



# Ashfield Junior School

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

27th March 2026

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy and exciting Spring Term with a lot of fun events and activities including: **Y4** French Cafe, **Y6** Cyberbullying workshop, **ASHA** Disco. Mother's Day Secret Rooms and **Y5** Cake Sale, Safer Internet Day, **Y4** Roman Day, **Y5** Knex Challenge, **Y5** British Museum, World Book Day, Volleyball Tournament, **Y4** Cornet Performance, **Y3** St James' Church, **Y4** St. Albans Verulamium and **Y6** School Journey to Manor Adventure. Our Year 6 children are having a fantastic time in Norfolk - check out the photos on our school **blog** [School Blog – Ashfield Junior School](#). It has been a lot of fun! I wish you all a lovely break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Dourado

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **92.3%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **96.8%** 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.

## 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.

<b>Attenborough</b>	-	<b>113</b>
Blackman	-	99
Fiennes	-	107
Storey	-	102

**Well done to Attenborough**

## Special End of Term Certificates

The following children were given awards for modelling our School Rules!

**Kindness:** Kayla (3AC), Kiaana (3M), Jessica (4C), Hugo B (4V), Gigi (5C), Dillon (5D), Lunan (6H) and Nathaniel (6K)

**Respect:** Logan (3AC), Oakley (3M), Leia (4C), Rafe (4V), Anna (5C), Crina (5D), Ralph (6H) and Harriet (6K)

**Cooperation:** Ruhi (3AC), Sofia (3M), Grayson (4C), Olivia (4V), Stanley (5C), Zaynab (5D), Millie (6H) and Emily (6K)

**Resilience:** Jacob (3AC), Sebastian (3M), Maria P (4C), Safa (4V), Khushi (5C), Rose (5D), Tyaan (6H) and Reyan (6K)

Happy Easter and Passover to those celebrating and may this season bring peace, joy and good memories with family and friends.





**A very happy birthday to:**

**This week:** Rhiannon (5D), Abhinav (6K), Oakley (3M), Adam (5C) and Marvy (3AC)

**Easter Break:** Anele (6K), Leia (4C), Zayyan (3AC), Hawler (6H), Arthur (3AC), Safa (4V) and Percy (4C)

### **Year 4 Trip to The STEM Centre**

To support our learning in science we are very excited to be visiting the STEM Centre in Stevenage on **Tuesday 28th April**. During the day the children will attend two workshops: 'What's the Matter?' where the children will investigate how we classify materials as well as change their behaviour and 'Coding Keyring' where the children will have the opportunity to explore genetics and inheritance.

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

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

### **Summer Uniforms**

When we return after Easter as the weather warms up, please feel free to send your children into school wearing the Ashfield Summer Uniform. Full uniform details can be found on our school website. Please remember to apply sunscreen before school and for children to bring sun hats and water bottles into school daily. As noted in our School Uniform Policy, the summer uniform is optional and children can continue to wear their winter uniform.

### **The Elms May Half Term Camps**

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May 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 15th May 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBMAY26**

#### **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/>

### **Dandelion Day**

As you will be aware, we have several children at Ashfield whose parents are in the military. April is the Month of the Military Child and a day is being dedicated in April for '**Dandelion Day**'. The dandelion is the symbol of the military child because they put down roots and bloom wherever they land.

So, on **Wednesday 15th April**, we would like to turn our school community yellow! Children are invited to **wear something yellow** (this can be their yellow PE t-shirt and jumper) in support of our military children and to take part in 'Dandelion Day'.

### **4C Swimming**

Due to the Year 4 School Trip on Tuesday 28th April there will be no swimming, therefore the last swimming lesson for 4C will be on **Tuesday 5th May**.

## The Elms After School Clubs

Congratulations to the following children for the Spring Term sports clubs.

### Netball - Players of the Term

Bella (5D) and Harriet (6K)

### Football - Players of the Term

Luca (3M), Jack H (4C) and George Cr (4V)

### Football - Top Goal Scorer

Rafe (4V)

### Most Improved Player

Cihan (3M)

### Tennis - Players of the Term

Ralph (6H) and Kiaana (3M)

### Multisports - Players of the Term

Kayla (3AC) and Muhammad (6K)

## Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opens on **Wednesday 1st April**. Please refer to the letter and PowerPoint previously sent which will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

## DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

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](#)

## After School Clubs

**The following clubs will start for the Summer Term as below:-**

**The Elms** - Monday 13th April (Netball), Tuesday 14th April (Football), Wednesday 15th April (Tennis) and Thursday 16th April (Cricket)

**Art Club** - Wednesday 15th April (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 23rd April (Year 5 & 6)

**There is no Art Club on Thursday 16th April**

**Mock Transfer** - Thursday 23rd April

**Drama Club** - Friday 17th April

**Jam Coding** - Friday 17th April

**Chess Club** - Monday 20th April

## Sickness

This is a polite reminder that it is school policy children do not return to school following illness with sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Please click on the link for further information.

[Pupil Premium and Free School Meals](#)

## Raring2Go

Please [CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK](#) to the Raring2Go Spring Magazine with lots of things for families to do!

## Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's one easy place to get help.

### WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

### Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life

### A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

### Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

### Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPpy Camps**

### How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers)

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## Young Carers Offer

From 1 April 2026, Hertfordshire County Council will be bringing support for young carers in-house, when the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire comes to an end, integrating it fully within the council's services.

Support for young carers will continue. This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive and support in preparing for adulthood.

A new **Young Carers webpage** has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that they can get the support they need.

Hertfordshire County Council will be contacting all registered young carers directly to welcome them, provide updated contact information, details on how to access support, and a link to the new webpage. If you need to make contact with the team, please email [youngcarers@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or call 01992 658469

## ASHA Update

### Upcoming Events

- Father's Day Pick and Pack
- Year 6 Cake Sale
- Supporting FOMH with the Merry Hill Summer Fayre
- Summer event

If you would like to get involved with the PTA - give your feedback, share ideas and support the events. Please get in touch with Neha (07535262298) or Any (027899 017295)

### Our Events

Since September, we have organised four events for the children, while also raising valuable funds for the school.

Our cake sales and Jolly Jar event were a great success. Not only did they showcase the wonderful talents within our school community, but they also brought everyone together. We were delighted to reward four children with Amazon vouchers in recognition of their fantastic designs.

The school disco provided a fun and lively opportunity for the children to come together, enjoy games, and celebrate, with each child taking home a small gift.

More recently, our new spring events have been very well received. We hosted our first Mother's Day "Pick and Pack" shop, where the children thoroughly enjoyed selecting thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. One of the highlights of the calendar, the Easter Hunt, also returned —much to the delight of both pupils and teachers alike.

A huge thank you for all the contributions and support you have given so far. The school and ASHA are continuing to work closely together to enhance opportunities for the children, including investing in technology, workshops, and play equipment. We look forward to sharing more details with you once plans are finalised.

Thank you again for your continued support of ASHA.

## Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum

Year 4 have had a great day visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. The children had the opportunity to explore the museum galleries - The Rites and Recreation area, The Merchants and Market area, the Making a Living gallery, and to handle some Roman artefacts. We have also examined the Hypocaust (underfloor heating system) and the floor mosaics.



## Manor Adventure

Year 6 have had a wonderful few days away at Manor Adventure and we are excited to share some wonderful photos with you! Check out the [School Blog](#) for more photos.



## School Meals

Below is the **NEW** dinner menu for w/c 13th April. 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
<b>RED</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>BLUE</b>	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
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

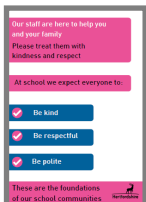
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## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>Start of the Summer Term</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th April</b>	<b>Dandelion Day (Wear Yellow)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th April</b>	<b>Year 4 trip to The STEM Centre</b>