



Ashfield Junior School

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

4th October 2024

Headteacher's Message

This week, Ashfield celebrated **National Poetry Day** by joining a live online lesson from acclaimed children's poet and National Poetry Day ambassador, Simon Mole. Each year group took part in a poetry workshop inspired by this year's theme of Counting. It was a chance for all of us to share in the pleasure of poetry. You may have seen it everywhere, from schools and libraries to cultural venues and across the national media. Over 1.5 million people participated on the day. More information can be found on their website: <https://forwardartsfoundation.org/national-poetry-day/>. Next **Thursday (10th October)**, we will be joining more children and taking part in **World Mental Health Day** – so make sure that you wear a yellow t-shirt, sweater or top (the Ashfield PE kit is okay to wear if you wish). Have a nice weekend. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Stanley (4V), Louise (5G), Tammy (3AC), Mia (6H) and James (6H)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.5%** 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 **99.1%** Well done!

A big well done **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.

Wishing all our Jewish Families

Happy Rosh Hashanah



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 - 193
Blackman - 209
Fiennes - 190
Storey - 210

Well done to Storey

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: Maria (3AC) and Archie (3L)

Year 4: Haruto (4M) and Isaiah (4V)

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

Year 6: Ibrahim (6H) and Bohdana (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: Meila (3AC) and Maria (3L)

Year 4: Nandini (4M) and Abigail (4V)

Year 5: Leo (5D) and Charlotte (5G)

Year 6: Chloe (6H) and Lana (6K)

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 18th October 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 reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 25th October** for half term and return to school on Monday 4th November.

Tesco Stronger Start – In-Store Vote

Ashfield Junior School will be taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Start** scheme running across several Tesco stores in the local area. Our project is to enhance our play and lunchtimes by improving the quality of our playtime resources for our children to use outside.

Each time you make a purchase within the store, you will receive one token that you can use to cast your vote and place for Ashfield Junior School. The voting will begin in the first week of October and end mid-January 2025. We will be notified of the outcome in February 2025. Please see below for a list of the stores taking part in the voting for our project.

Bushey Heath Express Small unit WD23 1EL
Leavesden Watford Exp Small unit WD5 0BT
South Oxhey Express Small unit WD19 6EG
Shenley Express Small unit WD7 9LP
Watford Extra Large unit WD17 2BD
Watling Radlett Exp Small unit WD7 7LA
Watford Exp Small unit WD25 0EL
Harcourt Rd Bushy Exp Small unit WD23 3PP
Watford Wippendell Exp Small unit WD18 7NB
Watford St Albans Exp Small unit WD24 4AU

So, each time you shop in Tesco, remember to cast your vote for Ashfield.

Thank you for your support.

Year 3 Art Activity

Year 3 are going to be creating cave art in Art. To do this, we are going to need cardboard boxes to create our caves. Please could your child bring a cardboard box the size of a shoebox in by the **11th October**.

Inset Day

There will be no school for children on **Friday 11th October**.

Harvest Festival

Year 5 will be performing a Harvest Festival for their parents and carers on **Thursday 24th October at 2.15pm**. This year, we will be collecting food for the Red Trust Bushey and you can bring donations in from **Monday 21st to Thursday 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.

World Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on **Thursday 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.

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 23rd 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.

Coin Trail

ASHA have organised a 'Coin Trail' and we will start collecting coins in school on **Monday 7th October**. We will see what class has the longest coin trail the following week.

Winter Fair

Save the date for our Winter Fair on **Saturday 30th November** from 11am to 2pm at Merry Hill. We look forward to working together with the Friends of Merry Hill and to seeing you all there!

Secondary Transfer Application 2024

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.

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.

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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1au7mUHLAR22HrgEbmaiz7BnLpbjg61ae/view>

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

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place in the week commencing **21st October 2024**. Further details will be shared by letter next week.

Year 6 Art Activity

Please could your child bring a cereal box in on **Monday 7th October**.



“Write a story you would love to read”

BBC's **500 Words**, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries.

This is a great enrichment opportunity for children and would be a lovely way to encourage creativity, to inspire reluctant writers or to give your child's writing a purpose.

It would also be a fun way to engage with your child's learning journey.

For further information use the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on **Friday 8 November 2024.**

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: we will be writing an alternative version of 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost'

Maths: We are going to estimate numbers on a number line as well as ng at rounding numbers to the nearest ten and 100.

PE: We will continue with our dance sequences that show a trip to the beach.

Year 4

English: We are going to plan a persuasive speech based on the book The King Who Banned the Dark.

Maths: We are going to secure formal addition and subtraction.

Art: We are going to start creating our own concertina books based on the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll.

Year 5

English: We will be planning the paragraphs and begin to draft our own non-chronological reports.

Maths: We will be comparing and ordering numbers with up to three decimal places.

PE: We will be learning about Rock 'n Roll dancing and will be performing routines that include the hand jive, heal-toe and kick jumps.

Year 6

English & Maths: We have assessments this week.

Art: We will explore how to turn our 2D designs into 3D ones. We will look at packaging and use our creativity to make our own versions!

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	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Chicken Paella with Patatas Bravas	Roast Gammon, New Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Vegan Chilli with Rice	Veggie Meatballs with Patatas Bravas	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese and Bean Pasty 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.					

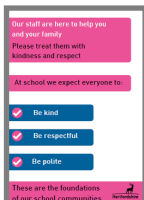
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	Inset Day
Wednesday 23rd October	Individual Photos
Thursday 24th October	Year 5 Harvest Festival
Friday 25th October	End of Term (3:20pm)
Thursday 31st October	Secondary Transfer Deadline
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	Back to School
Saturday 30th November	Winter Fair