



Ashfield Junior School

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

31st January 2025

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 and worked hard to learn phrases and vocabulary. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and tips, it is truly appreciated. Year 5 had a fantastic school trip to the **British Museum**. Children said that the trip was amazing and they learnt a lot about the Ancient Greeks. Some children also saw artefacts from other civilisations as well including the Ancient Egyptians, Benin Empire, and Islamic Civilisation. Acting on parent feedback regarding **after-school wrap around care**, I met with Ms Adams to explore ways on providing this provision. A message was sent to parents with a link to a parent questionnaire. Please can you complete the questionnaire by Monday 3rd February. (<https://forms.office.com/e/sb441y5ghq>). It will only take a couple of minutes to complete. Have a lovely weekend, Mr A Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Eva (3L), Bohdana (6K), Isaiah (4V), Rhea (5D), Alex (5D), Lev (3AC), Maisie (5D) and Zuzanna (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is 94.8% which is below 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 again to **5G** 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 **Nikola (3AC)** who has passed her Level 5 Gymnastics. 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	-	135
Blackman	-	132
Fiennes	-	141
Storey	-	138

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: Macie (3L) and Meila (3AC)

Year 4: Sophia (4M) and Stanley (4V)

Year 5: Alice and Swayam (5D) and Emily (5G)

Year 6: Kit (6K) and Theo M (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: Emily (3L) and Mila (3AC)

Year 4: Rhiannon (4M) and Ilinca (4V)

Year 5: Leah (5D) and Charles (5G)

Year 6: Oscar (6H) and Izzy (6K)

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 7th February 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCOMP25

All siblings receive a 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.

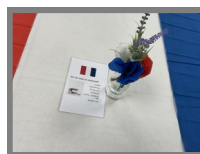
Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Manor Adventure

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 14th 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.

Year 4 French Café



On Thursday 30th and Friday 31st 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!

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.

Get the right help at the right time



early help, brighter futures

Need advice and support for your family?

- Relationship support
- Parenting Advice & Courses
- Emotional & Mental Health
- Staying healthy
- School attendance/anxiety
- Money advice
- Services for Young People
- SEND Local Offer
- Search local services and much more



Visit Hertfordshire's Families First website:-
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 14th February** for half term.

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum



Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece and visited The British Museum on Thursday. At the Museum the children had the opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries. In the picture one of the groups is looking at traditional Greek patterns on a vase. We would like to thank all the parent helpers for giving up their time to come along and support us.

ASHA Disco

Friday 7th February

Year 3 and 4 - 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Year 5 and 6 - 4.20pm to 5.20pm

£6.00 a ticket including a snack!

Please send payment to the account details below.

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

Queries to ashacommittee@gmail.com

Children in Years 3 & 4 should bring their clothes to school to change into on the day.

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 13th 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.

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](#)

After School Clubs - Friday

There will be **NO** after school Dance and Coding clubs on **Friday 7th February** due to the school disco. This was pre-arranged when the clubs were advertised so there will be no additional date added.



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2025
For all parents/carers of children with SEND

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 10AM -11.30AM
TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 10AM -11.30AM
WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 10AM -11.30AM
THURSDAY 3RD JULY 10AM -11.30AM
ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 3RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND. We will also be welcoming professionals from Children and Young People's Mental Health Services, SPACE Herts and Add Vance.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at enquiries@dsplareag.org.uk

World Book Day 2025

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 6 March**, and thanks to ASHA and the fund raising they have been doing, we have the joy of an **AUTHOR VISIT** for World Book Day this year.

Steven Vinacour is the author of a set of funny, informative and adventurous books called ***Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet***. In each book, Ted travels to exciting places and times, meeting some very interesting people along the way. Steven will start his day at Ashfield with an assembly. He will entertain the children with a reading from his books and then he will be visiting every class to run a writing workshop and to bring his stories to life.

In celebration of these wonderful stories, each year group will be asked to come dressed according to the theme or time period of one of Steven's books.

Year 3: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Tudor Tangle*

Ted travels back via the toilet bowl, to the time of the Tudors and the court of Henry VIII, in search of advice from the chop-happy Tudor monarch himself. Steven has created another unputdownable, hilarious story that zips the reader through time and space (spoiler alert!), laughing out loud!

Year 4: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Paint and Pandemonium*

Steven Vinacour's hilarious u-bend adventure sees Ted travel back in time to visit the great artistic masters of the past - from Da Vinci and Van Gogh to Georgia O'Keeffe - all to help his quest to win the schools' art competition, and more importantly Chloe's heart! But as usual, things don't go quite to plan and Ted faces some hysterical historical consequences along the way...

Year 5: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Oh No Pharaoh!*

Ted is on another hilarious historical u-bend adventure, this time to meet great leaders of the past - from Tutankhamun to Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln and Emmeline Pankhurst - all to help him in his quest to become the school's Head Boy. But his grand plan to persuade everyone to vote for him finds Ted facing some hysterical historical consequences...

Year 6: *Ted and his Time Travelling Toilet - Shakespeare Shake-Up*

Ted travels back in time to get acting tips from Shakespeare himself - all in the vain hope of becoming Romeo to Chloe's Juliet in the school play. But two new additions at school - and some dodgy plumbing - may put a spanner in the works of his already dubious plan. A hilarious page-turner that encompasses history, adventure, and comedy in equal measure.

We are very aware of the effort (and sometimes cost) our families put into dress-up days. To this end, we would like to stress that dress-up is about the children having fun. There is no competitive aspect to the day and we would like for the children to be creative when deciding how to represent a time period or a person from that era. Expensive outfits are not necessary. Teachers will give the children some dress-up ideas and will discuss characters from the books prior to the day.

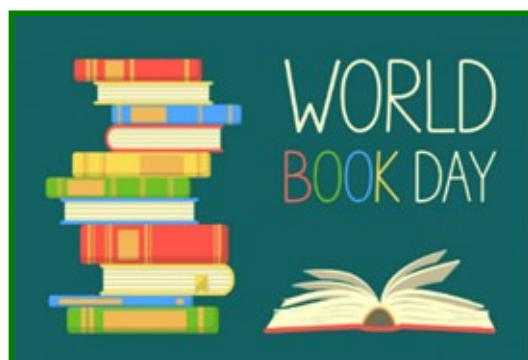
The children will also have the opportunity to buy and have signed one of Steven's books. A letter from Steven with details of how to order and pay for books is attached.

Finally, the children are usually given a book token that can be used in some book sellers, but this year we have decided to order the World Book Day publications and each child will come home with a WBD book instead of a token.

Please have a look at the World Book Day Family Hub for more activities to do at home. The site has a wealth of ideas and online resources about books should you wish to share some fun reading time with your children. The World Book Day link is <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day.
Thank you.

Miss Davison
Assistant headteacher & English co-ordinator



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 10th February). Class teachers will be available on the days listed below (check times below). The face-to-face consultation will be on **Wednesday 12th 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 (3AC)	Friday 14 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Lazarus (3L)	Monday 10 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Vincett (4V)	Tuesday 11 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Mocanu (4M)	Wednesday 12 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Giffen (5G)	Thursday 13 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Miss Davison (5D)	Wednesday 12 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mr Hardy (6H)	Monday 10 th February (9:00am to 11:30am)
Mrs Kothary (6K)	Thursday 13 th 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 12 th February (3:30pm to 6:00pm)
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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 **9am on Monday 3rd February 2025**. 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 finish planning our own version of Alice in Wonderland.

Maths: We will be continuing with column subtraction with regrouping in the hundreds.

Art: We will begin planning our sculptures inspired by the artists we have been learning about such as Quentin Blake.

Year 4

English: We are starting a new unit, based on 'Real Life Mysteries' book by Susan Martineau.

Maths: We are going to read and interpret discrete and continuous data.

History: We are learning about Roman life in Britain.

Year 5

English: We will be looking at the use of similes, metaphors and personification in our book 'The Promise' and we will create some of our own to write descriptive sentences about the city.

Maths: We will continue our work on finding equivalent fractions.

History: We will be learning about Ancient Greek entertainment this will include finding out about how the Olympic Games started and about the importance of the theatre in Greek society.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be writing a descriptive piece of writing based upon Wisp. Mrs. Kothary's group will continue taking inspiration from Wisp to learn about the many uses of commas.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring different types of angles before moving on to exploring translation and reflection. Mrs. Kothary's group will learn how to find percentages of amounts

Art: We will be continuing to create our collaged self-portraits.

French: We will continue to learn about the Oranges and Lemons Festival.

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.

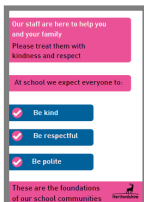
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette 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

Monday 10th February	Forces Club
Monday 10th February	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
w/c Monday 10th February	Parent's Consultations
Thursday 13th February	Year 4 Roman Day
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day