



Ashfield Junior School

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

28th February 2025

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. In assembly, I focused on our new **Personal Development (PD) on keeping healthy**. The children could think of a number of ways that they can keep healthy including healthy eating, sleeping, drinking, keeping fit and exercising, having healthy friendships and having a healthy wellbeing and mental health. We discussed in more detail about the importance of having a healthy mind, wellbeing and mental health and what the children can do to support this. Children came up with some good suggestions and shared what they do to support their wellbeing including exercising, reading a good book, listening to music, dancing and watching a good film. Over the next few weeks, each year group will have a different focus on 'keeping healthy'. Each year groups will have a different focus in the PD lessons from the following - healthy friendships, healthy eating, mental health/wellbeing, exercising, body image, medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking. Following our 'Jigsaw' scheme, please be assured that these themes are age appropriate for each year group and will be delivered sensitively in lessons. In other news, you may have spotted a 'mystery' object taped off opposite the Year 4 classrooms. Hopefully, our Year 4 children will be able to solve the mystery over the next few weeks! Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Elizabeth (5D), Phillip (6K), Ella V (3L), Emma (4V), Ella (4V), William (4M) Gracie (5G)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6K** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.7%** Well done!

A big well done to **4V** 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.

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: Alice (3AC) and Nicole (3L)

Year 4: Ineya (4M) and Sophia and Grace (4V)

Year 5: Joseph (5D) and Maya (5G)

Year 6: Yuna (6H) and Adam (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	-	127
Blackman	-	130
Fiennes	-	120
Storey	-	144

Well done to Storey

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: Joe (3AC) and George (3L)

Year 4: Rose (4M) and Erik (4V)

Year 5: Muhammad (5G) and Oisin (5D)

Year 6: Antonia (6H) and Scarlet (6H)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Eva (6H)** who completed her Stage 10 swimming, thereby completing the Learn to Swim program. She also did her first swimming competition at Bushey Amateur Swim Club and really enjoyed it. Eva has also achieved her Red Belt in Karate. Well done!

Congratulations to **Charlotte (5G)** and **Alice (5D)** who have both completed their Learn to Swim Stage 8. Well done!

Congratulations to **Skyla (4M)** who has passed her Grade 2 piano exam. Well done!



Congratulations to **Leah (5D)**, **Olivia W (3L)**, **Bella (4M)**, **Ava (4M)**, **Olivia S (3L)** and **Ethan (4V)** who all had an amazing week performing in Les Misérables. Well done!

Easter Holidays Activity Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter Holidays 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 28th March 2025** to qualify for the reduced price using the code EBEAS25.

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.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Caterlink School Meals - Price Increase

Caterlink have just informed that the cost of the school lunch will be increasing to **£3.08** for each pupil meal from April 2025.

4V Cornet Performance

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 18th 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 **Wednesday 5th 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 and Year 6 School Gate

Please can you make sure that your child arrives to school for 8:35am. A number of unsupervised children are arriving to school much earlier (8:20am) and this is causing congestion on the School Lane pavement. Some of the children's behaviour has been below our expectations. Some parents have reported that some children have lacked respect when they have been asked to move aside, and even mimicked and laughed at. On a safeguarding perspective, younger children and parents are being forced to walk into the road to avoid them. Please can you speak to your child about walking to school and treating others in our school community with more respect. They can show more consideration, move aside and stand against the gates so that others can use the pavement and not be forced into the road. Our rolling start enables children to enter school from 8:35am to 8:50am so there is no need for children to arrive to school before this time.

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 19th 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.

World Book Day

We are not accepting anymore book orders for World Book Day, **please do not send any more cash into school**. If you did not pre-order one of Steven Vinacour's books or have changed your mind he will be signing these at the end of the day on **Thursday 6th March** on the playground. He will be accepting cash or card payments.

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](#)

End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm on Friday 4th April** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Art Competition

The Royal Academy of Arts are inviting pupils aged 4 to 18 to take part in the Young Artists' Summer Show. Artwork can be submitted online by a parent or guardian by **Wednesday 5th March**. A panel of judges will select artworks for the online exhibition and display at the Royal Academy. For further information on how to enter, please click on the following link [Royal Academy of Arts](#). Good luck!

PE and Earrings

If your child wears earrings at school (small studs) then please either provide tape to cover them up for PE or ensure that your child can remove their own earrings. **School will not be able to provide tape each week or remove earrings.**

World Book Day 2025

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 6 March**, and thanks to ASHA and the fund raising they have been doing, we have the joy of an **AUTHOR VISIT** for World Book Day this year.

Steven Vinacour is the author of a set of funny, informative and adventurous books called ***Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet***. In each book, Ted travels to exciting places and times, meeting some very interesting people along the way. Steven will start his day at Ashfield with an assembly. He will entertain the children with a reading from his books and then he will be visiting every class to run a writing workshop and to bring his stories to life.

In celebration of these wonderful stories, each year group will be asked to come dressed according to the theme or time period of one of Steven's books.

Year 3: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Tudor Tangle*

Ted travels back via the toilet bowl, to the time of the Tudors and the court of Henry VIII, in search of advice from the chop-happy Tudor monarch himself. Steven has created another unputdownable, hilarious story that zips the reader through time and space (spoiler alert!), laughing out loud!

Year 4: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Paint and Pandemonium*

Steven Vinacour's hilarious u-bend adventure sees Ted travel back in time to visit the great artistic masters of the past - from Da Vinci and Van Gogh to Georgia O'Keeffe - all to help his quest to win the schools' art competition, and more importantly Chloe's heart! But as usual, things don't go quite to plan and Ted faces some hysterical historical consequences along the way...

Year 5: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Oh No Pharaoh!*

Ted is on another hilarious historical u-bend adventure, this time to meet great leaders of the past - from Tutankhamun to Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln and Emmeline Pankhurst - all to help him in his quest to become the school's Head Boy. But his grand plan to persuade everyone to vote for him finds Ted facing some hysterical historical consequences...

Year 6: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Shakespeare Shake-Up*

Ted travels back in time to get acting tips from Shakespeare himself - all in the vain hope of becoming Romeo to Chloe's Juliet in the school play. But two new additions at school - and some dodgy plumbing - may put a spanner in the works of his already dubious plan. A hilarious page-turner that encompasses history, adventure, and comedy in equal measure.

We are very aware of the effort (and sometimes cost) our families put into dress-up days. To this end, we would like to stress that dress-up is about the children having fun. There is no competitive aspect to the day and we would like for the children to be creative when deciding how to represent a time period or a person from that era. Expensive outfits are not necessary. Teachers will give the children some dress-up ideas and will discuss characters from the books prior to the day.

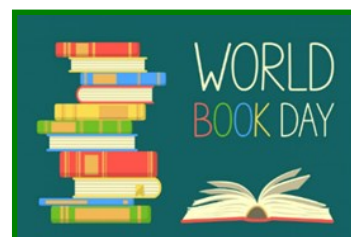
The children will also have the opportunity to buy and have signed one of Steven's books. A letter from Steven with details of how to order and pay for books is attached.

Finally, the children are usually given a book token that can be used in some book sellers, but this year we have decided to order the World Book Day publications and each child will come home with a WBD book instead of a token.

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.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be planning our persuasive letters to address the issue of litter in school.

Maths: We will continue to work on division.

PE: We will be continuing our dance unit on Country and Western.

Year 4

English: We will be planning our newspaper report based on the 'mysterious' event at Ashfield.

Maths: We are going to calculate perimeters of rectilinear shapes.

History: We are excited to visit Verulamium and find out more about Roman life.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a character description using role-on-the-wall to generate ideas based on our book 'The Promise'.

Maths: We will continue to work on our unit about adding and subtracting fractions.

We are looking forward to taking part in a STEM workshop on Monday where the children will work in pairs to build a K'NEX structure based on a set of criteria. The structures will be assessed and there will be a winning structure in each class.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be starting to write our persuasive speech. Mrs. Kothary's Group will start assembling our persuasive speech.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will begin to explore a range of graphs and charts. Mrs Kothary's Group will work on equivalences and comparing and ordering fractions.

DT: We will be learning to sew and repair damaged clothes.

Geography: We will be comparing the UK with a South American Country.

PE: We will continue to explore flight over apparatus.

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 £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

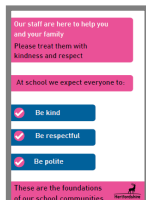
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette 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 3rd March	Year 5 K'nex Challenge
Wednesday 5th March	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Monday 10th March	Forces Club
Monday 10th March	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
Tuesday 18th March	4V Cornet Concert
Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April	Year 6 Manor Adventure
Friday 4th April	End of Term (1:30pm)