



Ashfield Junior School

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

5th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed the sun! Despite the poor weather on our return to school, it has been a busy week. On Tuesday, I sent a letter listing a number of events or activities occurring throughout the summer term. Unfortunately, **Sports Day** has been a casualty of the weather and this has been postponed to our reserve date of **Thursday 11th June**. Let's hope for some brighter and sunnier days next week! I have also just been informed that the Summer Fair at Merry Hill Infants will not go ahead this year. A letter will be sent from the Chair of Governors announcing the new **Headteacher** to the school community. The new Headteacher will start in post from September 2026. The Headteacher will be making a few visits to Ashfield to meet children and staff to ensure a smooth transition so that they are ready to take up the role in September.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Immanuel (3AC) and Harriet (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.3%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **6K** 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 **Bella (5D)** who has passed her Grade 3 singing with distinction. Well done!

Congratulations to **William (5D)** and his team Bushey Rangers who won the Kings Langley football tournament. 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.

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| Attenborough | - | 101 |
| Blackman | - | 111 |
| Fiennes | - | 117 |
| Storey | - | 115 |

Well done to Fiennes

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: Husayn (3M) and Ruben (3AC)

Year 4: Raffie (4V) and Oscar-James (4C)

Year 5: William (5D) and Sara (5C)

Year 6: Grace B (6K) and Ayla and Daisy (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: Rose (3M) and Cara (3AC)

Year 4: Hamish (4V) and Orla (4C)

Year 5: Kena (5D) and Arlyn (5C)

Year 6: William (6H) and Daisy (6H)

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 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.

Week 1: 27th July to 31st July

Week 2: 3rd August to 7th August

Week 3: 10th August to 14th August

Early Bird Deadline - 10% Discount

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 10th July 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBSUM26.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26

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.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

FATHER'S DAY PICK & PACK



ASHA presents our annual shop for
Father's Day!

Each child will get the chance to take a
gift home for their loved one

Please contribute £3.50 per
child to the ASHA account
acc no: 48865658
sort code: 23-05-80

Tuesday 16th June

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 11th June** on the school playing field. Parents are welcome to attend and the gates will open from 12.45pm. The events will start at 1:00pm. Should the weather be inclement that day we will make a decision to postpone by 11:00am and notify you via the school messaging system.

End of Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Tuesday 21st July** for the Summer Holidays. Children return to school for the Autumn term on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**.

Class Photos

School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof card and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof card and following the instructions. If your proof card has been lost or you did not receive one you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the website photo code which can be obtained from the school office.

The website for to purchase class photos is

www.getphotos.co.uk

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **12th June 2026.**

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 timeline of important dates.

The deadline is Friday 5th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

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

INFORMATION AND ADVICE ABOUT EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE (EBSNA) FOR FAMILIES

EBSNA can affect children and young people of any school age. It can happen as a result of a wide range of different factors – home, wider family, community, school, friendships – often a combination of some or all of these.

WHY COULD MY CHILD BE ANXIOUS?

Anxieties can stem from a number of things such as:

- An unmet special educational need such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia or dyspraxia
- Friendship issues, not 'fitting in', or bullying
- Finding schoolwork confusing and overwhelming
- Separation anxiety
- Trauma
- Bereavement
- Low self-esteem
- The environment itself - especially for those who are autistic and/or neurodivergent

A child might become anxious about school at any stage. It can occur when children start school or transition into secondary school, or it might be related to puberty or hormonal changes. Read more on the [Local Offer website](#).



WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS

- ? Can you spot patterns in your child's absence from school, e.g. certain days/activities?
- ? Does your child regularly say they don't want to go to school, or reluctant/delaying going to school?
- ? Does your child struggle with changes to environment, routine or stimulus?
- ? Are there physical symptoms on school days e.g. tummy aches, feeling sick, headaches?

(NB please always check with a GP to rule out any medical cause or illness).



WHAT TO DO

- 1. Ask for a meeting with your child's school involving someone who knows your child e.g. class teacher, pastoral lead, SENCo. Be prepared by taking along any notes about the things your child finds difficult.
- 2. Work together with school to build a child centred plan that understands the underlying problems which are making your child feel anxious about going to school. This could include adjustments to help your child access their education. There are tools which can help such as [Hertfordshire's EBSNA Framework](#)
- 3. Include your child's voice in any plan as they are more likely to be able to stick to it. Check in after a while and review it with your school to see what is working well and what is not.
- 4. Do advocate for your child's needs but also understand the limitations as to what your school might be able to do.
- 5. If the agreed strategies are not working, speak again with your school to identify other services and professionals that might be able to support your child. The [Herts Hub](#) has a wealth of mental health signposting and ideas for early help.



STRATEGIES TO TRY AT HOME

- ✓ Develop a plan for the evenings, which can include calming activities before bedtime e.g. gentle music, bath, story or reading.
- ✓ Also plan for the morning, and where possible get things ready for the next day the night before (school bag, lunch box etc).
- ✓ Make a diary which includes your child's worries and also identifies positives and what works well.
- ✓ Respond with empathy whilst encouraging small, manageable steps.
- ✓ Visual timetables at home and school might also help.

REMEMBER...

- 1. With the right plan in place, being in school supports your child's academic progress, social development and mental wellbeing.
- 2. Small steps are often big wins.
- 3. ...also ensure that you find ways to support your own wellbeing in the process.

World Warriors

The World Warriors busied themselves last half term writing letters to various garden centres asking them to join in with our sustainability project through donations.

B&Q Watford responded and donated among many other useful items; some vegetable plants.

The World Warriors were thrilled today to plant these in the wheelbarrows outside the Y5 block with the help of Mr Jones. Seeing our vision starting to come to life is so exciting and fulfilling!



Year 5 Visit to Cassiobury Park

As part of our Geography study of rivers, we have arranged a visit to Cassiobury Park Educational Hub on **Friday 19th June**. The children will have the opportunity to conduct a river study – they will recap the water cycle and the journey of a river, they will visit the local river and undertake simple experiments, and then visit the nearby canal and compare/contrast the two water bodies.

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

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

Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. To further enhance the children's learning, we have arranged a day in school where we will be exploring how children were evacuated at the start of World War 2. This will be on **Tuesday 9th June** and will be held at Ashfield.

We would like to request that children dress up as a child from WW2, in school uniform as would have been worn by evacuees. There is no need to go out and buy a costume and a typical list of World War Two dress is listed on the letter that was previously sent out to parents.

The Elms Sport in Schools - Spring Term 2026 Leaderboard Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Tennis Leaderboard

Joe (4V) for coming in 2nd place. Well done!

Multi Sports Leaderboard

Aidan (4V) for coming in 2nd place. Well done!



Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory Museum

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. We have arranged a visit to Bentley Priory Museum, the Headquarters of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, on **Wednesday 17th June** to support our learning in this area. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.30am. The children need to wear their school uniform and suitable footwear.

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

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

Manor Adventure 2027

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 £285.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 5th June 2026**. 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 29th May 2026.

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

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

Games Day

It is an Ashfield tradition that the last Friday before the summer half-term is Games Day. Games Day is a celebration of sport where children get to experience eight different sports throughout the whole day. This year children participated in cricket, rounders, hockey, handball, tennis, badminton, tag rugby and volleyball. The weather was fantastic – more suited to a day at the beach with a bucket and spade – than a huge sporting occasion, but the children donned their hats, layered on the sun-cream and filled their water bottles and got on with a fabulous day of sport. I know that all of the children had a great time!

Throughout the day, the teachers were watching their classes carefully to see which children were best demonstrating fair play – a value we place great importance on at Ashfield – in each sport. They were also watching for children who best represented our school values: Resilience, Respect, Cooperation and Kindness. Each fair play and school value winner received a certificate which included their classes Games Day medal competition winner.

I would like to thank Mr Jones and all the coaches from the Elms who help make the day such a success and I am already looking forward to next year's Games Day - though a little bit less heat would be welcome!

Mr Hardy.

The list of fair play winners and school value certificate winners is below.

3AC Fair Play Winners: Clark, Mia, Ruben, Jacob, Cara, Kayla, Haasini, Sienna.

Respect: Ruhi, **Cooperation:** Grace, **Resilience:** Omari, **Kindness:** Eli.

3M Fair Play Winners: Jess, Zak, Reuben, Rose, Armina, Sebastian, Oakley, Eliska.

Respect: Cihan, **Cooperation:** Isla, **Resilience:** Kiaana, **Kindness:** Husayan.

4C Fair Play Winners: Eirnin, Grayson, Jack H, Leia, Tammy, Jack P, Dennis, Percy.

Respect: Vedika, **Cooperation:** Ivory, **Resilience:** Isla, **Kindness:** Leo.

4V Fair Play Winners: Hugo B, Joe, Ella, Ritaj, Alana, Emily, Rose, Nikola.

Respect: Olivia, **Cooperation:** George Cr, **Resilience:** George Cu, **Kindness:** Aiden.

5D Fair Play Winners: Nandini, William, Dillon, Tristan, Bella, Skyla, Charlotte, Zayn.

Respect: Crina, **Cooperation:** Darien, **Resilience:** Zahra, **Kindness:** Matilda.

5C Fair Play Winners: Adam, Hanzala, Ella, Abi, Stanley, Grace, River, Sophia.

Respect: Emma, **Cooperation:** Erik, **Resilience:** Cian, **Kindness:** Edie.

6K Fair Play Winners: Maya, Jack, Matthew, Muhammad, Elijah, Myla, Mia-Neveah, Veronika.

Respect: Nathaniel, **Cooperation:** Eashan, **Resilience:** Iya, **Kindness:** Louise.

6H Fair Play Winners: Lunan, Joseph, Hawler, Grace, Alex, Millie, Daisy, Zara.

Respect: Elizabeth, **Cooperation:** Swayam, **Resilience:** Leo, **Kindness:** Ayla.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be starting our new unit on writing instructional texts to inform our reader.

Maths: We are starting a new unit on multiplying multiples of 10 (calculations such as 20 x 4 and 30 x 5) and recognising the effect this has on the size of the answer.

Computing: We will be using our editing skills to create an informative document about our trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Year 4

English: We will be writing our story settings and generating ideas for our narrative.

Maths: We are looking at triangles and angles.

Geography: We will be looking at the formation of mountains

Year 5

English: We will be completing our reading and punctuation & grammar summer assessments this week.

Maths: We will continue our Area unit this week and we will complete the arithmetic and reasoning assessment tests.

History: We will be learning about some of the famous pharaohs from Ancient Egypt

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be editing our fairy tale and then creating a mythical creature inspired by Spiderwick and Mrs Kothary's group will be using subject specific vocabulary to enhance our balanced argument.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring pie charts and Mrs Kothary's Group will be the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals.

History: We will be exploring evacuees in WW2 through our evacuee day.

Science: We will be exploring the different types of blood vessels in the human body.

Performance: We will be rehearsing our poems and songs for our leavers' show.

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 |
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| RED | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad | Beef Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn and Cucumber Salsa | Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad | Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce |
| GREEN | Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice | Spaghetti and Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce | Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, | Cheesy Broccoli Frittata 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.

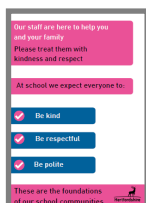
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Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday 9th June | Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day |
| Thursday 11th June | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 16th June | Father's Day Pick and Pack |
| Wednesday 17th June | Year 6 Visit to Bentley Priory |
| Friday 19th June | Year 5 Trip to Cassiobury Park |
| w/c Monday 29th June | Year 6 Cycling Proficiency |
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