hamish, Respect: Amelie and Kindness: Olivia S.

#### Year 4. Team B 6, Team H 5.

Winners: Team B – Benji, Ella, Anna, Charlotte, Kena, Penny.

Runners Up: Team H – Hady, Darien, Hannah, Julliet, Lily, Abi.

Fair Play Winners: Kyle, Anna, Bella, Ava, Haruto, Gigi, Tristan, Hady, Ineya, Leah.

Cooperation: Charlotte, Resilience: Skyla, Respect: Emma and Kindness: Roman.

#### Year 5. Team E 3, Team J 4.

Winners: Team J – Emelie B, Bradley, Leo, Elizabeth.

Runners Up: Team E – Matthew, Myla, Sean, Maisie, Amelia P.

Fair Play Winners: Jack, Blue, Joseph, Tyaan, Sean, Gracie L, Alex, Millie, Zuzanna, Bradley.

Cooperation: Swayam, Resilience: Ayla, Respect: Maya and Kindness: Oisin.

#### Year 6. Team A 3, Team G 5

Winners: Team G – Kit, Caitlin, Aquil, Freya, Ibrahim, Ella H.

Runners Up: Team A – Ellie, Evelyn, Cassian, Zoe, Kyle, Hana.

Fair Play Winners: Evelyn, Alina, Seren, Florence, Chester, Eva, Ibrahim, Anika, Nathan, Antonia.

Cooperation: Cassian, Resilience: Yuna, Respect: Kit and Kindness: Kyle.







## Winter Fair

FOMH and ASHA will jointly be holding their Winter fair from **11am until 2pm** on **Saturday 30th November**. If you are able to spare some time to volunteer and help on one of the stalls or set up please click on the link below to fill out the volunteer sign up sheet. Without your support the fair cannot go ahead.

<https://volunteersignup.org/8HLKH>



**Wednesday 11th December**

£3.00 per gift (one per child)

**Please transfer £3 by 1st December so we can make sure there is enough gifts.**

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

Account Number: 48865658

With your child's name and class as reference.

## Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 11th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

## Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 13th December**.

## St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 16th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

**If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers. 4V will still attend swimming.**

We require a small numbers of helpers. If you are available to help on the day please contact the school office by email [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)

## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 18th December over their school uniform or PE kit.



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing an action scene using prepositional phrases based on the book *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*.

**Maths:** We will be exploring different mental methods to subtract.

**Rehearsal:** We will begin rehearsing for our Christmas play.

**Trip:** We will be going on their school trip to the library.

### Year 4

**English:** We are going to write our own explanation of a 'wakeatron' based on the texts studied in this unit.

**Maths:** We will be looking at factor pairs and multiplication facts.

**Computing:** We will be looking at the internet and sharing online information.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be at how authors develop characters and we will be analysing a character from our book, *Cloud Tea Monkeys*.

**Maths:** We will be working on formal addition and subtraction methods that include decimals.

**DT:** We will be investigating ways of strengthening structures for a moving toy.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs. Kothary's group will publish and edit the final written piece using speech and start to explore detailing our descriptions. Mr Hardy's group will be exploring slow motion writing to describe the setting and action.

**Maths:** Mrs. Kothary's group will work on accuracy and proficiency when multiplying and dividing decimals by 10,100 and 1000. Mr Hardy's group will continue to explore fractions in a range of contexts.

**RE:** We will attend a workshop from Watford Schools Trust around the sacred and secular Christmas celebrations.

**History:** We will be exploring the life of soldiers in the trenches.

## 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>  | Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake        | Cottage Pie with Gravy                      | Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice         | Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| <b>GREEN</b>  | Mexican Fajitas with Rice              | Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice | Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa             | Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread | Mexican Bean Roll 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> |  |   |  |   |  |

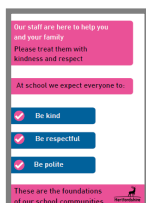
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## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Monday 25th November</b>    | <b>Forces Club</b>                           |
| <b>Tuesday 26th November</b>   | <b>Year 3 trip to Bushey Library</b>         |
| <b>Friday 29th November</b>    | <b>Non-uniform Day (bring a bottle)</b>      |
| <b>Saturday 30th November</b>  | <b>Winter Fair</b>                           |
| <b>Monday 2nd December</b>     | <b>Latin and Classics (Year 5 &amp; 6)</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 11th December</b> | <b>Secret Santa Room</b>                     |
| <b>Wednesday 11th December</b> | <b>Year 3 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)</b> |
| <b>Friday 13th December</b>    | <b>Open Classroom</b>                        |
| <b>Friday 20th December</b>    | <b>End of Term (1:30pm)</b>                  |
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