



# Ashfield Junior School

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

4th July 2025

## Headteacher's Message

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and it is good to see children working hard across the curriculum. You will have an opportunity to see the work they have produced at our Open Evening. I have been very impressed with the work children have produced in **Design and Technology**. This term, Year 3 have been learning how to sew and have created some fantastic cushions using the running stitch. Year 4 have been developing their sewing skills further to create a new school mascot using the running and blanket stitch. I was very impressed when I went into both year groups to see their final designs. Year 6 have been learning about 'bread' for their D.T unit. This week, a Caterlink chef taught them how to bake bread which they all took part in and enjoyed eating at the end of the day. Some photos have been uploaded onto our school blog [School Blog – Ashfield Junior School](#). On Monday, we have a transition morning where children will spend some time going to their new class and meeting their new teacher. I have sent a letter out detailing the class/teacher arrangements from September. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: **Hugo (3L), Theo M (6H), Ivory (3AC), Kena (4M) and Joseph (5D)**

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.2%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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	-	130
<b>Blackman</b>	-	<b>162</b>
Fiennes	-	140
Storey	-	132

**Well done to Blackman**

## Special Achievements

It is always a pleasure to hear about children's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Nathaniel (5G)** who was selected by Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers athletics club to participate in long jump, 150 metre sprint and throwing the vortex ball, long. Nathaniel threw, jumped and ran really well. Well done!

Congratulations to **Isabella (3AC)** who has passed her initial grade Piano exam with a distinction. Well done!

## 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: Percy (3L) and Nikola (3AC)**

**Year 4: Ethan (4V) and Beren and Egemen (4M)**

**Year 5: Myla, Charlotte and Matthew (5G)**  
**and Zara (5D)**

**Year 6: Rohan (6H) and Phillip (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: Safa (3L) and Jack (3AC)**

**Year 4: Hanzala (4V) and Raoul (4M)**

**Year 5: Zuzanna (5D) and Charles (5G)**

**Year 6: Mason (6K) and Chloe (6H)**

## Tai Chi Workshop

As we approach the last few weeks of the academic year, we have organised a whole school workshop for the children to enjoy. Children will take part in a **Tai Chi workshop** on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**.

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art that involves a series of slow, flowing movements and deep breathing, often described as "meditation in motion". It's practiced for its health benefits, including improved balance, flexibility, and stress reduction, as well as for self-defence.

**To take part and not to restrict their movements in the workshop, children will be required to wear their P.E. uniform.**

## Year 6 Events

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Hoodies will be given out. Children can wear these in school alongside their school uniform from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition Day

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 BBQ and Disco from **4:30pm to 6:30pm**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Picnic. Please bring a packed lunch on this day so that all Year 6 children can enjoy their final lunch together.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at **9.15am**.



## Summer Reading Challenge 2025

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, will encourage children to explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature

**The Challenge launches at all Hertfordshire Libraries on Saturday 5 July, and runs until Saturday 6 September.**

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



## The Elms P.E. Star of the Term

Tammy (3AC) - For showing respect within the games played in P.E.

Joe (3AC) - Always plays fair in P.E. with a great attitude.

Praneet (3L) - Great batting skills in rapid cricket.

Anna (3L) - For showing enthusiasm and fairness.

William (4M) - Excellent co-operation towards others in P.E.

Jessica (4M) - Has lots of resilience which is rare in someone in Year 4.

Anna (4V) - Excellent attitude and plays like she really enjoys P.E.

Adam (4V) - Has fairness within matches played and plenty of resilience.

Jayda (5D) - Is one of the best catchers of a cricket ball in the school, with incredible reactions.

Joseph (5D) - Always respectful to others in P.E. and a great team player.

Maya (5G) - Brilliant willingness to win but with the right attitude.

Nathaniel (5G) - Great respect and fairness in P.E. towards others.

Evelyn (6K) - One of the most naturally gifted girls at Ashfield. Brilliant attitude with kindness to others.

Kai (6K) - Great attitude towards others in P.E.

Oscar (6H) - Shows kindness and respect to everyone. Also a great defender in football.

Mia (6H) - Naturally gifted in most sports but more important has a great attitude.

## The Elms Summer Holiday Camps

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

**Booking Hotline:** 0208 954 8787

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

**The Elms Holiday Camps**

**SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS**

**Ashfield Junior School**

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Wk 2: 28th Jul – 1st Aug  
Wk 3: 4th – 8th Aug

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**Special Events Days**

MON 21ST JULY NORMAL CAMP TIMETABLE	TUE 22ND JULY Speedy Start Golf	WED 23RD JULY WATER Wednesday	THU 24TH JULY Face painting	FRI 25TH JULY PIZZA FRIDAYS
MON 28TH JULY NORMAL CAMP TIMETABLE	TUE 29TH JULY THE POWER OF COLOUR	WED 30TH JULY WATER Wednesday	THU 31ST JULY BINGO GO GO	FRI 1ST AUGUST PIZZA FRIDAYS
MON 4TH AUG NORMAL CAMP TIMETABLE	TUE 5TH AUG Beaded Making	WED 6TH AUG WATER Wednesday	THU 7TH AUG FOOTBALL SHIRT 10	FRI 8TH AUG NORMAL CAMP TIMETABLE

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## Caretaker Vacancy

Unfortunately, our caretaker Bob will be leaving Ashfield at the end of the school year. Therefore, we will have a vacancy for this position from September. If you know anyone that would be interested, please advise them to click on the link for more information [Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Caretaker / Site Manager](#) or contact the school office.

## Open Evening

Our end of year open evening will take place on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** from **5:00pm** to **6:30pm**. This will give you an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and walk around the school to see the fantastic learning that the children have achieved throughout the year.

In the hall, there will be some musical performances from children that are learning musical instruments. We will also be joined by Caterlink who will have a few samples of food for you to try and will be on hand to answer any questions about school dinners. You will also get the opportunity to meet teachers across the school.

## End of Year Reports

The reports are scheduled to be sent out between 3:30pm and 7:30pm On **Friday 11th July**. We have staggered the times so that it doesn't crash the system! If you do not receive your child's report, please contact the school office.

## School Library and Class Reading Books

Could you please have a look at home to see if you have any of the school library or class reading books. If so, could you send them in to school when return in September.

## 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](#)

## Cater Link Accounts

If your child has school dinners please make sure you clear the arrears on their accounts as soon as possible.

If your child is in Year 6 and has a balance left on the Cater Link account this can be refunded or passed to a sibling in the same school. You will need to complete the online form ([CaterLink Ltd parent refund form](#)), so they have the necessary details to process the refund. If you do not have a Google account or want to sign into Google to submit this form, you can use [CaterLink Ltd parent refund form - No Upload](#). These will be processed as requested and refunded by BACS or transferred to a siblings account.

## End of Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 18th July** for the Summer Holidays. Children return to school for the Autumn term on **Thursday 4th September 2025**.



## Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum

Year 6 visited Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain. They learnt how the Battle of Britain was fought and won, explored how radar was used to plot enemy raids and how RAF and WRAF personnel masterminded the defence of Britain.



## Year 6 Bread Making

Year 6 have been making bread this week! They've followed a recipe and have been taught about basic food hygiene. The bread was delicious!



## After School Club

After school clubs will finish on the following days for the Summer Term:-

**Art** - Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 9th July and Year 5 & 6 Thursday 10th July

**Jam Coding** - Friday 11th July

**Mock Transfer** - (Year 5) - Thursday 10th July

**The Elms:**

**Netball** - Monday 14th July

**Football** - Tuesday 15th July

**Tennis** - Wednesday 16th July

**Cricket** - Thursday 17th July

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be creating persuasive posters.

**Maths:** We will be continuing with multiplication.

**Science:** We will be checking on our plants and recording our observations

### Year 4

**English:** We will be planning and writing persuasive letters on a chosen topic.

**Maths:** We will continue working with time, measuring and telling the time in both 12 hour and 24 hour clock.

**DT:** We will be finishing off our soft toys.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be planning our own world in preparation for writing a non-chronological report.

**Maths:** We will be measuring and drawing angles using a protractor.

**History:** We will be learning about Ancient Egyptians' beliefs about the afterlife, and we will be mummifying tomatoes.

### Year 6

**English:** Year 6 will continue to rehearse their leavers show.

**Maths:** Mr Hardy's Group will continue to explore real life maths problems. Mrs. Kothary's group will continue to look at 2D shapes. We will focus on properties of triangles and quadrilaterals.

**History:** We will continue to explore the role of women in WW2.

**Science:** We will be exploring electric circuits.

## 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 £3.08 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

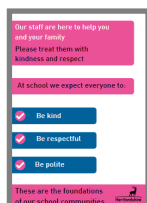
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Chicken Hotdog, with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hotdog with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Veg Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Veggie Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
<b>BLUE</b>	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 7th July	Year 3, 4 & 5 meet the Teacher
Tuesday 8th July	Tai Chi Workshop (Wear PE Kit)
Wednesday 9th July	Open Evening (5pm to 6.30pm)
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 11th July	Reports go home
Monday 14th July	Year 6 BBQ & Disco (4.30pm to 6.30pm)
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