



# Ashfield Junior School

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

24th January 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week at Ashfield and children are working hard in their exciting new topics. This term, our assembly theme is on the **British Values**. It was good to see a number of children name these values and understand why they are important. The British Values include **Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance**. We briefly discussed these values and how they link into our own school values. Our British Values are important as they will prepare us to be rights-respecting citizens, celebrate the diversity of our nation and live happy, safe and healthy lives. Over the next few weeks, we will look at each value in more detail. I will update you each week on what value the children have focused on. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



**A very happy birthday to:** Mason (6K), Hanzala (4V), Hannah (4V) and Ethan (4V)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.8%** Well done!

A big well done to **5G** 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.

## Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Bradley (5G)** who had the opportunity to take part in the Saracens rugby game representing Harrow Rugby Club. Bradley joined his teammates in a special half-time match, showcasing their skills and love for the game. He also took part of the Guard of Honour, proudly standing alongside his team to welcome the Saracens players as they took to the field. Well done!

Congratulations to **Archie (3AC)** who was awarded a trophy for his fantastic football, 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	-	174
Blackman	-	171
Fiennes	-	177
<b>Storey</b>	-	<b>181</b>

**Well done to Storey**

## 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: Ella F (3L) and Luna (3AC)**

**Year 4: Jessica (4M) and Sophia (4V)**

**Year 5: Hussain (5D) and Bradley (5G)**

**Year 6: Abishai (6H) and Poppy (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: Anna (3L) and Ruby (3AC)**

**Year 4: Matilda (4M) and Ella (4V)**

**Year 5: Rhea (5D) and Iya (5G)**

**Year 6: Gigi (6H) and Mrs Kothary' Group**

## The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February 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 7th February 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBFEB25.

### 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 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 19th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to.

Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

## Year 4 French Café

**4V** will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 30th January and 4M** on **Friday 31st January** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining hall.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers/skirt and they can change into a red, white or blue top for the duration of the event to represent the colours of the French flag.

## Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 30th January** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

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

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

## Manor Adventure

The Manor Adventure PowerPoint that was shared at the Year 6 meeting on Thursday will be emailed out to parents with all the relevant information you will need regarding the upcoming residential trip.

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 14th February**. Please return the completed form to the School Office and remember to attach a recent photo.

If you require a copy of this form contact the school office and we will send one home with your child.

## Change to PE Days

Please note that PE has been changed on one of the days as below for next week only.

Year 6 - Wednesday 29th and **Thursday 30th January**

Year 5 - Tuesday 28th and **Friday 31st January**

### ASHA Disco

#### Friday 7th February

Year 3 and 4 - 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Year 5 and 6 - 4.20pm to 5.20pm

£6.00 a ticket including a snack!

Please send payment to the account details below.

Ashfield School and Home Association

**Sort Code:** 23-05-80

**Account Number:** 48865658

Queries to [ashacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:ashacommitee@gmail.com)

**Children in Years 3 & 4 should bring their clothes to school to change into on the day.**

### 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](#)

### After School Clubs - Friday

There will be **NO** after school Dance and Coding clubs on **Friday 7th February** due to the school disco. This was pre-arranged when the clubs were advertised so there will be no additional date added.

### Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 14th February** for half term and will return to school on Monday 24th February.

### Birthdays

There have been a lot of birthdays recently in some classes and children have kindly been bringing in treats to share with their classmates. We wanted to let you know that we are a healthy eating school and have some parents who do not want their child to receive sweets or may also have allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.



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### PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

For all parents/carers of children with SEND

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10.00AM-11.30AM**

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOM 2  
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

We will also be welcoming professionals from [Children and Young People's Mental Health Services \(CYPMHS\)](#). They will be happy to share valuable insights about their services and the support they provide to young people facing mental health challenges.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at [enquiries@dspl9.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dspl9.org.uk)

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be planning our own stories based on Alice in Wonderland.

**Maths:** We will continue with looking at the formal written method for subtraction.

**Art:** We will be exploring creating images based on a piece of poetry.

### Year 4

**English:** We will start a new unit, Newspaper reports-real life mysteries.

**Maths:** We will compare, estimate and calculate using units of measure.

**French:** We are looking forward to celebrating our French speaking skills in The French Cafe next week.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing sentences that contain simile, metaphor, and personification. Their sentences will be based on illustrations in 'The Promise'.

**Maths:** We will be learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers.

**History:** We will be visiting the British Museum in London this week where we will be extending our learning about the Ancient Greeks and looking out for interesting artefacts for our next History unit about the Ancient Egyptians.

### Year 6

**English:** Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore Wisp and create a narrative from it. Mrs Kothary's group will take inspiration from our book and use the author's techniques to create a narrative of their own.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore different types of angles and calculating them in shapes. Mrs.Kothary's group will learn further about percentages: finding out percentages of amounts and strategies to work out worded problems involving percentages.

**Geography:** We will be exploring the human geographical features of South America.

**Art:** We will continue to create our self-portraits using collage.

**French:** We will delve into cultural learning. We will learn about the famous Lemon Festival of Nice.

## 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.

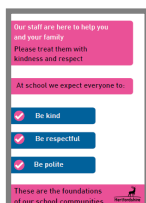
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Rainbow Pizza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche 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

Monday 27th January	Forces Club
Monday 27th January	Latin and Classics (Year 5 & 6)
Thursday 30th January	4V French Cafe
Thursday 30th January	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Friday 31st January	4M French Cafe
Thursday 13th February	Year 4 Roman Day
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term