



Ashfield Junior School

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

3rd May 2024

Headteacher's Message

Our assemblies this week have focused on developing a growth mind-set (GMS). A GMS is a belief that you can develop your skills and talents through hard work, the right strategies and guidance from others. A GMS is characterised by hard work, effort, determination, perseverance, risk taking, embracing challenges, acting on feedback, learning from mistakes and being the very best you can be. A GMS is so important as it will build our resilience (one of our school values) and develop our self-esteem. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking into ways to improve our behaviour for learning and developing a GMS. This week, I also met with the School Council and we discussed ways to improve learning. Following our meeting, they will speak to their class about how they can become better learners before delivering a special School Council assembly at the end of this term. I hope that the weather improves for the Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday. Kind regards, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Cecile (6K), Erik (3L), Amelia (4V), Anna (3L) and Leah (3L)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.4%** which is **above** the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **4V** 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 **Anna (3L)** who won gold for vault and bronze for bar in her gymnastics. 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	-	132
Blackman	-	180
Fiennes	-	166
Storey	-	165

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: Rayan (3AC) and Sonny (3L)

Year 4: Elijah (4M) and Sean (4V)

Year 5: Chester (5A), Poppy and Charlotte (5D)

Year 6: Aaron (6K) and Kaya (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: Penny (3AC) and Jessica (3L)

Year 4: Charlotte (4M) and Ralph (4V)

Year 5: Cecily (5A) and Oliver (5D)

Year 6: Isaac (6K) and Jacob (6H)

The Elms Whitsun Half Term Camps

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

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th May 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

Half Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th May** for half term. Children return to school on **Monday 3rd June**.

School Blog

We have created a School Blog which will help us to share photos and news. You can view the blog by visiting the home page on the school website. A link to the blog is on the 'noticeboard'. We hope that you find this useful.

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

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 time-line of important dates.

The deadline is Friday 14th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint the has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

<https://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>

Year 4 French Café

4V will be running the French Cafe on **Thursday 6th June** and **4M** on **Friday 7th June** from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please enter via the lower gates where you will be shown to the dining room.

We would like the children to look smart in their grey school trousers / skirt and we will provide a blue or red t-shirt to represent the colours of the French flag.

Light refreshments will be served by the children and we are asking for a contribution towards the cost



Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Thursday 9th May**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and 5A will be leaving at 10.00am. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear on the day. **They have requested all boys wear a covering on their head (a cap or hat).**

If you are available to help walk the children to and from the synagogue, please contact the school office by email. We will let you know by **Friday 3rd May** if your offer of help is required.

(admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk).

Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Tuesday 7th May 2024**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

DSPL9 Parent and 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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13y7hB0NWTfRLNzLm6mMsWimhpXAa6bMC/view>

This can also be found on our [website](#)

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 **Tuesday 21st May 2024**.

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Bank Holiday

There will be no school on **Monday 6th May**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 3rd 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.

4M Swimming

Reminder that there will be no swimming for 4M on **Monday 13th May**. It will re-start **Monday 20th May** and continue through to Monday 8th July.

Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

13th to 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 24th May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Monday 3rd to 14th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 6th June	-	4V French Café at 9.15am
Friday 7th June	-	4M French Café at 9.15am
Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (3.30pm to 5.30pm)
Thursday 11th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 19th 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 £278.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 7th June 2024**. 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 by Friday 31st 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/>

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be looking at poetry and will be exploring the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright.

Maths: We will learn how to use the formal written method for short multiplication (TO x O)

Music: We are going to continue exploring Disco/Anthems and playing the Glockenspiels to our song 'Bringing us together'.

Year 4

English: We are going to write a short summary of a text and we are going to draw inferences by empathising with the characters in Fly, Eagle, Fly.

Maths: We will start working with fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Science: We are going to observe the features of living things and classify them in groups.

Year 5

English: We will be exploring how Polly Ho-Yen uses author techniques to create interesting characters in 'Boy in the Tower'.

Maths: We will continue our work on fractions and will be comparing fractions larger than a whole.

Music: We will be learning about old-school Hip Hop music from the Fresh Prince of Bel Air.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's group will work with a story mountain to direct writing a short story. Mr Hardy's group will be continuing to write our short story 'The Great Mouse Plot' inspired by Roald Dahl's autobiography - Boy.

Maths: Mrs Kothary's group will work on various arithmetic areas to consolidate learning. Mr Hardy's group will be revising fractions, decimals and percentages and time intervals.

Science: We will be exploring blood vessels and their role in the body.

History: We will be exploring the home front during the Blitz.

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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Vegetable Stack with Rice	Penne Bolognaise	Pork Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta, with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Vegan Penne Bolognaise	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	BBQ Quorn 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.					

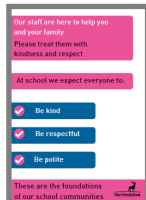
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Upcoming Events

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