Ashfield Junior School

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

26th November 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Children/Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderfully creative week here at Ashfield this week. We started the week with Year 3 learning how to Bollywood dance. This was led by one of our parents and we are so grateful that they gave up some of their time to let the children experience something different. We also had a wonderful visit from Rabbi Yosef who led a Chanukah assembly for all of our children. We listened to the story of Chanukah and explored some of the customs and traditions associated with the Jewish festival of light. Rehearsals for the Year 3 show and our Carol's at St James' are in full swing! On top of all of this, the children have approached our whole school assessment week with excellent maturity and focus. I know that the staff are really pleased with the children's learning progress this term. Well done to all of you. I hope you all enjoy your extended weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday. Best wishes, Mrs Giannone

A very happy birthday to: Matteo (4V), Amelie (5C), Liya (5C) Joseph (3F) and Nicole (5C)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **85.2%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **89.6%** 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.

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	-	**109**
Blackman	-	86
Fiennes	-	96
Storey	-	104

Well done to Attenborough

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have sent out nominations for any parent that would like to become a Parent Governor at Ashfield. If you are interested, please look over the job description, complete the form and return back to the school office. **The deadline for the nominations is Monday 7th December**.

Year 3 Bollywood Workshop



A big thank you to Mrs Khanderia for organising and delivery such a fantastic Bollywood dance lesson. The children were so enthusiastic and excited to join in, learning new moves with big smiles and lots of energy! They had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Hanukkah Assembly



On Monday the Jewish Discovery Tour visited once again to teach the children about the festival of Hanukkah. It is always a pleasure to host Rabbi Yosef and to hear him share the historical stories of his faith in new and engaging ways. The children were wonderfully attentive and fully engaged throughout, participating with enthusiasm and showing excellent behaviour.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish for the Autumn Term as below:-

Netball - Monday 14th December

Football - Tuesday 15th December

Tennis - Wednesday 16th December

Multisports - Thursday 17th December

Chess Club - Monday 7th December

Art Club - Wednesday 16th December

Mock Transfer - 7th December 2026

Drama Club - 11th December 2026

Jam Coding - 11th December 2026

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, **we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.**

This can be done by ringing the school number 0208 950 2350, choosing option 2 or your can email the school office by **9.10am everyday of your child is absent.**

admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 18th December** and return to school on **Monday 4th January 2027.**

Football Boot Storage

We are so grateful to the parents who have donated football boots. We now need some storage for them, so if anyone has a shoe rack they no longer need and would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 11th December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look thorough your child's books.

The morning session will be from **8:50am to 9:20am** and the afternoon session will be from **2:30pm to 3:00pm**.

As there is limited space in our **Year 3 classrooms**, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. **Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session (e.g. 8:50am to 9:20am** or **2:30pm to 3:00pm).** ***The booking system will open for Year 3 parents ONLY at 9:00am on Monday 16th November.***

This is an opportunity to see your child's work and talk to them about their learning. **Teachers and staff will be present but will be unable to talk to you about your child's progress as they will be managing and supporting other children in the classroom.** We look forward to seeing you soon.

4S Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4S have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Ms Oliver. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 8th December** at **9:10am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the performance.

Collection of Children

Just a polite reminder that school closes at 3:20pm. Teachers will wait with children at the top gate until 3:30pm, before taking children to wait in the office area. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff to carry out their other roles and responsibilities.

Please can we ask that you also let the school office know if your child is being collected by another adult.

4S Swimming Lessons

On **Tuesday 12th January 4S** children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Tuesday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

As this is a smaller year group, the cost per child is unfortunately higher than last academic year, therefore we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35.00. We would appreciate parents and carers' support in contributing towards the cost of swimming. Every penny counts in our school budget. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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

The School Gateway





Christmas Post Box

From **Tuesday 2nd December** the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 14th December**.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 14th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers.



Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Tuesday 8th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 16th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on **Wednesday 16th December** over their school uniform or PE kit.

Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 11th December**.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will finish our unit on fact families and inverse number problems. We will start learning about symmetry
Maths: We will finish our unit on fact families and inverse number problems. We will start learning about symmetry
Geography: We will be locating and naming cities in the UK.

Year 4

English: We will be using subordinate clauses to write rules about our flying machines.
Maths: We will be looking at different methods for arithmetic and finding out if formal methods are always the quickest or most effective.
Science: We will be studying animal teeth and how they indicate whether an animal is carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

Year 5

English: We will be starting our new book called Cloud Tea Monkeys where we will be working on our descriptive writing skills.
Maths: We will be starting our mental multiplication unit where we will revisit strategies for recalling known facts, use known multiplication facts to derive others and we will be doubling and halving to use known facts
PE: We will be practicing forward and backward rolls.

Year 6

English: We will be taking inspiration from the book Wisp, Year 6 will be focusing on vocabulary and figurative language used to create atmosphere.
Maths: Year 6 will continue to explore multiplying and dividing 10, 100 and 1000 including decimals.
History: We will explore how farming and trade helped the Maya thrive.

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
RED	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Give Bean Chilli with Rice	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Lemon & Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl 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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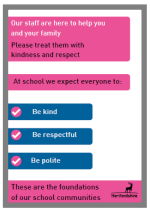

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School Blog

Amazon Wishlist

Upcoming Events

Monday 7th December	**Forces Club**
Tuesday 8th December	**Last 4V Swimming**
Tuesday 8th December	**4S Cornet Performance**
Tuesday 8th December	**Year 3 Christmas Performance**
Friday 11th December	**Open Classroom**
Monday 14th December	**St. James' Church Carol Concert**
Tuesday 15th December	**3M Singing at Oakmore Lodge**
Thursday 17th December	**Festive Pick and Pack**