



# Ashfield Junior School

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

**3rd October 2025**

## Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday, we had a fun assembly delivered by a theatre club. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer Dance Club at Ashfield. However, after half-term, we will be delivering an after-school **Drama Club** instead. The Drama Club will be on a Friday from 3:20pm to 4:30pm. Drama is excellent for enhancing communication skills, building confidence and self-expression, developing creativity and improving collaboration and social skills. If your child is interested in joining, please visit our school website or the flyer that was sent out earlier this week. On Thursday, we celebrated **National Poetry Day** with a live poetry workshop delivered by acclaimed children's poet, Simon Mole. It was nice to see the children engaged, learn how to write poems and have fun at the same time. We have an **Inset Day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** so I look forward to seeing children return to school next Tuesday. Have a nice weekend.

Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Leo (6H), Jessica (4C), Stanley (5C), Louise (6K) and Tammy (4C)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.4%** 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 **97.5%** Well done!

A big well done to **5D** 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 **Isabella (4V)** who has achieved her Stage 4 at swimming. Well done!

Congratulations to **Rory (3M)** who was awarded Man of the Match for his football team last week. Well done!

Please contact the school office if your child would like to celebrate an achievement by emailing [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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.

<b>Attenborough</b>	-	<b>116</b>
Blackman	-	110
Fiennes	-	109
Storey	-	111

**Well done to Attenborough**

## 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: Reuben (3M) and Kayla (3AC)**

**Year 4: Praneet (4C) and Alana (4V)**

**Year 5: Yasna (5D) and Roman (5C)**

**Year 6: Zara (6H) and Bradley (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: Marvy (3AC) and Sofia (3M)**

**Year 4: Eva (4C) and Penny (4V)**

**Year 5: Isaac (5D) and Alma (5C)**

**Year 6: Ralph (6H) and Abhinav (6K)**

## World Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on **Friday 10th October** and we would like children to come into school wearing something **yellow**. Children can wear the Ashfield P.E. t-shirt or yellow sweater or another yellow top of their choice. Children will have an assembly on World Mental Health Day.

## Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Tuesday 21st October**. You can now complete consent form for your child online (there are no paper copies). **It is important to complete the online form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere.** The electronic link can be found below. The frequently asked questions information sheet has been emailed to you. If you require further information please contact the Hertfordshire Immunisation Team directly, the contact details can be found below or on the information sheet.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

**Phone: 01462 427 008**

**Email: [hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk)**

## Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Friday 24th October at 9.10am**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th October**. A list of the food items we are collecting have been detailed on a separate letter sent this week. Thank you for your support.

## 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](#)

## Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Year 6 are studying evolution and inheritance in Science this term and we are also looking at biomes in Geography. We have arranged a visit to Whipsnade Zoo on **Wednesday 5th November** to support our learning in these areas.

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

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

## Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Monday 6th October**.

## Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 24th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

## Drama Club

We're thrilled to announce that the **Candice Conway Theatre School (CCTS)** will be launching a brand new **Drama Club** at Ashfield Junior School.

The Drama Club will be on a **Friday** from **3:20pm to 4:30pm**. Drama is excellent for enhancing communication skills, building confidence and self-expression, developing creativity and improving collaboration and social skills.

If your child is interested in joining, please book directly with CCTS Drama Club.

To secure your child's place, please visit: [www.candiceconwaytheatreschool.co.uk](http://www.candiceconwaytheatreschool.co.uk)

**Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.**

Let the drama begin! We can't wait to meet our new stars and start an exciting term of creativity, imagination and fun at Ashfield Junior School.

## Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 22nd October** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place in the week commencing **20th October**. Further details to follow shortly.

## Secondary Transfer Application 2025

### 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](http://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.

## Year 6 - 2026 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2026** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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

## Playground Equipment

Just a polite reminder, please can you make sure that children do not use the playground equipment after school. This will ensure that no accidents and injuries occur.

## Winter Fair

Save the date for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 29th November** from 11am to 2pm at Ashfield. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

## Ashfield School and Home Association



### 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.

#### Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 17th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount Code: EBOCT25**

#### Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** with code **SIBCMP25**.

#### 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:** [www.theelms.co.uk](http://www.theelms.co.uk)



## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing about Mini Rabbit's return journey after he has found the berries.

**Maths:** We will be comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers using the < and > signs. We will also think about estimating and rounding.

**History:** We will be learning about how Ashfield has changed over time.

### Year 4

**English:** We will be using the persuasive devices we have learned to write our own persuasive speeches!

**Maths:** We will be looking at counting in multiples of 3, 6 and 9

**Art:** We will be starting our Jabberwocky depictions

**RE:** We are thinking about how different religious festivals are similar to Eid.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be writing a first draft of our monster non-chronological reports, focusing on using what we have learnt about multi-clause sentences and adverbials.

**Maths:** We will be rounding decimal numbers to one decimal place in maths this week.

**Geography:** We will be learning about the Grand Canyon in geography.

### Year 6

**English:** We will complete our final setting description piece and start learning about slow motion writing techniques.

**Maths:** We will be exploring calculations and arithmetic strategies involving the 4 operations.

**RE:** We will explore the 4 Noble Truths in Buddhism.

**Art:** We will continue working on our final designs for our own cereal boxes.

**Science:** We will be learning about organisms that are not plants or animals.

## 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.

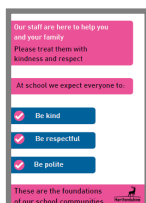
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & 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 6th October	Inset Day
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13th October	4V Swimming
Tuesday 21st October	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 22nd October	Individual Photographs
Friday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Assembly
Mon 27th October to Fri 1st November	Half Term
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo