



Ashfield Junior School

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

25th October 2024

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 in Bushey. 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 4th November.

Best wishes, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Charlotte (4M), Hady (4V), Sonny (4M), Kaelan (5G), Oisin (5D), Kai (6K), Scarlet (6H), Kyran (6K) and Sophia (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.5%** 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 **99.2%** Well done!

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

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: Elana (3AC) and Percy (3L)

Year 4: Juliet (4M) and Inayah (4V)

Year 5: Ralph ,Millie (5D) and Veronika (5G)

Year 6: Alina, Shray (6K) and Eva (6H)

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	-	211
Blackman	-	154
Fiennes	-	182
Storey	-	186

Well done to Attenborough

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: Tammy (3AC) and Amelie (3L)

Year 4: Ava (4M) and Roman (4V)

Year 5: Alex (5D) and Charles (5G)

Year 6: Kyran (6K) and Ferdaws (6H)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Hugo (3L)** who plays for Sun Sports and was awarded man of the match and scored a hat trick with one of the goals being scored from an amazing free kick. Well done!

Congratulations to **Eva (3L)** who was extremely brave and climbed to the top of Stairway to Heaven at Rock Up. Well done!

Congratulations to **Abigail (4V)** who achieved Level 5 Floor Gymnastics. Well done!

Congratulations to **Joe (3AC)** and **Zoë (6K)** who took part in the Junior and Mini races as part of The Great South Run in Portsmouth. Zoë ran 2.5K and Joe ran 1.2K. They raised an amazing £1,907 for Motor Neurone Disease in Scotland. Well done!

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Wednesday 20th November**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith.

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

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

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 13th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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Open Classroom - Save the date!

Parents will be invited into the classroom to see their child's work on **Friday 13th December**. Our morning invite is open from 9:00am to 9:30am and our afternoon is open from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. Further information will be shared with you after half-term.

Harvest Assembly

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



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children can buy a poppy at school, by bringing their donation to their classroom from **Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November**. Collection tins will be taken around each day by the School Council. We only have limited supplies of poppies and other items, so once they are gone, they are gone!!

ASHA - Coin Trail

Each class lined their own coins up and then measured. We had some extremely long trails.

3AC - 18m	3L - 42.5m
4M - 30m	4V - 19m
5D - 21m	5G - 17.4m
6H - 7.25m	6K - 20.87m

Congratulations to **3L** for the longest trail, and well done to everyone for a huge effort this year!

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

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](#)

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

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.

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Monday 11th November**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). **It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.** The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found below or on the attachment.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will end mid-January 2025.

So, each time you shop in Tesco, remember to cast your vote for Ashfield.



Happy Diwali to all those members of our school community who are celebrating the Festival of Lights over half term.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

Where payment has not been fully made, we will refund any money already paid, minus the non-refundable deposit and cancel the place.

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

Staff Car Park

This is a polite reminder that the carpark is for staff and visitors only. Parents and carers are reminded that they should not use it to collect children from school or after-school clubs. It should also not be used for turning around or dropping off or collecting items from the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Red Trust Bushey Foodbank



Supporting the community

When?
Tuesdays 5pm – 6.30pm
Fridays 10am – 12pm

Where?
Phoenix Community Centre,
4 Farrington Avenue, Bushey, WD23 3DG


Who?
All Bushey (WD23) residents are welcome
No referrals or food vouchers needed

The Red Trust Bushey Foodbank is a safe community space designed to help Bushey families and individuals in need through the provision of essential food and household items.


People who come to our foodbank are offered a hot drink, a listening ear, and help in finding any additional support they might need.

For more information, please contact us:
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Registered Charity No: 1161424



Donations



All in-date, non-perishable items can be dropped off at one of the following locations:

The Phoenix Community Center (donation box)
4 Farrington Avenue, Bushey, WD23 3DG

Bushey Dry Cleaners
120-122 High Street, Bushey, WD23 3DE

Benjamin Stevens Estate Agents
59 High Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 1EE

St Peter's Church
2 High Rd, Bushey Heath, WD23 1FG

St James's Church
High Street, Bushey, WD23 1BD

Bushey Baptist Church
Chalk Hill, Watford, WD19 4BX

For larger donations or to donate perishable goods, please contact us.
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WINTER FAIR

30TH NOVEMBER

11 AM - 2 PM

AT

MERRY

HILL



What we will be learning after half term

Year 3

English: We will be starting our new unit on fables.

Maths: We will be using mental strategies for addition.

DT: We will be looking at mechanisms and making moving monsters.

Year 4

English: We will start a new unit on explanation text.

Maths: We will learn multiplication and division facts.

Geography: We will start learning to use mapping skills.

Year 5

English: We will be starting our new writing unit based on the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Elspeth Graham and Mal Peet.

Maths: We will be learning about common factors in maths this week.

Science: We will be starting our new unit about materials and their properties.

Year 6

English: We will be revisiting speech punctuation and learning what authors might use it for. We will continue using Kensuke's Kingdom as our text.

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will be revisiting place value. We will focus on accurately reading and writing (in digits and in words) 6 and 7 digit numbers. Mr Hardy's group will be exploring factors and multiples.

RE: We will explore how Christmas traditions and celebrations came to be and what they symbolise for some Christians.

History: We will begin to explore WW1 and which countries fought in it.

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
RED	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mexican Fajitas with Rice	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll 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.					

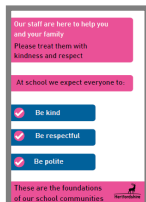
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 31st October	Secondary Transfer Deadline
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Back to School
Monday 4th November	Year 6 Height and Weight
Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 13th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Wednesday 20th November	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair
Friday 13th December	Open Classroom