



Ashfield Junior School

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

23rd October 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a brilliant start to the year. There have been so many wonderful experiences and opportunities for our children. A very big well done to Year 3 who have settled in to Ashfield brilliantly and we are very grateful to your families for supporting this transition. As we now look forward to Ashfield's future, I would like to reach out to the school community for volunteers or skill sets in some specific areas. If you are a Parent/Carer who would consider dedicating your time to ASHA (our PTA) we would really appreciate it. I am sure that you are aware that school budgets continue to become tighter and fundraising is key to supporting this. Our ambition is to make significant improvements to our school site but we can't do this without your help. Please offer your support if you can and email the school office. In addition to this, if there are any Parents/Carers who have skills in photography, film and marketing please reach out to us. We would be grateful for your advice and your skills. As we come to the end of a very busy and very long half term, I want to extend my deepest thanks to the whole school community. Your support and commitment to Ashfield Junior School is incredible. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff at Ashfield for your enthusiasm and dedication to the children. We wish everyone a wonderful half term and we will see you back on Monday 2nd November.

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Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.7%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3F** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.1%** Well done!

A big well done to **5C** 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:

Charlotte (6K), Sofia (4S), Hady (6H) and Sonny (6K), Zoe (3M) Rose (4S) and Isla (4S)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Matteo (4V)** who came second in his tennis tournament. 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	-	142
Blackman	-	131
Fiennes	-	138
Storey	-	133

Well done to Attenborough

Achievement Assembly

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

Year 3: Kaynan (3F) and Sarah (3M)

Year 4: Josh (4S) and Mia (4V)

Year 5: Leia (5D) and Archie (5C)

Year 6: Grace (6H) and Joel (6K)

Writer of the Week!

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

Year 3: Thomas (3F) and Feride (3M)

Year 4: Rosie (4S) and Omari (4V)

Year 5 Maria P (5D) and Aiden (5C)

Year 6: Anna (6H) and William (6K)

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](#)

PE Timetable

After half-term some of the days that children will have PE lessons is changing. For the second half of the Autumn Term each class will have PE on the following days.

3F - Monday and Thursday

3M - Monday and Thursday

4S - Tuesday and Friday

4V - Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

5D - Monday and Friday

5C - Monday and Friday

6K - Monday and Wednesday

6H - Wednesday and Thursday

Winter Uniform

A polite reminder that children should return to school on **Monday 2nd November** wearing their winter uniform. Please also make sure that your child comes to school with a jacket or coat as the weather is going to get much colder.

Inset Day

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

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is **31st October**. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children can buy a poppy at school, by bringing their donation to their classroom from **Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November**. Collection tins will be taken around each day by the School Council. We only have limited supplies of poppies and other items, so once they are gone, they are gone!!

3M Visit to Bushey Library

3M visited Bushey Library on Monday and during the visit, the children had an introduction to the library and its services it provides, listened to a story called "I want my hat back" by Jon Klassen and then had a chance to browse and borrow a book.



Year 4 Visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor

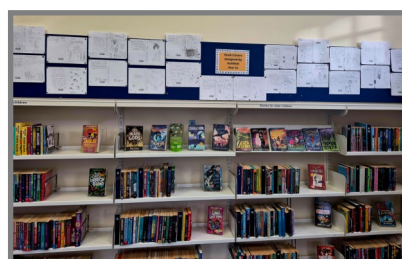
On Thursday Year 4 visited Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford to support their learning in RE. They were invited to the Shrine to see the beautiful Murti's; and had a lesson on the importance of the soul. The children had the opportunity to dress up in traditional Hindu clothing. They also had time to feed the cows and have a ride on the oxen and cart.



3F and 3M Bushey Library Display



Whilst visiting the library Year 3 designed some wonderful book covers. The library staff are really pleased with their creativity and have put up a display in the library. It will be displayed until the beginning of November if you would like to visit and see their work.



Year 3 - Arriving to School

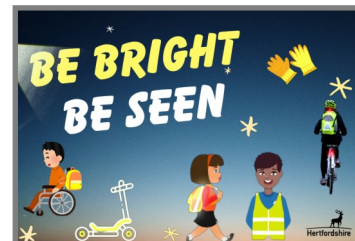
It has been lovely to see our Year 3 settle into school life at Ashfield. After the half-term break, we would like parents to drop their child off at the school gates and allow children to walk independently to their class. We understand that some children may require further support from parents on arrival to school. If this is the case, please speak to Miss Arthur, Miss Flint and Mrs Mocanu.

Be Bright Be Seen

During the Autumn and Winter months, 'Be Bright, Be Seen' is so important as the school run is often in the dark. This means you are harder to see on a dull day and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. We want to spread awareness of road safety and ensuring your children can easily be seen when near traffic.

How can children be seen more easily?

- This could be a bright coloured coat
- Wearing high visibility strips on your coat
- High visibility reflectors on your bag or a brightly coloured bag
- Fluorescent armbands that can be put over coats and clothing



Halloween and Bonfire Safety

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you and do not knock on strangers doors.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark and wear something bright so drivers can see you.
- If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets who may be affected by the noise.
- Light fireworks at arms length, stand well back, follow the instructions, never go back to a lit firework



Year 3 Trip to Hazard Alley

As part of our Personal Development curriculum where we learn how to keep ourselves safe, Year 3 will be visiting The Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) in Milton Keynes on **Wednesday 11th November**. The children will experience different scenarios first-hand, such as fire, water and rail safety situations, where they will identify the risks whilst receiving expert guidance and tuition from the staff there.

Please login into [The School Gateway](#) to make payment and give consent.

Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Monday 9th November** to support our learning in these areas.

Please login into [The School Gateway](#) to make payment and give consent.

Parking

Please be considerate to our residents and park safely and not over driveways or dropped kerbs. School will be in contact with parking enforcement officers to improve current safety measures.

Thank you for your support.

What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be starting our new unit on Poetry. Looking at key texts such as 'Words Are Ours' by Michael Rosen and 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright.

Maths: We will be rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Geography: We will be developing our map reading skills and exploring the UK.

Year 4

English: We will be looking at free verse poetry and learning how to write to inform.

Maths: We will be revisiting formal methods for calculations.

RE: We will be learning about Hinduism and the festival of light and in geography we will be looking at the world: its continents and oceans.

Year 5

English: We will be starting a poetry unit based on a rhyming picture book called 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' which tells the story of two childhood friends, Ben and Ray, who transition from playing innocent war games in the fields to fighting in the real trenches of the Great War.

Maths: We will continue to work on multiplying and dividing numbers (including decimal numbers) by 10, 100 and 1000.

History: We will be starting our first history topic of the year where we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. In our first lesson, we will be creating timelines to understand when the Ancient Greek civilization was at its most prominent and where it fits in with other history topics they have studied so far.

Year 6

English: Year 6 will continue exploring speeches from Talking History and analyse them to identify the linguistic devices used in speeches.

Maths: Year 6 will continue to explore place value including ordering and comparing large numbers with up to three decimal places.

History: We will begin exploring the Mayan civilisation and learning who the Mayans were.

Science: We will begin learning about evolution and how animals have evolved and adapted to survive.

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for after half term. 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
RED	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	FishFingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Soya Mince Lasagne	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegetable 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.					

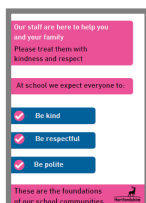
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Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd November	Back to School (8:50am)
Tuesday 3rd November	4V Swimming
Monday 9th November	Forces Club
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Wednesday 11th November	Year 3 Trip to Hazard Alley
Wednesday 25th November	Flu Immunisations