Ashfield Junior School

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

30th January 2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy and fun week at Ashfield. It was lovely to see Year 4 immerse themselves in French culture with a lovely **French Café**. The children were very excited about this event - they worked hard to learn phrases, songs and vocabulary. *Merci beaucoup* to all the parents and carers for your support and tips, it is truly appreciated! My assembly focus this week was about the British Value of **Mutual Respect.** We discussed ways on how we can show respect towards our peers and adults that support in the school. I also emphasised the importance of showing respect and good sportsmanship in PE and games. Whilst it is good to have a competitive element in games, it is important that we play fairly, work as a team, persevere, and that we encourage and support one another. This message of respect in sports was continued in our class assembly on Thursday. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado

A very happy birthday to: Ethan (5C), Eva (4C), Rosie (3M), Isaiah (5C), Rhea (6H), Alex (6H), Lev (4C) and Zuzanna (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **93.7%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

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

A big well done to **5C** 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 **Eashan (6K)** who has been awarded Player of the Day at his football Team Titans. Well done!

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

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	-	110
Blackman	**-**	**130**
Fiennes	-	120
Storey	-	128

Well done to Blackman

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: Jess (3AC) and Omari-Emmanuel (3AC)

Year 4: Isla and Eva (4C) and Hugo H (4V)

Year 5: Adam (5C) and Matilda (5D)

Year 6: Swayam (6H) and Veronika (6K)

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: Jayden (3M) and Mazin (3AC)

Year 4: Esmee and Jack P (4C) and Hugo B (4V)

Year 5: Benji (5C) and Yasna (5D)

Year 6: Gracie (6K) and Douglas (6H)

DSPL9 Parent & Carer Newsletter

NEW

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

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 - SIBCMP26

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/

Manor Adventure

The Manor Adventure PowerPoint that was shared at the Year 6 meeting on Thursday will be emailed out to parents with all the relevant information you will need regarding the upcoming residential trip.

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 13th February.** Please return the completed form to the School Office and remember to attach a recent photo.

If you require a copy of this form contact the school office and we will send one home with your child.

The deadline for the balance to be paid is **Saturday 31st January 2026.**

Parent Questionnaire

Please can you spend a few minutes to complete the parent questionnaire using the link provided.

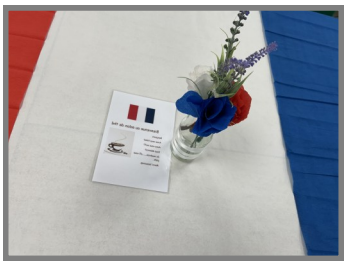
https://forms.gle/5GCWpWb61M5wpCa19

Tesco Funding

As you may recall, last year, we received a Tesco Stronger Starts funding to purchase some new play-ground equipment to improve our lunchtimes. The School Council have been busy this year, deciding what equipment they would like and carrying out pupil voice in their class. Together, they have bought a lot of items including hula hoops, netballs, basketballs, balance beam, outdoor chalkboards, skipping ropes and other fun playground equipment. Now that all the equipment has arrived, we are now having more fun at lunchtimes. Thank you Tesco!

Year 4 French Café

On Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January, Year 4 had an opportunity to host their parents at a French Café. It was wonderful to hear the buzz among the parents as they ordered their drinks and pastries from the children. French was all around and the children were fully immersed in the culture. What an amazing set up by the Year 4 team with all the decorations to bring about the ambience!



Year 4 Roman Day

This term in History we are learning about the Romans' invasion in Britain, the Celtic rebellions, life in Britain under the Roman Empire and the Roman legacy.

On **Thursday 12th of February** Year 4 will be holding a Roman Day.

During our Roman Day in school, we will be celebrating our learning by hosting a range of Roman events and hands-on activities. The children are invited to dress up in ancient Roman style costume, though please do not spend a lot of money on any costumes. The Romans wore long togas with a brooch/belt and sandals. A white t-shirt with a rope or similar tied around the waist would also be suitable.

Elms School Leaderboard

We are delighted to announce that Ashfield Junior School are 1st place winners achieving the most points across the Autumn term represented by the children for the Elms School Leaderboard between September and December 2025. We were overall champions and came 1st out of 86 schools!

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 13th February** for half term and return to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

Parents' Consultations

For Parents' Consultations this term, we will offer an online meeting or a face-to-face meeting in school. We will use Teams for the online meeting and these will be held in the week before half term (w/c 9th February). Class teachers will be available on the days listed below (check times below). The face-to-face consultation will be on Wednesday 11th February from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Please note, you only need to book one appointment with your child's teacher (either face to face or online)

Dates and times for the online meetings

Teacher	Parents 'Online' Meeting Date
Miss Arthur & Miss Flint (3AC)	Monday 9th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Mocanu (3M)	Tuesday 10th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Coussins (4C)	Wednesday 11th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Vincett (4V)	Tuesday 10th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Cumming (5C)	Thursday 12th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Davison (5D)	Tuesday 10th February (1:00pm to 3:30pm)
Mr Hardy (6H)	Monday 9th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Kothary (6K)	Thursday 12th February (9:00am to 11:30am)

Date and time for the face-to-face meetings

Face to face – all teachers in the school hall	Wednesday 11th February (3:30pm to 6:00pm)

You will need to book an appointment for the online meeting or face to face meeting. The booking system for Parents' Consultations will open at **6pm on Tuesday 27th January 2026.** In order to book an appointment with your child's teacher please log in to the School Cloud https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk and complete the form for your child which will then display appointment availability. Attached is a Parent's Guide for booking appointments. Both online and face to face parent consultations will be for 10 minutes.

Online Meetings

Teachers will send out one Teams link nearer the time. You are asked to join 5 minutes before your allocated time slot and will be kept in the waiting room. This will allow the teacher to see you are waiting and appointments can run smoothly.

Face-to-Face Meetings

We will be using the school hall for in person parent consultations. Parents should enter the gate via the bottom gate on School Lane. Parents should proceed to the school hall and wait until they are called by their child's class teacher. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that the afternoon can run smoothly.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be finishing our plans for our own dream/fantasy jobs and then begin writing our final versions.
Maths: We will continue our unit on multiplication and division. We will be working on division - both sharing and grouping
French: We will be learning the names of different instruments.

Year 4

English: We will begin to look at our new unit which is writing to inform and follow the book 'Real Life Mysteries.' Keep an eye out for a real life mystery in the playground!
Maths: We will be finishing off discrete and continuous data and beginning our new topic Properties of Shape
Science: We are devising an experiment to explore changes of state.

Year 5

English: We will be using similes, metaphors and personification to write sentences describing the city in our book 'The Promise'.
Maths: We will be interpreting remainders as we come to the end of our division unit.
Art: We will be starting our art unit about monotype printing.

Year 6

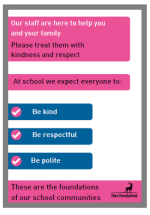
English: Mrs. Kothary's Group will incorporate commas for clarity and apply the rule of three technique to our narratives. Mr Hardy's Group will be drafting and editing our narrative based upon the book 'Wisp'.
Maths: Mrs. Kothary's Group will continue to strengthen fraction - decimal - percentage equivalents through the use of bar models and number lines. Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring percentages and problem solving involving fractions, decimals and percentages.
RE: We will bring together our learning about Christmas in Christianity and evaluate "Is Christmas Just For Christians?"
Geography: We will be exploring trade and industry in South America.
PE: We will create sequences using inverted movements.

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	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Fritata 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.					

Contact Us



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School Blog

Amazon Wishlist

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd February	**Forces Club**
Tuesday 3rd February	**4C Swimming**
Friday 6th February	**ASHA Disco**
w/c Monday 9th February	**Parents' Consultations**
Thursday 12th February	**Year 4 Roman Day**
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	**Half Term**