



Ashfield Junior School

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

2nd October 2026

Headteacher's Message

This week has been full of highlights for all of us, children, families and staff! We enjoyed the most spectacular Harvest assembly by Year 5. They presented with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. It was a joy to listen to their beautiful singing with such passion, I think the lyrics have been in our heads all week! We also learnt a lot whilst watching Year 5's assembly. Not only did we celebrate their performance but we celebrated people who grow our food and our families and communities that provide our food. We stopped to remember to be grateful for what we do have and how we can work together to support others in our own community and further afield. We have the most fantastic array of donations from so many of our families. These will be given to The Red Trust foodbank and will be used to support families all over Bushey. Thank you so much for your donations. The second highlight was National Poetry Day on 1st October. All of the children joined in live sessions led by the children's poet Simon Mole. They explored a brilliantly rich array of vocabulary and different themes. The poetry produced by the children was of a really high standard. Well done to you all and thank you to Miss Davison for organising this for us. Have a fantastic weekend and please don't forget to book your parents evening slots. Tamsin Giannone



A very happy birthday to: Ruhi (4V), George Cr (5C), Stanley (6H), Oscar (5D), Tammy (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.4%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3F** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

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

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Jacob (4V)** who was awarded player of the week at Harrow Rugby Club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Matilda (6K)** who has passed her Stage 5 swimming. 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	-	123
Blackman	-	131
Fiennes	-	124
Storey	-	117

Well done to Blackman

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week.

Year 3: Theo (3F) and Adham (3M)

Year 4: Kiaana (4S) and Marvy (4V)

Year 5: Ivory (5D) and Hugo B (5C)

Year 6: Erik (6H) and Darien (6K)

Writer of the Week!

This week, the following children were awarded a certificate for being the Writer of the Week!

Year 3: Evelyn (3F) and Dylan (3M)

Year 4: Shae (4S) and Ruhi (4V)

Year 5: Alanna (5D) and Vihaan (5C)

Year 6: Benji (6H) and Joel (6K)

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](#)

Road Closure

Hertfordshire Highways will be carrying out resurfacing work of the following road during this date and time.

Chestnut Rise, Bushey

Thursday 15th October 2026 9:30am and 4:00pm

Nut Free School

To keep our students safe from severe, life-threatening allergies, please remember that we are a nut-free school. Do not send your child with any nuts or nut-based products, including peanut butter, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, and items that may contain traces of nuts.

Reminder

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack and water bottle (clearly labelled). Also, as the weather is likely to become more autumnal, please make sure that your child has a jacket or coat.

Leave of Absence Request

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

Harvest Festival

Year 5 treated children and parents to an excellent Harvest Assembly. Thank you to all the families who donated food.



Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

Year 3 will be visiting Bushey Public Library and will walk there and back.

3F will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th October

3M will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Monday 19th October

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home. A membership form will be sent home with the children this week and should be returned to school by **Friday 9th October**.

Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

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 22nd October**. 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.

[The School Gateway](#)

Staff Carpark

This is a polite reminder that the carpark is for staff and visitors only. Parents and carers are reminded that they should not use it to collect children from school or after-school clubs. It should also not be used for turning around or dropping off or collecting items from the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Stationery



At Ashfield we provide basic stationery; HB pencils, rulers, erasers, sharpener, coloured pencils and glue-sticks... but many children like to have their own stationery sets. A small pencil case is ideal and could contain the items above.

Tissue Box Donation



As cold and flu season approaches, the school is requesting donations of tissues to help keep our classrooms healthy. Please send in a box or two of facial tissues with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 23rd October** for half term and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is **31st October**. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Parents' Consultations

We warmly invite you to our Autumn Term Parents Consultations. Consultations will take place during the following times;

Wednesday 14th October 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Ashfield School Hall

Wednesday 21st October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Ashfield School Hall

In order to book an appointment with your child's class teacher please log in to the School Cloud using the link below. Parents in Year 3 if you are having any issues booking an appointment please let the school office know and we will be able to help you.

The booking system for Parents' Consultations will be open on Monday 28th September at 5:00pm

<https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you are unable to make the date or any of the times please contact the school office and your email will be forwarded to the class teacher.

We very much look forward to welcoming you.

Ocarina Club

We are excited to announce the launch of the Ocarinas club this year, designed to give your child a fun and engaging way to explore their musical talents. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop new skills, build friendships, and boost their confidence and creativity through music.

The **Ocarinas club** is open to Year 3-6 and will meet every Tuesday lunchtime in 3M, for 30 mins. The club is free of charge and no prior experience is necessary.

If we receive enough interest from each year group to run these separate cohorts, the club will run on a staggered schedule across the school year. Please see below for when each year group is scheduled to start:

- **Year 4:** Autumn 2
- **Year 3:** Spring 1
- **Year 5:** Summer 1
- **Year 6:** Summer 2

Please refer to letter sent out to parents and sign up your child up by completing the form and returning it to the school office by **Friday 16th October 2026**.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We are going to write the ending of Mini Rabbit Not Lost using coordinating conjunctions (and, or, but).

Maths: We will be finishing adding and subtracting hundreds before starting our unit on comparing and ordering numbers.

History: We will investigate how Ashfield Junior School and Bushey have changed over time.

Year 4

English: We will be looking at persuasive language and thinking about how we can convince people with facts about a chosen topic.

Maths: We will start to look at rounding 4-digit numbers and think about how this can help with estimating.

History: We will be finishing off our authentic roundhouses complete with wattle and daub made from straw and sand to replicate the manure and sticks used in the Iron Age.

Year 5

English: We will be learning about parenthesis in our writing this week and will be thinking about how to use brackets and dashes to add detail to our report writing.

Maths: We will be continuing to order and compare decimal numbers with up to 2 decimal places.

Geography: We will be learning about the Grand Canyon and erosion.

PE: We will be trying out rock 'n roll dancing and producing short sequences for performance.

Year 6

English: We will read about Mercury in our Planetarium book. We will use these facts to analyse formal language and compare it to informal language. In addition, we will practise writing using standard English (formal language).

Maths: We will be finding the values of missing angles in right angles, straight lines and around a point (360°) before beginning a new unit on place value of large numbers with decimals.

RE: We will continue to explore how the Eight Fold Path supports Buddhists to follow Buddha's teachings

PD: We will start training to be top buddies. We will learn how to talk to younger children respectfully and how to support and engage them.

Science: We will be learning about living organisms that are not plants or animals such as fungi.

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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn and Cucumber Salsa	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti and Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice,	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata 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.					

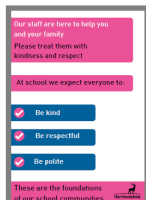
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 6th October	4V Swimming
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 Height and Weight
Monday 12th October	Forces Club
Monday 19th October	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 21st October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 22nd October	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term