



Ashfield Junior School

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

23rd May 2025

Headteacher's Message

I cannot believe how fast the school year is going and that we are already at the end of the first half of the summer term! On Monday, five girls from Year 6 delivered an **assembly** to the whole school on litter and also sparked everyone's interest by setting a litter challenge after half-term. It was lovely to see the girls' confidence sharing their assembly and the impact litter has on our planet. We can all make a difference to our local environment and change any negative habits. The girls invested their own time researching, preparing and rehearsing the assembly in their own time. They did a fantastic job! If any other Year 6 children would like to deliver an assembly before we break up in July, please let me know. Today, we held our annual **Games Day** which the children have really enjoyed. It is an excellent event which the children enjoy taking part in. In Games Day, we continue to promote good **sportsmanship** and our **school values (respect, kindness, cooperation, resilience)**. Well done to **Swayam (5D)** for drawing the winning medal design for this year's Games Day certificate. Have a lovely half-term break, and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd June.
Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Zara (5D), Freddie (4M), Roman (4V), Alegria (3AC), Alanna (3L), Maria (3L), Tyaan (5D), Leo (3L), Matthew (5G), Sophia (4M), Swayam (5D) and Esmee (3AC)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **4M** 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.

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	-	131
Blackman	-	120
Fiennes	-	135
Storey	-	141

Well done to Storey

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: Nicole (3L) and Stella (3AC)

Year 4: Gigi (4V) and Sophia (4M)

Year 5: Joseph (5D) and Charlotte (5G)

Year 6: Theo (6H) and Caitlin (6K)

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: Emily (3L) and Gia (3AC)

Year 4: Carter (4V) and Crina (4M)

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

Year 6: Seren, Cecily, Hana, Chloe and Yuna (6H) and Kit (6K)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **George (3AC)** who has passed with distinction his Grade 1 Music Theory. Well done!

Congratulations to **Kaelan (5G)** who played in a tournament with his team Belstone FC and were crowned champions. Well done!

Congratulations to **Lana (6K)** who through her dedication, perseverance and outstanding commitment has been awarded U11 most improved player for Watford Rugby Club. Well done!

The Elms Summer Holiday Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Summer Holidays at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Week 1: 21st July to 25th July

Week 2: 28th July to 1st August

Week 3: 4th August to 8th August

Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 11th July 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBSUM25.

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/>



Year 4 Trip to Hazard Alley

Year 4 will be visiting The Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) in Milton Keynes on **Thursday 19th June 2025**. The children will experience different scenarios first-hand where they will identify the risks they encounter whilst receiving expert guidance and tuition from the staff there.

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

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

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 5th 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 12th June**.

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 18th June**.

If your child has PE on a **Wednesday**, please send them into school in their school uniform with their PE kits in named bags on this occasion only.

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 6th 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/>

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 Visit to The Tate Modern

As part of our Art curriculum, we have arranged an art appreciation visit to The Tate Modern on **Wednesday 11th June**. The children will have opportunity to explore the permanent collection displays and complete activities that encourage them to interact with different forms of art.

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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Tuesday 3rd June** and administered until **Friday 20th 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.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 2nd June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Have a lovely half term!

Year 3 Trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Thursday learning about the Stone Age and Iron Age. Thank you to all the fantastic Parent helpers that came and supported us.



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.

Special Mention goes to **Cecily, Seren, Hana, Yuna and Chloe** in Year 6 for showing excellent school spirit, hard work and dedication, giving up their own time to help set up. Well done!



Military Child Celebration Afternoon!

Our Military children had a fantastic time at St. John's Church of England School participating in some fun games and activities along with other Military children.



Summer Dates:

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

Thursday 5th June	- Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 3rd to 20th June	- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 12th June	- Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 18th June	- Class Photos
Saturday 21st June	- Ashfield & Merry Hill Summer Fair (at Ashfield)
w/c Monday 23rd June	- Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 7th July	- Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Wednesday 9th July	- Open Evening (5.00pm to 6.30pm)
Thursday 10th July	- Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 11th July	- Reports go home
Monday 14th July	- Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 14th July	- Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 18th July	- Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 18th July	- End of Term at 1.30pm

Manor Adventure 2025

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 £282.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 6th June 2025**. 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 by Friday 30th May 2025.

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

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



Summer Fair

We are getting excited for our Summer Fair on **Saturday 21st June** from 11am to 2pm. We are looking for raffle prizes from local businesses and helping hands to make the fair another success. If you can help in any way please get in touch by emailing ashacommittee@gmail.com.

What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be starting a new unit of Poetry.

Maths: We will be starting a new unit on time.

DT: We will be making our cushions.

Year 4

English: We will start a new unit, exploring and writing haiku poems.

Maths: We will continue learning about equivalent fractions.

Geography: We will start exploring earthquakes and volcanoes.

Year 5

English: We will be starting a new unit of writing based on three books called The Skies Above My Eyes; The Street Beneath My Feet; and The Sea Below My Toes

Maths: We will be solving a range of problems that build on knowledge of percentages and their equivalence with fractions and decimals.

History: We will be learning about some of the most famous Pharaohs in Ancient Egypt.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's group will be finishing our balanced argument. Mrs Kothary's group will finish off publishing balance arguments and start to explore fairy tales inspired by Blackberry Blue!

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will begin to explore a range of maths challenges in preparation for Year 7. Mrs Kothary's group will visit Geometry starting to look at features of 2D and 3D shapes.

History: We will be exploring how people kept safe during the Blitz.

Science: We will be exploring how we can change a shadow.

Art: We will continue to create our stencilled artwork.

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 £3.08 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

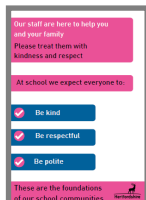
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges	Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad & Tzatziki	Breaded Fish with Chips
GREEN	Classic Vegan Bolognaise	Five Bean Jollof Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
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 26th to Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 20th June	Year 4 MTC
Thursday 5th June	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 9th June	Forces Club
Monday 9th June	Year 5 and 6 Latin and Classics
Wednesday 11th June	Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern
Thursday 19th June	Year 4 Trip to Hazard Alley