



Ashfield Junior School

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

27th February 2026

Headteacher's Message

We had a very musical assembly on Monday and were joined by the area manager of **Herts Music Service** and three music teachers. It was nice to hear a range of musical instruments that we teach at Ashfield including the **guitar, flute, clarinet, viola, violin, trumpet** and **cornet**. We are in the process of offering **DRUMMING** lessons which will be a nice addition to the instruments that we already offer at Ashfield. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please click on the link provided (<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-lessons-in-hertfordshire/music-lessons.aspx>) and see the attached flyer. Children can have lessons for 20 or 30 minutes, 1:1, pairs or groups of 3 and they are delivered during the school day. It would be amazing to see more children learn to play a musical instrument. So sign up today! Next week, please remember that we have **World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March!**

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Eashan (6K), Elizabeth (6H), Ella (4V), Emma (5C), Zakariyyah (3M), Ella (5C), William (5D) and Gracie (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.4%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.7%** 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.

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: Immanuel (3AC) and Fred (3M)

Year 4: Eva (4C) and Isla (4V)

Year 5: Ilinca (5C) and Rose (5D)

Year 6: Tyaan (6H) and Jack (6K)

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	-	123
Blackman	-	113
Fiennes	-	119
Storey	-	117

Well done to Attenborough

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: Marvy (3AC) and Shae (3M)

Year 4: Oscar-James (4C) and Nicole (4V)

Year 5: Carter and Gigi (5C) & Bella and Ineya (5D)

Year 6: Tyaan (6H) and Jack (6K)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Ruhi (3AC)** who won two silver medals for her beam and floor routines in gymnastics. She also received a bronze medal for her bars routine. Overall she was placed 6th. Well done!

Congratulations to **Khushi (5C)** who won a bronze medal for her beam routine in gymnastics. Overall she was placed 5th. Well done!

Congratulations to **Penny (4V)** and **Amelie (4V)** who performed in the Stars of Tomorrow show at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre as part of their drama group. The event showcases local dance schools, musical theatre groups and young performers. Both girls did amazingly well. Well done!

Congratulations to **Sophie (4C)** who has completed her 25 and 50 metres in swimming. Well done!



Tuesday 3rd March
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice
or
Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice
Served with
Carrots and Peas
Dessert
Pineapple Loaf
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The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

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

Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 20th March 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBEAST26**

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26

All siblings receive at 20% discount if attending the same day/s.

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to verify your NHS status. Please note, proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this 25% discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to. Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

4V Cornet Concert

This year, Class 4V 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 17th March at 9.05am**. 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.

Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Thursday 26th March**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 5th March** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

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

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MOTHER'S DAY

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PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2026
For all parents/carers of children with SEND

Tuesday 24th March 2026 10-11.30am

ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at enquiries@dsplare9.org.uk

Achievements

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

End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 27th March** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Monday 13th April**.

Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. As a reminder, meals cost £3.41 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if you require your login details.

https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in

Year 5 Knex Challenge

Year 5 students on Thursday 26th February explored how to design and create a Rocket with 2 boosters that separate and a capsule that comes back to earth, there were some amazing creations!

Congratulations to the following children whose designs won.

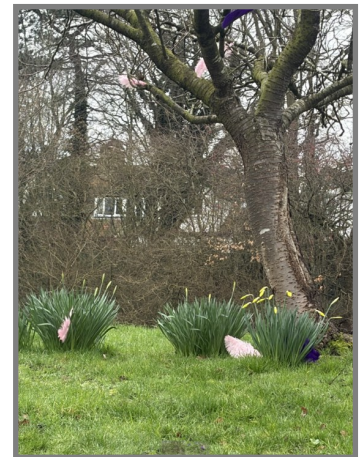
Bella and Ineya (5D) and Carter and Gigi (5C)



Playground Mystery!

On Thursday, the children arrived at school to find that a mysterious visitor had been on the playground. All that was left behind were some unusual footprints and a scattering of colourful feathers.

Year 4 pupils quickly became reporters for *The Ashfield Times* and are now busy investigating the clues to discover who – or what – the visitor could be. The case continues!



Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

We will be taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling to school challenge. Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **16th to 27th March 2026**.

Thank you



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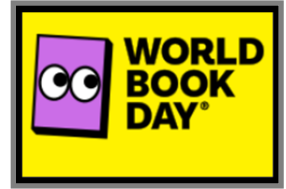
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World Book Day 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We will not be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March this year as Year 5 children will be on a school trip. We will, however, be celebrating on **Wednesday 4th March!**

As this is the *National Year of Reading*, we will be focusing on **reading for pleasure** and taking this opportunity to get lost in books.

By popular demand, we will be having a 'cosy pyjama day' this year.

The children can come to school in their pyjamas or they may choose to just wear their comfiest stay-at-home-today clothes (e.g. tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt/ sweatshirt). For their indoor shoes, they may wear their slippers or house shoes. They can also bring in a pillow/cushion/blanket to make their reading time even more of a pleasure.

Throughout the day we will be hearing the 'reading bell' at which times we will all stop whatever we are doing, make ourselves comfortable and READ for pleasure. If your child is reading a book at home that they would like to read, please ensure they have the book in school on the day. We will also encourage the children to use our class libraries to be prepared for WBD.

In assembly, we will be sharing fairy-tales and bedtime stories with the children and teachers will provide fun and engaging activities for the children to complete in lessons.

Weather Matters:

*Ensure children have outdoor shoes (trainers) at school for play and lunchtime.

*Provide layers so that the children are prepared for cold or wet weather.

Please have a look at the World Book Day Family Hub for more activities to do at home. The site has a wealth of ideas and online resources about books should you wish to share some fun reading time with your children. The World Book Day link is <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day.

Thank you.

Miss Davison



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing dialogue between different characters from Alice in Wonderland.

Maths: We will be finishing our multiplication and division unit this week. We will apply our knowledge to worded problems.

RE: We will be learning about Easter and why it is important to Christians.

Year 4

English: We will be welcoming a **special visitor who will be answering** your questions about the mysterious creature that has been reported in the playground.

Maths: We will be looking at symmetry and revisiting formal multiplication.

Geography: We are looking at how evaporation and condensation are linked to the water cycle.

Year 5

English: We will be learning about the conventions of speech punctuation and how to include dialogue in descriptive writing.

Maths: We will be identifying equivalent fractions where denominators are all multiples of the same number.

Trip: We will be visiting the British Museum in London on Thursday where the children will be studying Ancient Greek and Egyptian artefacts.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's Group will apply various structural and linguistic devices in a persuasive advert about a podcast. Mr Hardy's Group will begin to write our persuasive speech.

Maths: Mrs Kothary's group will apply equivalent fraction knowledge to order and compare fractions.

Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring angles and the nets of 3D shapes

RE: We will continue to explore the Buddhist festival of Wesak.

Art: We will mimic Mike Barrett's techniques to add texture and identity details to our self - portraits.

Geography: We will be creating a presentation comparing a South America country with the UK.

We will also be completing a suite of practice SATs Papers.

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	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Fritata 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.					

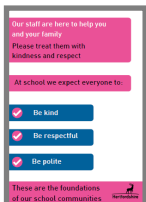
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Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd March	Forces Club
Wednesday 4th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Tuesday 17th March	4V Cornet Concert
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March	Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (1:30pm)