



Ashfield Junior School

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

25th April 2025

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield and to the summer term. There is usually a lot of things happening in the summer term, especially after the half-term break. We have some school trips planned for each year group, workshops, Games Day and the Year 6 SATs. The second half-term is also very busy, with school trips, summer fair, Sports Day, Open Evening and transitioning for the next school year. There are also a few events (Bikeability, Y6 BBQ and Disco, Leavers Assembly), happening just for our Year 6 pupils. We will keep you informed on all forthcoming events via our school messaging service and weekly newsletter. It has been nice to see the children return to school. On Tuesday, we had a whole school activity to celebrate Earth Day where each year group looked at a specific theme or issue. The Eco-Council in each year group shared the work to the rest of the school in today's assembly. Please be advised, that letters will be sent out informing you of your child's attendance. The overall attendance for the whole school is 95.3% which is very good but just under the government's expectation of 96%. I note that we have new systems in place if parents request leave of absence during term time. If this is the case, parents will be expected to complete a form. This form can be obtained from the school office.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Charlotte (6K), Isla (3AC), Jack (3L), George (3L), Bella (6K), Luna (3AC), Skyla (4M) and Rohan (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **91.9%** 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 **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **4M** who are also 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 **Rhea (5D)** who has passed with merit her initial grade piano. 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	-	128
Blackman	-	126
Fiennes	-	141
Storey	-	142

Well done to Storey

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: Raffie (3AC) and Orla (3L)

Year 4: Matilda (4M) and Grace (4V)

Year 5: Leo (5D) and Grace (5G)

Year 6: Seren (6H) and Rowan (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: Isabella (3AC) and Eva (3L)

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

Year 5: Grace (5D) and Farzam (5G)

Year 6: Eli (6H) and Cecily (6H)

Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Monday 28th April**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and **5G** will be leaving at 10.10am. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear on the day. **They have requested all boys wear a covering on their head (a cap or hat).**

The Elms May Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May half term and 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 16th May 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBMA25.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 2nd June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 23rd June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If they do not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm this.

Year 6 SATs Preparation

Year 6 children are currently working hard in class as they prepare for their SATs. It will be very important that children are in school so that they can gain practice with how to answer questions. The assessments will begin on the week commencing 12th May so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 23rd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 2nd June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 5th May**.

Minimus Project - Latin and Classics Opportunity for Students in Year 5 and 6

Following the success of the Latin and Classics outreach lessons delivered by St. Margaret's School, these will continue in the Summer Term. As before, these sessions will run after school on alternative **Mondays from 3:30-4:00pm** on the following days:

Monday 28th April

Monday 12th May

Monday 9th June

Monday 23rd June

Unless your child has been given permission to walk home alone, pupils will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate on School Lane.

If your child wishes to attend the remaining outreach lessons after-school and learning more about the Classics and Latin, please email the school office via admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The letter previously sent will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

The deadline is Friday 6th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Planned Road Works - School Lane

We would like to notify you of essential works that will be taking place on School Lane on **Monday 12th May 2025**.

There will be 4 way traffic lights set up at the locations of High Street/Sparrows Herne/Chestnut Rise and School Lane and these will be in place for 5 days.

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](#)

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.

Playtime Trainers

Please make sure that your child comes into school with a pair of trainers that they can get changed into at playtime and lunchtime. If your child does not have a pair of trainers, they will not be allowed to go onto the school field or equipment.

Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 5th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 9th to 20th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 12th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 18th June	-	Class Photos
Saturday 21st June	-	Ashfield & Merry Hill Summer Fair (at Ashfield)
w/c Monday 23rd June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 7th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Wednesday 9th July	-	Open Evening (5.00pm to 6.30pm)
Thursday 10th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 11th July	-	Reports go home
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 18th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 18th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Thursday 22nd May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 1st June and administered until Friday 10th June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

Ashfield School Home Association

Would you like to support the school community? ASHA are looking for committee members to take over the role of organising events throughout the year including the winter fair, summer fair and secret rooms to name just a few. ASHA are looking for some volunteers to support with these events. If you are interested and would like to be involved or would like further information, please contact the committee via the email below and they will get back to you. Without the support from the school community, ASHA will not be able to put these events on. So, please get in touch!

ashacommittee@gmail.com

Safeguarding - School Lane

We have been working hard on road safety to safeguard our children. Unfortunately, there has been several near misses on School Lane this week. It is important to keep **ALL** our children safe. If you drive to school, please be more careful on School Lane and also when letting children out of the car please help them cross the road safely.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be beginning to plan out own personal narrative stories.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering fractions.

Science: We will be starting our new topic on plants.

Year 4

English: We have started studying a new narrative book - Leon and the Place Between. Next week are going to write an alternative opening to the story.

Maths: We will be calculating and solving worded problems using decimals.

RE: We will be talking about the importance of the River Ganges in Hinduism.

Year 5

English: We have been learning about how our character, Frederick, uses hyperbole in his persuasive letters. This week we will be using hyperbole in our writing when we complete a book review.

Maths: We will complete our unit on Area this week. We will be using our understanding of the relationship between length, width and area to find unknown measures.

Trip: We will be visiting the Bushey Synagogue on Monday to enrich our learning about Judaism.

Year 6

English: Mrs. Kothary's group will finish editing and publishing our non-chronological reports. We will then begin to look at the features of balanced arguments.

Mr Hardy's Group will be finishing our non-chronological reports about Sprites.

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will revise a variety of Maths topics, methods and strategies.

Mr Hardy's group will be exploring mean averages.

Music: We will continue to deepen our knowledge about pulse and tone when playing the Djembe drums.

History: We will begin to learn about WW2.

Science: We will begin to explore light.

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 £3.08 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

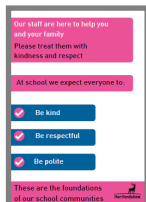
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Chicken Hotdog, with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Veg Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
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 28th April	Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue
Monday 28th April	Forces Club
Monday 28th April	Year 5 and 6 Latin and Classics
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (no school for children)
Thursday 22nd May	Year 3 Trip to COAM
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day