



Ashfield Junior School

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

6th February 2026

Headteacher's Message

In this week's assembly, we discussed **British Value** of **The Rule of Law** and how we promote in school. We help children understand why rules are important — they keep us safe, help everyone to be treated fairly, and create a positive environment for learning and play. Through class discussions, everyday routines, and our behaviour expectations, children learn that actions have consequences and that everyone, including adults, must follow the same rules. This helps pupils develop respect, responsibility, and a strong sense of right and wrong. It was good to see the children reflect on the importance of rules and extended this to talk about rules that they have at after-school clubs, libraries, museums and at home! Next week, we will be holding Parents Consultations. Please make sure that you have booked for either an online or face-to-face consultation with your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Blue (6H), Inayah (5C), Bradley (6K), Anna (4V), Muhammad (6K) and Raoul (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.9%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.3%** Well done!

A big well done to **6H** 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 **Jessica (3M)** who has completed Level 4 in swimming and is now moving on to Level 5. She is very proud. Well done!

Congratulations to **Erik (5C)** who has been awarded Player of the Day at his football club Titans. Well done!

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	-	149
Blackman	-	143
Fiennes	-	130
Storey	-	139

Well done to Attenborough

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: Archie (3AC) and Mason (3M)

Year 4: Jack H (4C) and Luna (4V)

Year 5: Inayah (5C) and Haruto and Darien (5D)

Year 6: Daisy (6H) and Muhammad (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: Matteo (3AC) and Karen (3M)

Year 4: Stella (4C) and Penny (4V)

Year 5: Bella (5D) and Whole of Class (5C)

Year 6: Jayda, Ralph, Murtada and Hawler (6H) and Anele, Marwa and Farzam (6K)

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.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Manor Adventure

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 13th February**. Please return the completed form to the School Office and remember to attach a recent photo.

If you require a copy of this form contact the school office and we will send one home with your child.

Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium

As part of our History topic relating to the Romans we have planned a visit to the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans on **Thursday 26th March**. The children will have the opportunity to handle genuine Roman artefacts to build a picture of daily life in the town; as well as visit the Hypocaust – an ancient underfloor heating system.

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

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

Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece and we have arranged a visit to the British Museum on **Thursday 5th March** to support our learning in these areas. At the Museum the children will have opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries.

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

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Parent Questionnaire

Please can you spend a few minutes to complete the parent questionnaire using the link provided.

<https://forms.gle/5GCWpWb61M5wpCa19>

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 13th February** for half term and return to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

Junior Bake Off

There are a few children who want to follow their North Star to become a chef or baker so they may be excited to hear that there is an opportunity to star on *Junior Bake Off* on Channel 4. Budding bakers need to be between **9-15 years old** and interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. Filming would take place from July 2026, but their **applications closes on Sunday 15th March 2026**. Please contact **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Parents' Consultations

Online Meetings: W/c 9th February. Online links will be sent out on **Friday 6th February at 5pm**. You are asked to join 5 minutes before your allocated time slot and will be kept in the waiting room. This will allow the teacher to see you are waiting and appointments can run smoothly.

Face to Face Meetings: Wednesday 11th February. Parents should enter the gate via the bottom gate on School Lane. Parents should proceed to the school hall and wait until they are called by their child's class teacher. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your appointment so that the afternoon can run smoothly.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th March at 2:40pm** which you are all warmly invited to.

Please enter via the lower gates and via the Year 6 double doors into the hall.

Collection of Children

Just a polite reminder that school closes at 3:20pm. Teachers will wait with children at the top gate until 3:30pm, before taking children to wait in the office area. Children being picked up after this time makes it difficult for staff to carry out their other roles and responsibilities.

Year 4 Roman Day

This term in History we are learning about the Romans' invasion in Britain, the Celtic rebellions, life in Britain under the Roman Empire and the Roman legacy.

On **Thursday 12th of February** Year 4 will be holding a Roman Day.

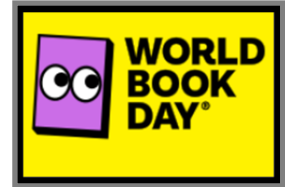
During our Roman Day in school, we will be celebrating our learning by hosting a range of Roman events and hands-on activities. The children are invited to dress up in ancient Roman style costume, though please do not spend a lot of money on any costumes. The Romans wore long togas with a brooch/belt and sandals. A white t-shirt with a rope or similar tied around the waist would also be suitable.

Parking



Please help keep our children safe and healthy by keeping School Lane and surrounding roads an idle free zone. Please reduce your emissions and turn of your ignitions! We also ask that you are respectful and considerate to our residents and park safely and not over driveways and on the dropped kerbs. Please do not leave children unattended in the car.

World Book Day 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We will not be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March this year as Year 5 children will be on a school trip. We will, however, be celebrating on **Wednesday 4th March!**

As this is the *National Year of Reading*, we will be focusing on **reading for pleasure** and taking this opportunity to get lost in books.

By popular demand, we will be having a 'cosy pyjama day' this year.

The children can come to school in their pyjamas or they may choose to just wear their comfiest stay-at-home-today clothes (e.g. tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt/ sweatshirt). For their indoor shoes, they may wear their slippers or house shoes. They can also bring in a pillow/cushion/blanket to make their reading time even more of a pleasure.

Throughout the day we will be hearing the 'reading bell' at which times we will all stop whatever we are doing, make ourselves comfortable and READ for pleasure. If your child is reading a book at home that they would like to read, please ensure they have the book in school on the day. We will also encourage the children to use our class libraries to be prepared for WBD.

In assembly, we will be sharing fairy-tales and bedtime stories with the children and teachers will provide fun and engaging activities for the children to complete in lessons.

Weather Matters:

*Ensure children have outdoor shoes (trainers) at school for play and lunchtime.

*Provide layers so that the children are prepared for cold or wet weather.

Please have a look at the World Book Day Family Hub for more activities to do at home. The site has a wealth of ideas and online resources about books should you wish to share some fun reading time with your children. The World Book Day link is <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day.

Thank you.

Miss Davison



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be finalising and publishing our descriptions for our dream jobs.

Maths: We will be continuing our Multiplication and Division Unit, we will look at doubling and halving numbers and how to split up multiplication questions we don't know (eg recognise that 7x5 equals 5x5 plus 2x5)

PE: We will be continuing with our Country and Western theme. We will be learning how to line dance.

Year 4

English: We will continue to look at information texts and the features included.

Maths: We will continue to look at properties of shape and begin to look at decimal numbers.

Art: We will be painting our still life pieces

Year 5

English: We will be writing descriptive paragraphs about a setting using figurative language, expanded noun phrases, and prepositional phrases to improve the imagery and language in our work.

Maths: We will be learning about equivalent fractions this week

Geography: We will be learning about some of the major rivers of the world and we will be reviewing the watercycle before learning about the features of a river.

Year 6

English: Mrs Kothary's Group will start a new writing topic on Balanced Arguments. We will analyse famous speeches to understand the features of Balanced Arguments. Mr Hardy's Group will begin a new unit based on Balanced Arguments and explore a range of famous speeches.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be beginning a new unit on Geometry. Mrs Kothary's Group will start to explore the links between percentages of amounts and fractions of amounts

Geography: We will be exploring the effects of deforestation on the Amazon Rainforest.

Art: We will continue to explore identity. We will use blind the collaging technique to express our own identities.

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
RED	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger with Potato Wedges	Veg Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty 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.					

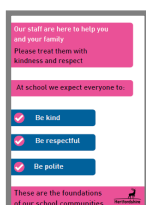
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Upcoming Events

w/c Monday 9th February	Parents' Consultations
Tuesday 10th February	4C Swimming
Thursday 12th February	Year 4 Roman Day
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 2nd March	Forces Club
Wednesday 4th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5th March	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March	Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium