



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**2nd May 2025**

## Headteacher's Message

In my assembly on Monday, we reviewed what we have learnt about Protective Characteristics. It was good to see the children remember what these are and why these are important. Together, we looked at the importance of religion and beliefs and why this was one of the Protected Characteristics. We talked about our R.E. curriculum - why we learn R.E. in school, invite visitors to deliver assemblies and visit places of worship. Children reflected that people had the right to choose or not to choose to follow a faith. At Ashfield, we follow the Herts R.E. syllabus and we teach children Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism. These faiths are represented at our school. For the next academic year, we are making some changes to our R.E. Curriculum and we will send you some information about this before it is launched. It has been a lovely 'summer' feeling this week, let's hope the sun shines over the weekend. Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Charles (5G), Maria (3AC), Hana (6H), Erik (4V), Amelia (5D), Anna (4V), Theo L-H (6H) and Leah (4M)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97.4%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5G** 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 **Bradley (5G), Douglas (5D)** and **Charles (5G)** who all received awards for gaining great experience in playing as a team for Harrow Rugby Club. Douglas also won most improved player. 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	-	114
Blackman	-	132
<b>Fiennes</b>	-	<b>139</b>
Storey	-	128

**Well done to Fiennes**

## 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: Alanna M (3L) and George (3AC)**

**Year 4: Ineya (4M) and Benji (4V)**

**Year 5: Iya (5G) and Blue (5D)**

**Year 6: Ellis (6H) and Ella H (6H)**

## 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: Archie (3L) and Luna (3AC)**

**Year 4: Skyla and Haruto (4M) and Isaiah (4V)**

**Year 5: Leo (5D) and Charles (5G)**

**Year 6: Gigi (6H) and Raiden (6H)**

## 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 EBMay25.

### Sibling Discount Code - SIBCOMP25

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/>

## Bank Holiday

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

## Summer Fair

We are getting excited for our Summer Fair. If you can help in any way please get in touch by emailing [ashacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ashacommittee@gmail.com). We are looking for raffle prizes from local businesses and helping hands to make the fair another success!



## V-E Day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

On May 8, 1945 - known as Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day, celebrations occurred around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe. This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> year since the end of the Second World War.

**To mark this occasion, we would like to invite children to come into school wearing clothes in the colours of red, white or blue.** We will be sharing information throughout the week about the significance of the day with the children.

**We request that children do not wear football shirts and that they come into school wearing clothes that are appropriate.**

### 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>

### Games Day

**Friday 23rd May** is Games Day and all children are required to come school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat. If your child suffers with hay fever please make sure they have taken their antihistamine in the morning.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) to confirm this.

### 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/>

### 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**.

### Music Lessons

Week commencing Monday 12th May there will be **NO** music lessons during the Year 6 SATs.

### Planned Road Works - School Lane

We would like to notify you of essential works that will be taking place on School Lane on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATS will begin on **Monday 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.

## 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

## Manor Adventure 2025

Next year, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to go on a residential school journey to Norfolk Lakes in Norwich for 3 days <https://www.manoradventure.com/>.

The cost of the school journey will be £282.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 6th June 2025**. Please note places will only be booked for children who have paid the deposit and no places will be booked after the cut-off date.

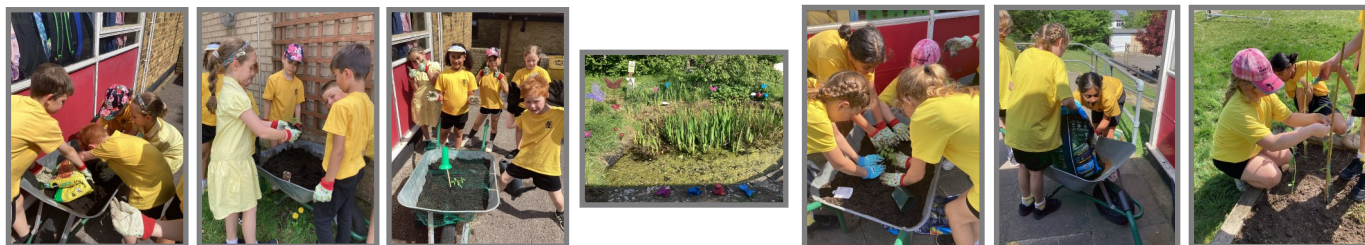
**If you do not wish your child to take part in the journey, please notify the school office by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk) by Friday 30th May 2025.**

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

## Eco Council

Mr Jones and the Eco Council have been working hard this week planting tomato plants to see which year group can grow the most! They have also planted the sunflowers and spruced up the pond!



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing dialogue based on a scene from one of our key texts.

**Maths:** We will be comparing and ordering fractions.

**Geography:** We will be continuing our unit on 'France' and learning about 'French Food'.

### Year 4

**English:** We will write and correctly punctuate a dialogue based on the book Leon and the place Between.

**Maths:** We will start calculating with money .

**Science:** We will create a small branching chart to show how to classify invertebrates.

### Year 5

**English:** We will focus on using modal verbs to show degrees of possibility when writing persuasively.

**Maths:** We will be learning about volume and capacity. We will look at the relationship between them.

**History:** We will be working on placing the Ancient Egyptian civilisation on our timeline and we will begin to learn about their society.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs. Kothary's group will start to explore balanced argument features. Mr Hardy's Group will be finishing their non-chronological report before beginning to explore balanced arguments.

**Maths:** Mrs. Kothary's group will continue reviewing learnt topics in preparation for the upcoming SATs. Mr Hardy's group will explore algebra and revise in preparation for the SATs.

**RE:** We will start our new unit - Symbols in Christianity.

**History:** We will create a timeline of key events in World War 2.

## 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.

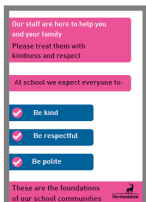
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges	Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad & Tzatziki	Breaded Fish with Chips
<b>GREEN</b>	Classic Vegan Bolognese	Five Bean Jollof Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
<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 5th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (no school for children)</b>
<b>Monday 12th to Friday 16th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs</b>
<b>Monday 12th May</b>	<b>Forces Club</b>
<b>Monday 12th May</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6 Latin and Classics</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd May</b>	<b>Year 3 Trip to COAM</b>
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	<b>Games Day (all children in PE Kit)</b>
<b>Monday 26th to Friday 30th May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 2nd June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>