



Ashfield Junior School

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

26th September 2025

Headteacher's Message

Teachers have completed a **PowerPoint** providing information about your child's class, including the curriculum, behaviour, uniform, homework and other important information. These can be found on the school website ([Children – Ashfield Junior School](#)) under the 'Children' tab and clicking on the required year group. Teachers have shared the homework expectations in the PPT. To keep homework consistent and as simple as possible, we have a timetable of activities that are shared with children each week. A copy of our **Homework Policy** is attached for your reference. Homework expectations increase as your child moves higher up the school. Reading through last year's questionnaires, the opinion on the homework that we offer is divided with some parents wishing to have more homework. Therefore, in addition to the weekly homework, we are creating a termly '**enrichment activity**' that children may wish to complete. The enrichment activities include an open-ended or creative task. It is intended to make children independent learners by allowing them to follow a particular interest in a topic/subject that they find interesting. After children have completed the enrichment activity, they can bring it in and share with the rest of the class. The enrichment activities are on the class page of the school website. Please note, that there is no obligation to complete this additional homework but we hope that many children take part and enjoy the challenge.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Reuben (3AC), Gigi (5C), Ruhi (3AC) and George (5C)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** 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 **97.6%** Well done!

A big well done to **4C** 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 **Praneet (4C)** who was awarded (U9) Batsman of the Year at Bushey Cricket Club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Hugo B (4V)** who was awarded Man of the Match for his football team last week. He played showing real strength and determination on the pitch. His efforts were rewarded when he scored two brilliant goals, including a cracking strike into the top corner that secured the win for his team. 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	-	125
Blackman	-	119
Fiennes	-	128
Storey	-	123

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: Husayn (3M) and Grace (3AC)

Year 4: Ivory (4C) and Hamish (4V)

Year 5: Raoul (5D) and River (5C)

Year 6: Amelia K (6H) and Veronika (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: Josh (3M) and Sami (3AC)

Year 4: Ruby (4C) and Olivia (4V)

Year 5: Ava (5D) and Zach (5C)

Year 6: Grace (6H) and Nathaniel (6K)

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 2025

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.

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>.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 22nd October** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.

National Poetry Day

To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 2nd October, we will be joining a county-wide online poetry workshop run by Simon Mole.

The theme this year is 'Play' and Simon will be reading and writing poetry in a fun and creative way with the children.

The Year 3 workshop will run from 9.30 - 10.15am and the Year 4 - 6 workshop will run from 2.00 - 2.45pm.

Flu Immunisation

Information regarding Flu Immunisations will be sent out week commencing 29th September 2025.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 6th October**.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term.



The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount Code: EBOCT25**

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** with code **SIBCMP25**.

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

The Elms Holiday Camps
OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS
Ashfield Junior School
School Lane, Bushey, Herts WD23 1SR
9am – 4pm
27th – 31st October
Art • Athletics • Basketball
Board Games • Camp Games
Dodgeball • Football • Golf
Hockey • Kwik Cricket
Netball • Parachute Games
Reading • Tag Rugby • Tennis
• Tournaments
£34 per child
5-11 years
EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT!
EBOCT25
BY 17/10

The Elms Holiday Camps
OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS
Special Event Days Calendar
MON 27TH OCT
TUE 28TH OCT
WED 29TH OCT
THU 30TH OCT
FRI 31ST OCT
BINGO GO
Face painting
Bowling
HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS
PIZZA FRIDAYS
OCTOBER 2025

Headlice

Please be aware that there has been a case of head lice (nits) in school. We therefore urge you to check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis. If you find evidence of lice or eggs, you can treat your child by conditioning wet hair and combing through thoroughly with a fine comb. You will need to repeat this process every few days for several weeks as the nits transform into headlice. Alternatively there are several treatments you can buy from your local pharmacy.

Further advice on the treatment of head live can be found on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



“Write a story you would love to read”

BBC's **500 Words**, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries.

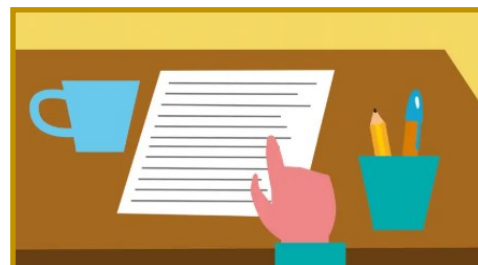
This is a great enrichment opportunity for children and would be a lovely way to encourage creativity, to inspire reluctant writers or to give your child's writing a purpose.

It would also be a fun way to engage with your child's learning journey.

For further information use the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/ce5jljmy5ljt>

Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on **Friday 7th November 2025**.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing a setting description using our different senses.

Maths: We will finish our work on counting on and back in hundreds tens and ones and then we will look at comparing and ordering numbers.

History: We will be using different sources to find out more about Ashfield.

Year 4

English: We will begin looking at the 'King Who Banned the Dark' and mastering the art of debate and persuasive techniques.

Maths: We will be looking at formal addition and subtraction with 4 digit numbers.

History: We will be delving into life as Celt in the Iron Age and looking at what clothes they wore as well as the food they ate.

Year 5

English: We will begin to plan our paragraphs for writing non chronological reports about the monsters we have designed.

Maths: We will be comparing 3 digit numbers including decimals in Maths this week.

Science: We will continue to learn about properties of materials when we investigate the viscosity of different liquids.

Year 6

English: We will be using figurative language and semi-colons to describe a view from a porthole.

Maths: We will continue to explore place value and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Science: We will be learning about living organisms that are not plants or animals - fungi, protista and monera.

Geography: We will be creating presentations about different biomes.

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.

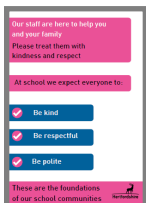
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges	Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad & Tzatziki	Breaded Fish with Chips
GREEN	Classic Vegan Bolognaise	Five Bean Jollof Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
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

Monday 29th September	4V Swimming
Monday 6th October	Inset Day
Wednesday 22nd October	Individual Photographs
Monday 27th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term