



Ashfield Junior School

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

24th October 2025

Headteacher's Message

The **Year 5 Harvest Assembly** was EXCELLENT and it was nice to see a lot of parents and carers visit the school. It is always nice to celebrate Harvest Festival - it is a time to be thankful for the food that we have. But more importantly for me, it is about giving something back to the community and for those in need. A big thank you to all families for their kind donations. The food has been donated to the Red Trust Bushey ([Red Trust Bushey](#)) who have a food bank at Phoenix Community Centre. It has been a very busy half-term and I cannot believe how quick it has gone. Everyone from teachers, support staff and pupils have worked hard. Therefore, I hope that you all have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you return to school on **Monday 3rd November**.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Charlotte (5D), Sofia (3M), Hady (5C), Sonny (5D), Kaelan (6K), Oisin (6H), Rose (6K) and Isla (3M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **92.1%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **3AC** 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 **Erik (5C)** who was awarded last week Player of the Day at his football club Titans. Well done!

Congratulations to **Grayson (4C)** who has passed his Stage 7 in swimming. Well done!

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

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 | - | 144 |
| Blackman | - | 125 |
| Fiennes | - | 150 |
| Storey | - | 143 |

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: Mazin (3AC) and Oakley (3M)

Year 4: Tammy (4C) and George (4V)

Year 5: Kyle (5C) and Leah (5D)

Year 6: Leo (6H) and Emily (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: Jacob (3AC) and Mason (3M)

Year 4: Grayson (4C) and Liya (4V)

Year 5: Stanley (5C) and Joel (5D)

Year 6: Veronika (6K) and Zuzanna (6H)

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](#)

Amazon Wish List

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. Please click on this link if you wish to purchase a book for our school library. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IU1W3U7NJGBM?ref=wl_share

4V Swimming Lessons

After half-term, swimming for 4V will be moved to a Tuesday afternoon starting on **Tuesday 4th November** and running through to **13th January 2026** to make up for the missed lessons. Children will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school.

Children need to wear their PE Kit on a Tuesday instead of a Monday until swimming finishes in January as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

4C will continue to wear their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays for PE until their swimming lessons start.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 28th November**.

Home Learning - Enrichment Activities

A few weeks ago, we informed you about our homework enrichment activities. If your child would like to do some independent learning, please have a look at the enrichment activities which can be found on the bottom of the class pages on the school website.

[Year 3 – Ashfield Junior School](#)

[Year 4 – Ashfield Junior School](#)

[Year 5 – Ashfield Junior School](#)

[Year 6 – Ashfield Junior School](#)

If your child has completed an enrichment activity, they can bring this into school to share with their class.

Winter Uniform

A polite reminder that children should return to school on **Monday 3rd 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.

Year 6 Deputy Lieutenants Workshop

The Deputy Lieutenants' of Hertfordshire led a workshop for Year 6 where they explored the **Commonwealth Values**. It was good to see children actively taking part and discussing the importance of values including Democracy, Rule of Law, Gender Equality, Human Rights, Tolerance Respect and Understanding and Access to Health, Education and Shelter. It was good to see the children debating the importance of these values but also links with our **school value of respect, kindness, resilience and cooperation**. Our visitors were extremely impressed with our children's behaviour and engagement.



Harvest Assembly



Year 5 treated children and parents to an excellent Harvest Assembly. Thank you to all the families who donated food.

A colorful poster for a Winter Fair. At the top, there are illustrations of a red mug with a snowflake, a gingerbread man, and a red hat. A green banner in the center reads '6th December 11am to 2pm'. Below this, the text 'Winter Fair' is written in a large, red, stylized font, followed by 'fun for the whole family'. A list of activities includes: 'SANTAS GROTTO', 'SNOWBALL TOSS', 'GLITTER TATTOOS', 'FACE PAINTING', 'REINDEER FOOD', 'RAFFLE', 'CHOC AND BOTTLE TOMBOLA', 'GINGERBREAD DECORATING', 'MULLED WINE', and 'AND LOTS MORE!'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a snowman, a Christmas tree, and Santa Claus. Text at the bottom indicates 'Adults £2 KIDS GO FREE' and 'MERRY HILL INFANTS SCHOOL AND NURSERY School Lane, Bushey WD23 1ST'. A logo for 'FOMH' is also visible.

Secondary Transfer Application 2026

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

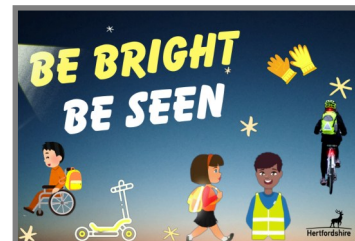
This year we have been unsuccessful with securing any poppies or merchandise to sell in school to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If anyone has a contact or can help us find out information about who to contact please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk.

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 - 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.

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 **Wednesday 5th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be starting our new poetry unit 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright.

Maths: We will continue our work on mental addition and subtraction, using the 'think 10' and 'think 100' strategies to help us regroup numbers.

Geography: We will be learning about the UK in Geography and developing our map skills.

Year 4

English: We will be looking at The Day I Met Dudley and writing to provide information.

Maths: We will be looking at factors.

D.T: We will be hosting an Ashfield Bakeoff! While in science we are investigating the human digestive system.

Year 5

English: We will be starting our new writing unit based on a book called 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'.

Maths: We will be learning about multiples, factors and common factors in Maths.

Computing: We will be learning about systems and searching in our Computing lessons.

Year 6

English: Mrs. Kothary's group will be starting our new writing unit around the repetition effect used by Michael Morpurgo. Mr Hardy's group will be starting a new writing unit exploring the authorial techniques used by Michael Morpurgo.

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will revisit 6 and 7 digit numbers and the 6 times table. Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring formal written methods for division.

RE: We will bring together all we have learned about Buddhism so far.

History: We will begin to learn about the Ancient Mayan civilisation.

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 |
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| RED | Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice | Beef Lasange with Garlic Bread | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Chicken Biryani | Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Autumn Vegetable Lasange | Beetroot and Lentil Burger with Potato Wedges | Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread | 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 |

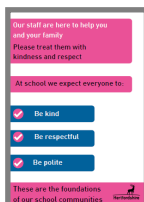
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.

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Upcoming Events

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| Wednesday 5th November | Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo |
| Friday 28th November | Inset Day |
| Saturday 6th December | Winter Fair (11am to 2pm) |
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