



Ashfield Junior School

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

28th March 2025

Headteacher's Message

We are fast approaching the end of the Spring Term which has been very busy and a lot of fun. There have been many highlights for this term, including World Book Day, Year 6 Cyber Workshop, 4V Cornet Performance, French Cafe, Year 4 visit to St. Albans Verulamium, Year 5 visit to The British Museum, ASHA School Disco and Mothers' Day Secret Room, Hockey Tournament, Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC Workshop, Year 4 Roman Day and Governor Day! It is wonderful to see children engaged in their learning. Next week, Year 6 will go on their residential to Manor Adventure in Norfolk. I'm sure they will have a lot of fun! Have a nice weekend,

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Rhiannon (4M), Abhinav (5G), Ella H (6K), Adam (4V) and Ferdaws (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** 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 **97.3%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** 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.

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: Liya (3L) and Oscar-James (3AC)

Year 4: Zaynab, Arlyn and Inayah (4V) and Zahra (4M)

Year 5: Alice (5D) and Harriet (5G)

Year 6: Izzy and Evelyn (6K) and Cecily and Eva (6H)

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.

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| Attenborough | - | 143 |
| Blackman | - | 154 |
| Fiennes | - | 157 |
| Storey | - | 160 |

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: Alana D (3L) and Ruby (3AC)

Year 4: Zach (4V) and William and Freddie (4M)

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

Year 6: Ashley (6H) and Mason (6K)

The Elms Easter 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 28th March 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using 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/>

Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, you can book lessons via Herts Music Service (HMS). As well as woodwind, guitar, cornet and violin, we are also fortunate to have a piano teacher. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website.

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

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**.

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.

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.

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 for the first time ever 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 **Friday 4th 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 the first 'Dandelion Day'.

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opens on **Monday 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.

Caterlink — 5 Star Rating



We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you! Our School has recently undergone a Food Hygiene inspection and we are proud to announce that we have been awarded a 5 star food hygiene rating – the highest possible score!

The achievement reflects the hard work, dedication and high standards maintained by our catering team, ensuring that all food prepared and served to our students is safe, hygienic and of the best quality.

Maintaining a clean and safe environment is a top priority for us, and this recognition reinforces our commitment to providing nutritious and hygienically prepared meals for all children.

Thank you for your continued support. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful achievement.

Eco Council

We are very pleased to have our Eco Council. Two member from each class have been chosen.

Tammy and Eirnin (3AC) and Praneet and Ella V (3L)

William and Bella (4M) and Anna and Stanley (4V)

Amelia P and Alice (5D) and Charlotte and Muhammad (5G)

James and Seren (6H) and Kai and Zoe (6K)

A colorful poster for 'ASHA Easter Fun'. At the top left is the Ashfield School logo. In the center is a large, stylized Easter egg graphic with a rainbow and flowers. Text on the poster includes 'WEEK BEGINNING 31ST MARCH', 'ASHA EASTER FUN', and '£3 EACH'. At the bottom, it says 'Please send £3 per child to the ASHA account for an Easter hunt activity and a special surprise! Sort Code 23-05-80 Account 48865658'. The background is green with small flowers and chicks at the bottom.

A certificate for 'Modeshift STARS Education Good Travel Plan'. It features a blue header with two green stars. The logo for 'MODESHIFT STARS EDUCATION' is prominent, with 'GOOD TRAVEL PLAN' underneath. The text reads 'Modeshift STARS Accreditation' and 'Ashfield Junior School'. Below that, it states 'has been awarded Good Travel Plan Modeshift STARS accreditation for their efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling, and other forms of sustainable travel.' The certificate includes the dates '1 January 2025' and '31 December 2025', and the name 'Ross Butcher, National Chair of Modeshift' with a signature. At the bottom right is the 'TEAM MODESHIFT' logo, which includes icons for a person with a wheelchair, a person on a bicycle, and a person walking.

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/>

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 finish for the Spring Term as below:-

The Elms - Monday 31st March (Netball), Tuesday 1st April (Football), Wednesday 2nd April (Tennis) Thursday 3rd April (Multisports)

Art Club - Wednesday 2nd April (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 3rd April (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 27th March

Dance Club - Friday 28th March

Jam Coding - Friday 28th March

4M Swimming

The last swimming lesson for 4M will be on **Monday 31st March**. A big thank you to all the parent helpers that have supported 4M walking them to and from the swimming pool.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Thank you to everyone that collected points at ASDA during the Cashpot for Schools scheme. We raised **£111.82**.

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).**

During the visit, the children will see and learn about the Torah, look at Jewish artefacts they have been learning about this year, and explore the Shabbat table where they will have the opportunity to taste Challah bread.

Big Walk and Wheel School Challenge

Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **24th March to 4th April**.

Leave of Absence Request

Due to new Hertfordshire County Council guidelines we will not be accepting emails regarding leave of absence requests. You will need to complete a Leave of Absence Form and return it to the school office.

Hockey Tournament

On Thursday and Friday last week, the children took part in our spring Ice Hockey Tournament. (We play with a puck, rather than a ball.) It was, yet again, one of the best tournaments we have hosted at Ashfield. Both Mr Jones and I were delighted to witness the high standard of teamwork from each team; the children applied the skills they have been learning in PE successfully. The skill levels on show were really high from all teams and players. Neither of us can explain how some of the goalkeepers made some of their saves!

All of the children at Ashfield should be proud of their achievements in this tournament.

For each Year Group, the league stage was incredibly close, with more than one finalist being decided by goal difference. The finals were wonderful and in Year 6 it came down to a sudden death winner!

As always, in each Year Group, the children demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and upheld the Ashfield School values of Resilience, Respect, Kindness and Cooperation. It is so pleasing to see how the children demonstrate fair play, cooperation, kindness, resilience and respect in sporting situations – and not just those who win the certificates. It is always so challenging for teachers to choose.

A huge thank you to Mr Jones and the Elms Coaches for running the event and a massive congratulation to all the children who took part and made the Ice Hockey Tournament so fantastic.

Mr Hardy.

Results:

Year 3. Team A 5, Team H 9.

Winners: Team H – Jack, Aidan, Isla H, Emily, Rafe, Alanna M

Runners Up: Team A – Ivory, Eirnin, Alice, Hugo B, Orla, Maria DJ

Fair Play Winners: Eirnin, George, Liya, Jack H, Meila, Dennis, Leo, Emily, Anna, Vedika.

Cooperation: Isla F, Resilience: Ella V, Respect: Grayson, Kindness: Lev.

Year 4. Team A 9, Team I 4.

Winners: Team A – Adam, River, Zane, Charlotte, Abi, Inayah.

Runners Up: Team I – Hanzala, Freddie, Rose, Matilda, Penny, Sophia.

Fair Play Winners: River, Kenna, Ella, Cian, Gigi, Jessica, Emma, Isaac, Penny, Raoul.

Cooperation: Tristan, Resilience: Hannah, Respect: Carter, Kindness: Bella.

Year 5. Team E 8, Team J 3.

Winners: Team E – Douglas, Rhea, Bradley, Ridley, Gracie L, Maya.

Runners Up: Team J – Mia-Nevaeh, Jack, Elijah, Marwa, Bella.

Fair Play Winners: Maisie, Emilie B, Lunan, Hawler, Maya, Charles, Reyan, Millie, Hussain, Bella.

Cooperation: Gracie L, Resilience: William, Respect: Bradley, Kindness: Swayam.

Year 6. Team B 4, Team H 3

Winners: Team B – Kit, Eva, Theo M, Anika, Ella K, Charlotte.

Runners Up: Team H – Ellis, Lana, Adam, Layah.

Fair Play Winners: Scarlet, Theo M, Kyran, Theo L-H, Yuna, Rowan, Cassian, Layah, Chester, Gigi.

Cooperation: Christopher, Resilience: Anika, Respect: Kaiden, Kindness: Hollie.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be reading a range of texts ' Jabari Jumps , Ralph tells a story, The proudest blue' for our new unit after Easter.

Maths: We will be starting a new unit on Fractions.

Art: We will be painting our clay sculptures of Alice in Wonderland characters.

Year 4

English: We will create a travel leaflet about Paris using persuasive devices.

Maths: We start learning decimal numbers.

Geography: We are learning about key aspects of the water cycle in the context of learning about flooding.

Year 5

English: We will be reading our new class text 'The Misadventures of Frederick'. We will be using this text as a prompt for our writing after the Easter break.

Maths: We will continue our work on converting metric measures.

Computing: We will be comparing paper and digital databases.

Year 6

School Journey: We will be off on an adventure to Manor Adventure at Norfolk Lakes!

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.

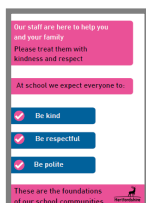
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| RED | Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake | Cottage Pie with Gravy | Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice | Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Mexican Fajitas with Rice | Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice | Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa | Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread | Mexican Bean Roll 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

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| w/c Monday 31st March | ASHA Easter Egg Activity |
| Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April | Year 6 Manor Adventure |
| Friday 4th April | Dandelion Day (wear yellow) |
| Friday 4th April | End of Term (1:30pm) |
| Tuesday 22nd April | Start of the Summer Term |
| Monday 28th April | Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue |
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