



Ashfield Junior School

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

4th April 2025

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy final week at Ashfield to conclude a very busy spring term. It was **Eid** on Monday and we hope that our families celebrating Eid had a wonderful day. We had some special assemblies this week. On Tuesday, Rabbi Yusef delivered assembly to teach the children about **Passover**. On Friday, we had our end of term assembly where we celebrated the children's hard work throughout the spring term and handed out achievement and attendance awards. Also on Friday, we celebrated Dandelion Day - it was lovely to see the children wear a yellow in support of our Military children. This week, many of our Year 6 children had an exciting school journey to **Manor Adventure** where they had a LOT of fun! The children that did not attend worked hard on their projects, supported younger children and did a lot of jobs around the school. I would like to say thank you to **ASHA** for providing the Easter Eggs and setting up the Easter Egg hunt. I hope that you all have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming you back to Ashfield on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Mr Dourado

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week **91.4%** 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 **96.4%** Well done!

A big well done 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.

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 - 105
Blackman - 104
Fiennes - 117
Storey - 114

Well done to Fiennes

Special End of Term Certificates

The following children were given awards for modelling our School Rules!

Kindness: Vedika (3AC), Olivia S (3L), Jessica (4M), River (4V), Jayda (5D), Charlotte (5G), Cecily (6H) and Evelyn (6K)

Respect: Alice (3AC), Penny (3L), William (4M), Hady (4V), Maisie (5D), Bradley (5G) Scarlet (6H) and Charlotte (6K)

Cooperation: Joe (3AC), Ella F (3L), Crina (4M), Grace (4V), Ralph (5D), Myla (5G) Hana (6H) and Ella H (6K)

Resilience: Meila L (3AC), Rafe (3L), Freddie (4M), Ilinca (4V), Oisin (5D), Kaelan (5G), Eli (6H) and Alina (6K)





A very happy birthday to:

This week — Anele (5G) and Leia (3L)

Easter Holidays — Abishai (6H), Hawler (5D), Safa (3L), Percy (3L), Chloe (6H), Arlyn (4V), Adam (6K), William (5D) and Christopher (6K)

The Elms May Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May 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 16th May 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBMay25.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCOMP25

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 2nd June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Year 5 Parents

A polite reminder to all Year 5 parents about the South West Herts Transfer Consortium process. The registration opened on **Monday 1st April**. Please refer to the letter and PowerPoint previously sent which will give you all the information you need including a timeline of important dates.

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 23rd June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If they do not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm this.

Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue

As part of our RE curriculum, Year 5 will visit Bushey Synagogue on **Monday 28th April**.

5D will be leaving school at 9:00am to walk to the synagogue and **5G** will be leaving at 10.10am. 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).**

During the visit, the children will see and learn about the Torah, look at Jewish artefacts they have been learning about this year, and explore the Shabbat table where they will have the opportunity to taste Challah bread.

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 After School Clubs

Congratulations to the following children for the Spring Term sports clubs.

Netball - Players of the Term

Charlotte (4M), Reyan (5G) and Alice (5D)



Football - Players of the Term

Hamish (3L), Tristan, (4M), Ella (4V), Matthew (5G) and Douglas (5D)



Football - Top Goal Scorer

Darien (4M)

Most Improved Player

Lily (4M)

Tennis - Players of the Term

Maria (3L), Roman (4V) and Christopher (6K)



Multisports - Players of the Term

Sophie (3AC), Mila (3AC) and Abhinav (5G)



After School Clubs

The following clubs will start for the Summer Term as below:-

The Elms - Monday 28th April (Netball), Tuesday 22nd April (Football), Wednesday 23rd April (Tennis) and Thursday 24th April (Cricket)

Art Club - Wednesday 30th April (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 1st May (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 1st May

Dance Club - Friday 25th April

Jam Coding - Friday 25th April

Summer Uniforms

When we return after Easter as the weather warms up, please feel free to send your children into school wearing the Ashfield Summer Uniform. Full uniform details can be found on our school website. Please remember to apply sunscreen before school and for children to bring sun hats and water bottles into school daily. As noted in our School Uniform Policy, the summer uniform is optional and children can continue to wear their winter uniform.

Chicken Pox

We have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in **Year 3**. Chicken Pox is a common childhood illness and is contagious until all the spots have scabbed over – which usually happens about a week after the rash appeared.

If you think your child has Chicken Pox you should take them to the doctor, and then make sure you also inform the school.

Children with Chicken Pox need to be off school until the last of the blisters have scabbed over – normally about a week.

Sickness

This is a polite reminder that it is school policy children do not return to school following illness with sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you all so much for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year and have raised an amazing **£221.82**. Well done!

Caterlink School Meals - Price Increase

Caterlink have informed us that the cost of the school lunch will be increasing to **£3.08** for each pupil meal from April 2025.

Minimus Project - Latin and Classics Opportunity for Students in Year 5 and 6

Following the success of the Latin and Classics outreach lessons delivered by St. Margaret's School, these will continue in the Summer Term. As before, these sessions will run after school on alternative **Mondays from 3:30-4:00pm** on the following days:

Monday 28th April

Monday 12th May

Monday 9th June

Monday 23rd June

Unless your child has been given permission to walk home alone, pupils will need to be collected promptly at **4:00pm** from the bottom gate on School Lane.

If your child wishes to attend the remaining outreach lessons after-school and learning more about the Classics and Latin, please email the school office via admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. Please note, there are only 20 spaces and these will be given on a first-come, first served basis.

Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers it is their duty to inform school on a daily basis if their child is absent for Safeguarding reasons. If the school is not notified, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. We are unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.

This can be done by ringing the school number 02089502350, choosing option 2 or alternatively, please send an email to the school office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk by 9.10am **everyday your child is absent**.

Summer Dates:

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

12th to 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 5th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 9th to 20th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 12th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 18th June	-	Class Photos
Saturday 21st June	-	Ashfield & Merry Hill Summer Fair (at Ashfield)
w/c Monday 23rd June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 7th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Wednesday 9th July	-	Open Evening (5.00pm to 6.30pm)
Thursday 10th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 11th July	-	Reports go home
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 18th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 18th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

School Meals

Please see below the dinner menu for w/c 21st April. Please ensure that you keep your Caterlink account in credit. As a reminder; meals cost £3.08 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

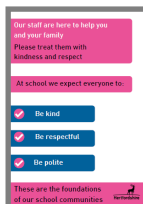
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea Curry 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

Tuesday 22nd April	Start of the Summer Term
Monday 28th April	Year 5 Trip to Bushey Synagogue