Ashfield Junior School

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

28th November 2025

Headteacher's Message

The Full Governing Body is looking to recruit a parent governor to join the team. Becoming a school governor is a good way to make a tangible difference in a local community by helping to shape a school's strategic direction and support children's education . It is a rewarding, volunteer role that offers personal and professional development, such as improving leadership skills, building your professional network, and gaining experience in areas like project management and finance. If you have a particular skill set and would like to make a difference in your school community, we would love to hear from you. Attached to the letter from Mr Holt (Chair) is a nomination form and a job description detailing the role and responsibilities in more detail.

There is no school tomorrow, so enjoy the long weekend, Mr Dourado

A very happy birthday to: Amelie (4V), Liya (4V) and Nicole (4V)

Achievements Assembly

Achievements Assembly for this week will be held on **Monday 1st December**.

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5D** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.6%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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.

Attenborough	-	150
Blackman	-	147
Fiennes	**-**	**168**
Storey	-	156

Well done to Fiennes

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

Year 3 visited Bushey Library on Monday and Wednesday and during this visit, the children came up with their own calligrams based on their favourite thing. They showed good cooperation to create a group acrostic poem using the word Library. They also had the chance to browse and borrow a book.

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Thursday 4th December**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

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

Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

4C Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4C 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 2nd December** 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.

4C Swimming Lessons

On **Tuesday 20th January** 4C will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children need to wear their PE Kit on a Tuesday instead of a Monday until swimming finishes on 28th April as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently. 4C will continue to wear their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays for PE until their swimming lessons start.

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After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish for the Autumn Term as below:-

The Elms

Netball - 15th December

Football - 16th December

Tennis - 17th December

Multisports - 18th December

Art Club - 1

Year 3 & 4 - 17th December

Year 5 & 6 - 18th December

Mock Transfer - 8th December

Drama Club - 12th December

Jam Coding - 12th December

The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February 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 6th February 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBFEB26**

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25

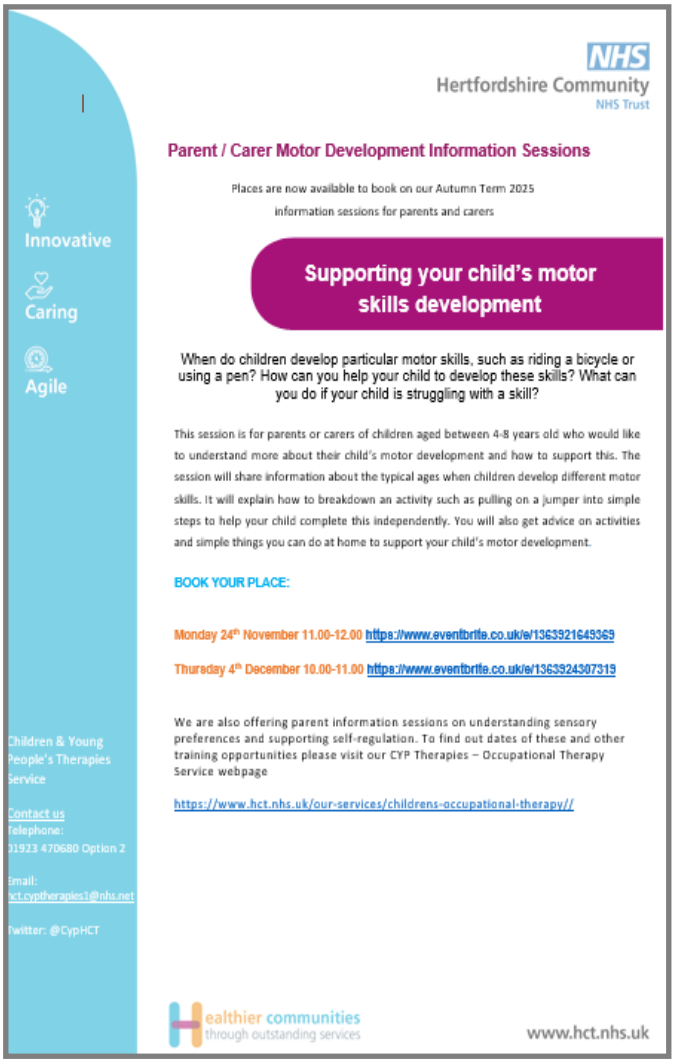
All siblings receive at 20% discount if attending the same day/s.

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/



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Parent / Carer Motor Development Information Sessions

Places are now available to book on our Autumn Term 2025
information sessions for parents and carers

Supporting your child's motor skills development

When do children develop particular motor skills, such as riding a bicycle or using a pen? How can you help your child to develop these skills? What can you do if your child is struggling with a skill?

This session is for parents or carers of children aged between 4-8 years old who would like to understand more about their child's motor development and how to support this. The session will share information about the typical ages when children develop different motor skills. It will explain how to breakdown an activity such as pulling on a jumper into simple steps to help your child complete this independently. You will also get advice on activities and simple things you can do at home to support your child's motor development.

BOOK YOUR PLACE:

Monday 24th November 11.00-12.00 https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1363921643369

Thursday 4th December 10.00-11.00 https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1363924307319

We are also offering parent information sessions on understanding sensory preferences and supporting self-regulation. To find out dates of these and other training opportunities please visit our CYP Therapies – Occupational Therapy Service webpage

https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-occupational-therapy//

Children & Young People's Therapies Service

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Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

Tuesday 2nd December - 4C Cornet Performance

Tuesday 2nd December - Year 3 and 4 Festive Cake Sale

Saturday 6th December - Winter Fair at Merry Hill organised by FOMH.

Wednesday 10th December - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

Friday 12th December - Open classrooms from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 15th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Tuesday 16th December - Festive Jolly Jar Shop.

Wednesday 17th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 19th December** and return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

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

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 12th December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look thorough your child's books.

The morning session will be from **9:00am to 9:30am** and the afternoon session will be from **2:30pm to 3:00pm**.

As there is limited space in our Year 3 classrooms, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. **Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session (e.g. 9:00am to 9:30am** and **2:30pm to 3:00pm). *The booking system will open for Year 3 parents ONLY at 9:00am on Friday 28th November.***

This is an opportunity to see your child's work and talk to them about their learning. **Teachers and staff will be present but will be unable to talk to you about your child's progress as they will be managing and supporting other children in the classroom.** We look forward to seeing you soon.

Hanukkah Assembly

On Wednesday, the Jewish Discovery Tour visited once again to teach the children about the festival of Hanukkah. It is always a pleasure to host Rabbi Yosef and to hear him share the historical stories of his faith in new and engaging ways. The children were wonderfully attentive and fully engaged throughout, participating with enthusiasm and showing excellent behaviour.

ASHA Festive Activities

We have organised two events for school to take part and enjoy.

Tuesday 2nd December: We are inviting children in Year 3 and Year 4 to make or bring a cake into school for a 'Festive Cake Sale'. Children can bring cakes in the morning. All children and parents can buy cakes from 3:20pm (we will possible be located in the school dining hall but we will confirm closer the date). Year 5 and Year 6 will have their cake sale later in the school year.

Tuesday 16th December: We are inviting all children to take part and make a 'Festive Jolly Jar'. Jars should be brought in and children can buy a jar for £1.00.

Look out for the flyers for more information!

Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will be sending out nominations for any parent that would like to become a Parent Governor at Ashfield. If you are interested, please look over the job description, complete the form and return back to the school office. **The deadline for the nominations is 19th December**.

Christmas Post Box

From **Monday 1st December** the Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 15th December**.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 15th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers.

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 10th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 12th December**.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 17th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 17th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

Christmas Dinner numbers have now been sent to the kitchen. Any children that have not returned their choice will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 17th December.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be finalising and editing our free verse poems.
Maths: We will be starting a big geometry topic where we will learn about angles and 2d & 3d shapes and their properties
Science: We will be testing the different properties of rocks and what they are used for.

Year 4

English: We will be writing and editing our explanations for our imagined machines.
Maths: We will be using place value to help us multiply and divide by 10,100, and 1000.
D.T: We will be thinking about what makes a 'good' biscuit and adapting a simple biscuit recipe accordingly.

Year 5

English: We will be using expanded noun phrases to write a descriptive setting based on our book, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'.
Maths: We will continue to work on strategies for multiplying and dividing mentally.
History: We will be comparing the two Ancient Greek city states of Sparta and Athens.

Year 6

English: We will be doing Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar assessments in English this week.
Maths: We will be doing Arithmetic and Reasoning assessments in Maths this week.
DT: We will work on Designing Electronic Greeting Cards in DT this work.

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	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Suace
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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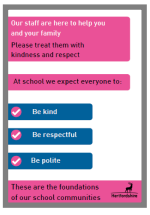

School Blog

Amazon Wishlist

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 2nd December	**Year 3 and 4 Cake Sale**
Tuesday 2nd December	**4C Cornet Concert**
Tuesday 2nd December	**4V Swimming**
Thursday 4th December	**Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor**
Saturday 6th December	**Winter Fair (11am to 2pm)**
Monday 8th December	**Forces Club**
Wednesday 10th December	**Year 3 Christmas Play**
Friday 12th December	**Open Classroom**