



Ashfield Junior School

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

24th April 2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week at Ashfield with children working on different topics across the **curriculum**. **Year 3** are learning about plants in Science and sewing in D.T. In preparation for their school trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum, they are learning about the Stone and Bronze Age in History. In History, **Year 4** are learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, sculpture in Art and classification of animals and plants in Science. **Year 5** are learning about rivers and trade in Geography, printing in Art and life-cycles in Science. **Year 6** have been busy preparing for the KS2 SATs but have also been enjoying learning about Buddhism in R.E., disco dancing in P.E., and World War II in History. You can see more information about our curriculum on our website [Curriculum – Ashfield Junior School](#). To celebrate **Earth Day** on Wednesday 22nd April, our World Warriors led by Mrs Kothary delivered assembly to the whole school and also set an Earth Day challenge for each class - more on this will be shared in next week's newsletter. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Isla (4V), Jack (4C), George Cu (4V), Luna (4V) and Skyla (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.7%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.7%** 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.

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Reuben (3M)** who was awarded Man of the Match for his football club Bushey Rangers. Well done!

Congratulations to **Jack P (4C)** who has worked hard and improved so much playing rugby. He has participated in a tournament with Watford Rugby Club U9's and scored a few tries and this weekend will play before the Saracens vs Leicester match at the StoneX stadium. This will be a great experience! 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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| Attenborough | - | 119 |
| Blackman | - | 128 |
| Fiennes | - | 138 |
| Storey | - | 117 |

Well done to Fiennes

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: Immanuel (3AC) and Jayden (3M)

Year 4: Vedika (4M), Liya, Penny and Amelie (4V)

Year 5: Carter (5C) and Matilda (5D)

Year 6: Alice (6H) and Hriyanshi (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: Ruben (3AC) and Kianna (3M)

Year 4: Jessica (4C) and Gia (4V)

Year 5: Abigail (5C) and Freddie (5D)

Year 6: Elijah and Mia-Neveah (6K)

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](#)

The Elms May Half Term & Inset Day Camps

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

Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 15th May 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBMA26**

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 1st June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 29th June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If your child does not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm this.

Year 6 SATs Preparation

Year 6 children are currently working hard in class as they prepare for their SATs. It will be very important that children are in school so that they can gain practice with how to answer questions. The assessments will begin on the week commencing **Monday 11th May** so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 22nd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 1st June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 4th May**.

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 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 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 Trip to The STEM Centre

To support our learning in science we are very excited to be visiting the STEM Centre in Stevenage on **Tuesday 28th April**. During the day the children will attend two workshops: 'What's the Matter?' where the children will investigate how we classify materials as well as change their behaviour and 'Coding Keyring' where the children will have the opportunity to explore genetics and inheritance.

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

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

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.

4C Swimming

Due to the Year 4 School Trip on Tuesday 28th April there will be no swimming, therefore the last swimming lesson for 4C will be on **Tuesday 5th May**.

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 19th May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

Summer Dates:

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

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| Monday 11th to Friday 15th May | - | Year 6 SATs |
| Wednesday 20th May | - | Class Photographs |
| Friday 22nd May | - | Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit) |
| Thursday 4th June | - | Sports Day (PM) |
| Monday 1st to 12th June | - | Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check |
| Thursday 11th June | - | Reserve Sports Day (PM) |
| Saturday 27th June | - | Summer Fair |
| 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 | - | Year 6 Leavers Show (9:00 am) |
| Tuesday 21st July | - | End of Term at 1.30pm |

Year 3 Earth Day Activity

Year 3 have been celebrating Earth Day by designing and creating their own recyclable plant pots! Using everyday materials, the children made eco-friendly pots before planting cress seeds. They are now carefully looking after their seeds and watching them grow each day.



Reading Books

We love to see children bringing in reading books from home to share their enjoyment of reading. Please ensure any book that is bought into school is appropriate for their age. We kindly ask that all books are checked by an adult before being sent in.

Thank you for your continued support.

Eco Council



The Eco Council and Mr Jones have been making the most of the sunshine! During lunchtime, they have been busy watering the sunflowers and wildflowers making sure all the plants around the school are well cared for. Their hard work is helping our outdoor spaces look beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



Our aim at Ashfield Junior is to give children as many opportunities to read as possible and to support the development of reading for pleasure both inside and outside of our school environment.

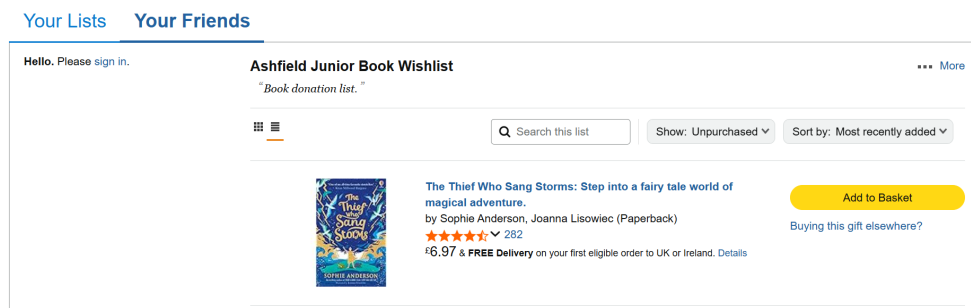
As mentioned in a recent newsletter, we would like to carry on the Merry Hill tradition of donating books to celebrate children's birthdays. In addition to this, as budgets become tighter, we would like to appeal to our Ashfield family to support us in keeping our classroom libraries updated and well stocked.

With this in mind, we have created an Amazon wish list with a wide range of books that you could buy and have sent to the school. The list includes books that are on our recommended reading lists and new exciting novels that have been recently published and are being recommended by reputable book sites.

Below find the link and a set of instructions for placing orders.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IU1W3U7NJGBM?ref=wl_share

Click on the link and you should see our **Ashfield Junior Book Wishlist**. If you are not logged into Amazon, you will be prompted for your login details when you make a purchase.



When selecting a delivery address, please select '**Ashfield Junior School's Gift Registry Address**' and click '**Use this address**'.

If the option is not there, please could you add an address and deliver to **Ashfield Junior School, School Lane, Bushey, WD23 1SR**.

Once a book has been purchased, it will disappear from the list.

When your book is delivered to the school, the book will be stamped, your name will be put on the inside cover of the book, and Miss Davison will distribute the book to one of the class libraries.

We would very much appreciate your contributions to our class libraries and send our warmest thanks in advance.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be starting our new unit on persuasive writing.

Maths: We will continue their work on fractions. We will consolidate our understanding of finding fractions of amounts and quantities and use this knowledge to solve worded problems.

History: We will be exploring what life was like in The Stone Age using different sources.

Year 4

English: We will be publishing our information leaflets persuading people to visit Bushey,

Maths: We will be using fractions to find quantities of amounts.

RE: We will be looking at the River Ganges and its significance for Hindus.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a letter replying to Frederick using formal language.

Maths: We will be solving problems that involve fractions.

History: We will be starting our unit on the Ancient Egyptians and will be creating a timeline in this introductory lesson.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring and describing a selection of weird and fantastical creatures from Spiderwick Mrs Kothary's Group will bring together the learning so far from The Spiderwick Chronicles unit to assemble a non - chronological report.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring ratio.

Mrs Kothary's Group will continue working on various topics in perspiration for the SATs.

History: We will be making maps of the combatants in WW2 and whether they were allies, axis or neutral.

RE: We will continue to discover how the community and Buddha's teachings support a good Buddhist life.

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 | Tomato Pasta | Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Rainbow Slaw | Roast Chicken, Mash Potato and Gravy | Chicken Korma with Rice | Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Chinese Vegetable Noodles | Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes and Rainbow Slaw | Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mash Potato and Gravy | All Day Vegetarian Breakfast | Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot |
| 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. | | | | | |

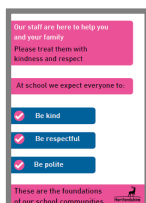
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[Amazon Wishlist](#)



Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 28th April | Year 4 trip to The STEM Centre |
| Tuesday 28th April | No Swimming 4C |
| Monday May 4th | Bank Holiday—no school for children |
| Tuesday 5th May | 4C Last Swimming Lesson |
| Monday 11th - 15th May | SATs Week |
| Tuesday 19th May | Year 3 Visit to COAM |
| Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | Half Term |
| Monday 1st June | Inset Day |
| w/c Monday 29th June | Year 6 Cycling Proficiency |