



Ashfield Junior School

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

24th May 2024

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, the School Council delivered an assembly. It was good for the children to share what good learning looks like in the classroom and how they can become better learners. They shared examples of good learning and bad learning, and even organised a small role-play acted out by some Year 5 children. It was good to see the children using some of our Growth Mindset values to get their message across. Today, we held our annual Games Day which the children have really enjoyed. Unfortunately, we have had to reduce the number of games for the children to complete because part of our playing field is waterlogged. I hope the weather improves soon so we can start using the field more often and especially in the run up to Sports Day. I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and see you in June! Mr Dourado

Note: Please have a look at our new school blog [School Blog – Ashfield Junior School](#)



A very happy birthday to: Freddie (3AC), Roman (3L), Oliver (5D), Tyaan (4V), Matthew (4V), Sophia (3AC) Swayam (4M), Benji (6K) and Zoë (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99%** Well done!

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

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	-	138
Blackman	-	173
Fiennes	-	197
Storey	-	201

Well done to Storey

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Ella H (5D)** who was part of the Watford Ladies Hornets U10's football team that won the cup! Well done

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: Benji (3AC) and Bella, Darien, Carter, Leah (3L)

Year 4: Swayam (4M) and Emma (4V)

Year 5: Scarlet (5A) and Charlotte (5D)

Year 6: Daniel (6H) and Isabella (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: Crina (3L) and Emma (3AC)

Year 4: Myla (4V) and Charles (4M)

Year 5: Leo, Kyran, Kyle, Mason, Hollie and Bella (5D) and Billie (5A),

Year 6: James (6K) , Ethan and Charlie (6H)

Change to PE Day

Please be advised that there will be a change of PE day after half-term as below.

5A will now have PE on a Thursday

6H will now have PE on a Friday

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 26th 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.

We require a small number of helpers. If you are available to help on the day of the trip please contact the school office by emailing admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

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

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

Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. We have arranged a visit to Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, on **Wednesday 12th June** to support our learning in this area. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am. The children need to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear.

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

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

Year 3 Trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum

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



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 3rd 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.

DSPL9 Parent and 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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E-86UDHFG8msdRd0AC8H3oa-QPbOFOQ9/view>

This can also be found on our [website](#)

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 19th 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.

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 **Jessica, Ethan and Georgie** in Year 6 for showing excellent school spirit, hard work and dedication, giving up their own time to help set up. Well done!



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 14th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint the has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Year 4 French Café



4V will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 6th June** and **4M** on **Friday 7th June** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining room.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers / skirt and we will provide a blue or red t-shirt to represent the colours of the French flag.

Light refreshments will be served by the children and we are asking for a contribution towards the cost

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 13th 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 20th June**.

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024
11AM - 2PM

Summer Fair

ENTRY FOR ADULTS
£1

Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van
Firetruck 🚒, Live Brass Band 🎵, 🎵,
Raffle, Splat the Rat, Donut Competition
🍩 😊, BBQ 🍔, Welly Wanging 🥾,
Face Painting, Tattoos and much more!



MERRY HILL INFANTS
SCHOOL FIELD



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Tokens on sale at the school gates week commencing 10th of June.

ASHA AND FOMH Summer Fair

Save the Date! The Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 15th June** from **11pm to 2pm**.

We are hoping that this will be a fantastic day and even bigger and better than last year!

The fair will be cash-free once more and ASHA will be selling tokens on the lower gate each morning from Monday 10th June.

Please contact ASHA directly on the email below if you do not drop your child at school and they will advise you how you can purchase tokens.

ashacommittee@gmail.com

Without your support the fair cannot go ahead so we are asking for volunteers. Please click on the link below to sign up for a stall and time slot.

<https://volunteersignup.org/E9PA3>



Summer Fair Bottle Tombola

To support the Summer Fair, ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate the following:

Friday 7th June: Any bottles

Please bring your donations in on the day!

Collection at the school gate.



Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Summer Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 14th June**.

ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate the following:

Friday 14th June: Chocolate / Sweets

Please bring your donations in on the day!

Summer Dates:

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

Monday 3rd to 14th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	-	4V French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	4M French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	Bring a Bottle for the Tombola (collection at the gate)
Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Friday 14th June	-	Non-uniform Day - Bring chocolates / sweets for the Tombola
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Thursday 11th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 19th 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 £278.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 7th June 2024**. 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 31st 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/>

What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be joining English and History together to learn about the history of our local area. We will make information booklets on how it has changed.

Maths: We will continue our unit on time, looking at time intervals and durations. This will involve adding and subtracting hours and minutes.

DT: We will be designing and creating cushions in our DT lesson

Year 4

English: In English we will start reading a new book, *The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish* by Neil Gaiman

Maths: We will continue practising long multiplication.

French: We are looking forward to welcoming you to our French Cafe on Thursday and Friday.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a live broadcast recounting events from *Boy in the Tower*.

Maths: We will be multiplying fractions by whole numbers.

RE: We will be learning about Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and how they practised their religion.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group and Mrs.Kothary's will begin to explore the book '*Arthur Spiderwick*' and begin to write information texts.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring Mathematical investigations and problems to apply our knowledge and reasoning skills. Mrs Kothary's group will work with 2D and 3D shapes, exploring and comparing their properties.

History: We will be exploring evacuees during WW2.

Geography: We will be completing fieldwork and creating rain catchers.

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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn with Chips
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.					

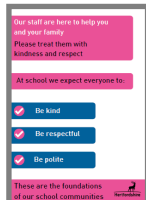
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Upcoming Events

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Friday 7th June	4M French Café
Wednesday 12th June	Year 6 Trip to Bentley Priory Museum
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern