



Ashfield Junior School

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

6th December 2024

Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy week at Ashfield as we prepare for the final few weeks of the Autumn Term. Next week, there will be a lot of lovely activities and events. We are all very excited about watching the Year 3 Christmas performance next week. We also have the 4M Cornet performance on Tuesday. On Wednesday, ASHA have organised the Secret Santa! On Friday we have the open morning and open afternoon. This will give you an opportunity to see your child's work. We look forward to seeing you all! Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado

Attendance - Absence of Leave

Please note that we have made a change to our systems should you request leave of absence for your child during term time. Going forward, please contact the school office and they will provide you with a form that will need to be completed. This form can be completed by hand or electronically and returned to the school office.



A very happy birthday to: Yuna (6H), River (4V), Sophie (3AC), Antonia (6H), Ibrahim (6H), Emelie (5G) & Tristan (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.8%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.1%** 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.

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: Jack (3L) and Hugo H (3AC)

Year 4: Rose (4M) and Cian (4V)

Year 5: Douglas (5D) and Louise (5G)

Year 6: Antonia, Eva, Billie, Scarlet, Freya, Hana (6H) and Ella K, Evelyn and Florence (6K)

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	-	156
Blackman	-	164
Fiennes	-	154
Storey	-	176

Well done to Storey

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

Year 4: Darien & Charlotte (4M) and Grace (4V)

Year 5: Amelia P (5D) and Nathaniel (5G)

Year 6: Rohan (6H) and Mia (6H)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Rhiannon (4M)** who joined up with 20 other adults and children at the Watford Cycle Hub to cycle around King George IV playing fields 300 times to raise money for Children in Need. They raised over £230. Well done!

Rhiannon also was awarded a Rainbow Distance certificate for completing 15 metres in the swimming pool. Well done!

Congratulations to **Isabella (3AC)** who was awarded her Yellow belt in Jitsu. Well done!

Autumn Term Dates

We would like to share with you all, a few things that are coming up this term.

Tuesday 10th December - 4M Cornet Performance for parents at 9.05am.

Wednesday 11th December - Year 3 Christmas Production for Parents at 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December - Secret Santa Rooms

Friday 13th December - Open classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and look through your child's books. We will have one session from 9:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

Monday 16th December - Staff and pupils have been invited to St James' Church to sing a few Christmas carols (no parents).

Wednesday 18th December - Children will be invited to wear a festive jumper and enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch

Uniform Focus

Children are allowed to wear a watch to school but this must be an analogue watch. As part of our Mobile Phone Policy, children are not allowed to wear a 'smart' watch to school.

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.

Where payment has not been fully made, we will refund any money already paid, minus the non-refundable deposit and cancel the place.

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

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be having an open morning and afternoon on **Friday 13th December**. This will give you an opportunity to come into your child's class and look through your child's books. The morning session will be from 9:00am to 9:30am and the afternoon session will be from 2:30pm to 3:00pm.

As there is limited space in our Year 3 classrooms, parents will need to book a place using the School Cloud system <https://ashfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Please be advised, that there are only 15 places in each class for both the morning and afternoon session. Booking a time slot will secure you a place and you will be able to attend the whole half-hour session.

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](#)

The Elms February Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the February 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 7th October 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25

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/>

4M Swimming Lessons

On **Monday 6th January** 4M children will be going swimming and will need to bring their swimming kit including a towel in a waterproof bag to school. Children can still wear their PE Kit on a Monday as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool. They should still wear PE kit on a Friday as usual. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

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

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

End of Autumn Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **1:30pm** on **Friday 20th December** and return to school on **Monday 6th January** for the Spring Term.

Safeguarding - School Lane

We have been working hard on road safety to safeguard our children. Unfortunately, there has been another near miss on School Lane this week involving an Ashfield child. It is important to keep **ALL** our children safe. If you drive to school, please be more careful on School Lane and also when letting children out of the car please help them cross the road safely.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish for the Autumn Term as below:-

The Elms - Monday 9th December (Netball), Tuesday 10th December (Football), Wednesday 11th December (Tennis) and Thursday 12th December (Multisports).

Art Club - Wednesday 11th December (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 12th December (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 12th December

Dance Club - Friday 13th December

Jam Coding - Friday 13th December

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 end mid-January 2025.



Christmas Post Box

The Ashfield Post Box will be available for children who wish to send cards to their Ashfield friends. The children can post their cards at break time and lunchtime. Children should remember to put the full name and class of the child to whom they are sending the card. If they just write "Doris" on the card, the Year 6 post children will not know which class to deliver it to. The last day for posting is **Monday 16th December**.



Wednesday 11th December

£3.00 per gift (one per child)

Please transfer £3 so we can make sure there is enough gifts.

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23 - 05 - 80

Account Number: 48865658

With your child's name and class as reference.

Christmas Jumper Donation

If you have any freshly washed, good condition Christmas Jumpers that you no longer need or the children have grown out of and are happy to donate please can you bring into the school office by **Friday 13th December**.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our traditional meal will be on **Wednesday 18th December**. There will be music, festive hats, delicious food and laughter as staff get involved in serving the children! Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumper on Wednesday 18th December over their school uniform or PE kit.

St James Carol Concert

Children and staff will be walking to and from St. James' church on **Monday 16th December** for our Carol Concert (no parents). Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm, has a coat and appropriate footwear.

If your child normally does PE on a Monday, they should still come to school in their PE kit wearing a warm coat and trainers. 4V will still attend swimming.

Year 3 Christmas Performance

Year 3 will be Performing for parents and carers on **Wednesday 11th December at 1:45pm**. The school gates (bottom gate) will be open from 1:35pm for you to take your seats. I am really looking forward to this performance and looking forward to seeing you all there.

4M Cornet Performance

This year, Class 4M have been learning the cornet with our fantastic music teacher, Ms Oliver. They would like to show off their skills and hold a performance for parents on **Tuesday 10th December at 9:05am**. The performance will be about 30 minutes long. If you are interested in attending, please enter the school at the lower gate from 9:00am where you will be escorted to the performance.



"What's On?" IN THE AREA



atria Visit Santa and the Wishmas Owl Watford

Whisper your wishes to the magical Wishmas Owl at Atria, Watford's new festive adventure with **Santa and the Woodland Elves**. This free attraction is **running from 30th November to 24th December** (dates and times vary) and is the most magical Christmas experience for families to enjoy. [Book](#) your free ticket today.

For more details click on link below:

[Wishmas Owl | Atria Watford: Shopping Centre, Watford](#)



Three Rivers District Council presents the exciting Christmas Trail at Leavesden Country Park

Starting Monday, 2 December, families can embrace the festive spirit outdoors by tackling the **Santa Needs You Challenge Trail**. Solve riddles and puzzles at 10 stops scattered across the park's North and South sections for a chance to win a prize.

Running until Wednesday, 1 January 2025, the trail is entirely free and designed for all ages to enjoy.

For more details click on link below:

[Take on the Santa Needs You Trail for festive fun and adventure | Leisure, parks and culture | Three Rivers District Council](#)

Fri 6th – Tues 31st Dec – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime



This year's panto at Watersmeet Theatre, High Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1EH, will certainly grow on you. Jack and the Beanstalk runs from **6th – 31st December 2024**.

To book click below

<https://www.watersmeet.co.uk/jack-and-the-beanstalk24>



Watford Palace Theatre

Company presents

ALADDIN

30 NOV - 31 DEC 2024

For further details click on link below:

[Aladdin - Watford Palace Theatre](#)



Santa Sleigh

Come along and meet Santa on **Saturday 7th December from 10am – 5pm**, at Tesco Superstore, Frogmoor Wharf, Harefield, road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1LX.

Local Christmas Fairs & Markets

- **Croxley Green Parish Council at Croxley Green Library** - Explore a variety of stalls offering handcrafted gifts, seasonal decorations, and unique treats while warming up with a cup of mulled wine. Indulge in delicious sweet treats and festive bakes as you soak in the lively atmosphere of music and twinkling lights. Visit the enchanting **Santa's Grotto**, where children can meet Father Christmas and share their Christmas wishes. **Saturday 7th December from 2.30pm – 6pm** - Barton Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, WD3 3HB.
- **Mill End Community Centre - Annual Christmas Market** on Saturday, **7th December from 2pm**— Old School Building, Church Lane, Mill End, Rickmansworth, WD3 8HD.
- **Reveley Lodge - Christmas Lights, Arts and Craft Fair**—**Saturday, 7th December 2-7pm** - Bespoke Art and Craft Christmas Gifts, Refreshments, Meet Father Christmas, Carols at 2.30pm and spectacular lights in the garden and around the house - 88, Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4GL
- **Rickmansworth Park JMI School** - Park Road, Rickmansworth WD3 1HU, will be holding its very first **Festive Christmas Market** on **Saturday 7th December from 3pm – 7pm**.
- **Royal Masonic School in Rickmansworth - Annual Christmas Fair** is back and better than ever! Join them on **Saturday 7th December 7th from 11am – 3pm** at the beautifully renovated Great Hall of the Royal Masonic School in Rickmansworth. Get ready for a festive shopping extravaganza, featuring a bustling marketplace perfect for students and local residents to enjoy.
- **Watford Festive Sunday Market - December 8, the Watford Sunday Market** will have a festive twist as it hosts a special Christmas Market. Still serving its produce and street food, there will be some extra stands selling Christmas goods.
- **Yorke Mead Primary School - Christmas Fun Day** - Christmas craft room, lucky dip, Santa's grotto and lots more at this Christmas fun day on **Saturday 14th December from 1pm – 4pm**, at Yorke Mead Primary School, Dulwich Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, WD3 3PX.

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will continue to write about fables

Maths: We will continue to subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers using mental strategies.

Year 3 will be performing their Christmas play to the school and parents.

Year 4

English: We will start a new unit, Star Bird by Sharon King Chai.

Maths: We will work on multiplying numbers by 10, 100, 1000

Science: We will investigate the different types of animal skulls and their teeth based on what they eat.

Year 5

English: We will be writing descriptive scenes from Tashi's perspective using beautiful and expressive language.

Maths: We will be learning how to use an efficient column method for multiplying 2/3-digit numbers by 2 digit numbers.

DT: we will be designing our own moving toys that have cam mechanisms.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's group will begin to write a short story inspired by Roald Dahl's autobiography - Boy. Mrs Kothary's group will continue exploring the zooming in and out technique as they use it to write about cake batter spilling.

Maths, Mr Hardy's group will continue to explore fractions, decimals and percentages. Mrs Kothary's group will consolidate rounding knowledge and start to use vocabulary around metric units and conversion.

History: We will be exploring the home front and the role of women in World War One.

Science: We will be exploring the process of evolution.

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	Macaroni Cheese	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Veggie Cottage Pie with Gravy	Hotpot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips and 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.					

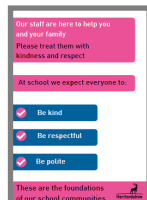
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11th December	Secret Santa Room
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)
Monday 16th December	St. James Carol Concert
Monday 16th December	Last 4V Swimming Lesson
Friday 13th December	Open Classroom
Friday 20th December	End of Term (1:30pm)