# Ashfield Junior School

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

## 20th November 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Ashfield Families,

This week has been full of hidden and lovely moments that were not always planned. Firstly, we had another successful and full school tour on Tuesday. We welcomed Year 2 parents and also prospective parents of Nursery age children. We watched children engage in collaborative poetry, reading fluency sessions and even managed a sneak peak of the Year 4 Cornet performance which the children have been practising. The children took it in their stride and allowed us to watch. I also managed to check in with Year 3 and their Ashfield Nativity preparation. They are sounding brilliant already and we are looking forward to sharing this with the families of Year 3 on 8th December at 1:45pm. One of the highlights of the week was an assembly written, managed and presented by some of our Year 6 children. They have spent their own time planning and preparing an art assembly focussing on their favourite artists Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh. They found brilliant film clips, showed us some lovely examples of artwork and well as a perfectly timed role play. They were brave standing up in front of the whole school and I am so glad they had the confidence to do so. Well done to everyone this week, including all the Ashfield staff.

Enjoy your weekend and we will see you ready for a brand new week on Monday.

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.9%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

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

A big well done to **6K** 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.



**A very happy birthday to:** Kayla (4C), Kiaana (4V) and Ilinca (6H)

## Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!

**Year 3:** Havana (3F) and Thea (3M)

**Year 4:** Mason (4S) and Arthur (4V)

**Year 5:** Hamish (5C) and Grayson (5D)

**Year 6:** Sonny (6K) and Ella (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.

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| Attenborough | - | 119 |
| Blackman | - | 111 |
| **Fiennes** | **-** | **135** |
| Storey | - | 121 |

**Well done to Fiennes**

## Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week.

**Year 3:** Lily-Beau (3F) and Ronnie (3M)

**Year 4:** Zakariyyah (4S) and Sienna (4V)

**Year 5:** Hugo H (5C) and Tammy (5D)

**Year 6:** Haruto and Zayn (6K) and Kyle (6H)

## Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Karen (4S)** who has just completed the Improvers level at swimming and achieved a rainbow distance certificate for 10m and has now moved to Intermediate. Well done!

Congratulations to **Rory (4S)** who was player of the match following a 5-3 win with his football team Bushey and Oxhey Bears. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack P (5D)** for playing well in his rugby match against Luton RFC and getting try of the week. The coaches described it as a smart ruck turnover followed by a fantastic length-of-the-field run to score! Well done!

Congratulations to **Rhiannon (6K)** who took part in a swimming gala with her swimming school to raise money for local children's charities in Northwood. She came 1st in her race for breaststroke! Well done!

## 4S Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4S 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 8th December** at **9:10am**. 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.

## 4V Water Survival

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 **Tuesday 24th November** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or an old t-shirt plus elasticated waist shorts and a plastic bag to put them in afterwards **along with their usual swimming kit.**

## 4S Swimming Lessons

On **Tuesday 12th January 4S** 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 Tuesday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

As this is a smaller year group, the cost per child is unfortunately higher than last academic year, therefore we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35.00. We would appreciate parents and carers' support in contributing towards the cost of swimming. Every penny counts in our school budget. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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

The School Gateway

## Year 6 Deputy Lieutenants Workshop

The Deputy Lieutenants' of Hertfordshire led a workshop for Year 6 where they explored the **Commonwealth Values.** It was good to see children actively taking part and discussing the importance of values including Democracy, Rule of Law, Gender Equality, Human Rights, Tolerance Respect and Understanding and Access to Health, Education and Shelter. It was good to see the children debating the importance of these values but also links with our **school value** of **respect, kindness, resilience** and **cooperation**. Our visitors were extremely impressed with our children's behaviour and engagement.





## World Warriors in Action



The World Warriors are a group of Year 6 pupils who care about sustainability and want to make a difference at Ashfield Junior School.

Last year, a small but mighty team of 10 pupils began their mission by researching the effects of climate change that we can see and feel around us.

They then entered the Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Sustainable Schools Competition. They investigated our school to find out what was already sustainable and what could be improved. Armed with this information, this group created a model of a more sustainable school environment.

This model is the legacy they have left behind. It is an ambitious plan that will take many stages to bring to life. This year's World Warriors are taking on that challenge, following last year's plans so that their hard work keeps growing.

We are starting with Phase 1: planting wildflowers in baskets and wheelbarrows around the school to attract more pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. Pollinators are vital for healthy ecosystems and for growing much of the food we eat, but their numbers are falling. Creating more flower-rich spaces is a simple but powerful way to help.

Gradually, we hope to complete the stages until the vision becomes reality. Keep an eye out for new flowers around the school, and look out for more updates from our World Warriors!









## Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 11th December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look thorough your child's books.

The morning session will be from **8:50am to 9:20am** 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 (e.g. 8:50am to 9:20am** or **2:30pm to 3:00pm). *The booking system will open for Year 3 parents ONLY at 9:00am on Monday 16th November.***

This is an opportunity to see your child's work and talk to them about their learning. **Teachers and staff will be present but will be unable to talk to you about your child's progress as they will be managing and supporting other children in the classroom.** We look forward to seeing you soon.

## After School Clubs

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

**Netball** - Monday 14th December

**Football** - Tuesday 15th December

**Tennis** - Wednesday 16th December

**Multisports** - Thursday 17th December

**Chess Club** - Monday 7th December

**Art Club** - Wednesday 16th December

**Mock Transfer** - 7th December 2026

**Drama Club** - 11th December 2026

**Jam Coding** - 11th December 2026

## 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

## 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

## End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 18th December** and return to school on **Monday 4th January 2027.**

## Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 27th November.**



## Christmas Post Box

From **Tuesday 2nd December** the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 14th December**.

## St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 14th 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.**

## Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Tuesday 8th 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 Dinner and Jumper Day



Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 16th 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 16th December** over their school uniform or PE kit.

## 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 11th December**.




**All children are welcome to have Christmas dinner. Please tick on the form that will be sent home on Monday 9th November with your child's choice and return to the school office by**

**Wednesday 25th November 2026**

**What we will be learning next week**

**Year 3**

**English:** We will be writing our poems inspired by 'The Magic Box'.
**Maths:** We will be continuing our work on fact families. We will use part/ whole models and inverse operations to work out missing number problems such as ? - 6= 25
**RE:** We will be having a visit from WST to talk to us about gifts at Christmas.

**Year 4**

**English:** We will be exploring Rosie Revere and thinking about designing our own flying inventions.
**Maths:** We will be revising times tables and different mental arithmetic strategies.
**Science:** We will be creating a model of the digestive system so the children can recall the key processes of digestion.

**Year 5**

**English:** We will be writing our final WW1 cinquain and using our editing strategies to improve and then publish our poetry.
**Maths:** We will be completing the remaining two reasoning assessments and we will also be learning about prime numbers
**History:** We will be learning about the city states of Athens and Sparta.

**Year 6**

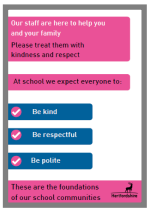
**English:** Year 6 will recap, revisit and explore narrative writing techniques. We will use the book Wisp to inspire our descriptive writing.
**Maths** : Year 6 will continue to explore rounding and then multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
**History:** We will continue to unravel the secrets of the Maya, learning about their systems for counting and writing.

## 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 |
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| RED | Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges | Beef Lasange with Garlic Bread | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice | Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Soya Mince Lasange | Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice | Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice | Cheese and Bean Pasty 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

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| **Monday 23rd November** | **Forces Club** |
| **Tuesday 24th November** | **4V Water Survival** |
| **Wednesday 25th November** | **Flu Immunisations** |
| **Friday 27th November** | **Inset Day** |
| **Tuesday 8th December** | **Last 4V Swimming** |
| **Tuesday 8th December** | **4S Cornet Performance** |
| **Tuesday 8th December** | **Year 3 Christmas Performance** |
| **Friday 11th December** | **Open Classroom** |