



Ashfield Junior School

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

6th March 2026

Headteacher's Message

On Wednesday, we celebrated **World Book Day**, which was so much fun! It was lovely to see the children engaged in the reading activities and coming to school in their pyjamas and bedtime wear. I hope that the children use this as inspiration to continue reading for pleasure inside and outside of school. In this week's assembly, I focused on the nine **Protected Characteristics** and how these link to the **British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance**. Whilst this was new learning for many of our Year 3 children, it was encouraging to see a lot of children in Years 4 to 6 recall the protected characteristics and explain why they are important. We will continue learning about different forms of discrimination and equality over the next few weeks. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Elijah (6K), Iya (6K) and Penny (4V)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **97%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **5C** 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 **Reuben G (3M)** who was awarded player of the week at Watford Rugby Club at the weekend. Reuben is playing for the Under 9's team. Reuben and Jack P will also be playing in the Hertfordshire tournament this weekend. 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	-	127
Blackman	-	132
Fiennes	-	144
Storey	-	140

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: Matteo (3AC) and Zakariyyah (3M)

Year 4: Aidan (4V) and Meila (4C)

Year 5: Joel (5D) and Stanley (5C)

Year 6: Ralph (6H) and Anele (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: Mia (3AC) and Rory (3M)

Year 4: All of Class of 4V and Alice and Isla (4C)

Year 5: Sophia (5D) and Sophia (5C)

Year 6: Rhea (6H) and Nathaniel (6K)

The Elms Easter Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the Easter 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 20th March 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBEAST26**

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/>

Achievements

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

Achievements must be received in the office no later than Thursday morning to be included in Fridays assembly and newsletter.

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](#)

4V Cornet Concert

This year, Class 4V 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 17th March 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.

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.

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 under-floor heating system. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

Year 3 Visit to St James' Church

As part of our RE topic, Year 3 will be visiting St James' Church to learn more about how Easter is celebrated in a Christian Church on **Wednesday 18th March**. The children and staff will walk there and back, so there will be no charge for the visit.

3AC will leave at 9.10am and 3M at 10.10am.

Lunch and after school arrangements will not be affected on this day. Children will wear their school uniform, but may need suitable extra clothes according to the weather on the day. We require a small number of helpers. If you are available to help on the day of the trip please contact the school office by email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk. We will confirm whether or not we need your help on **Wednesday 11th March**.

4C Water Survival

Swimming and water safety is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education.

On **Tuesday 24th March** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or an old t-shirt plus elasticated waist shorts and a plastic bag to put them in afterwards **along with their usual swimming kit**.

After School Clubs

Please look out for the booking forms for the Summer Term after school clubs which will be coming out over the next few weeks.

End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm on Friday 27th March** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Monday 13th April**.

World Book Day

World Book Day was a success! Look out for more information and photos next week.



ASHA PRESENTS OUR NEW

MOTHER'S DAY

Pick and Pack Shop

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

Each child will get the opportunity to take home gifts for their loved one

Please contribute £3.50 per child to the ASHA account
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sort code: 23-05-80

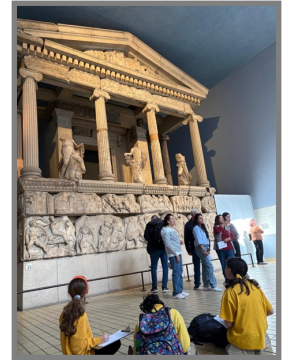
Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

We will be taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting, and cycling to school challenge. Encourage your children to take part on as many days as possible between **16th to 27th March**.



Year 5 Trip to The British Museum

Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece and visited The British Museum on Thursday. At the Museum the children had the opportunity to learn more about Ancient Greece by exploring the Galleries. We would like to thank all the parent helpers for giving up their time to come along and support us.



Eco Council

Mr Jones and the Year 3, 4 and 5 Eco Councillors have been working hard this week at lunchtime planting Sunflower and wild flower seeds!



After School Clubs

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

The Elms - Monday 23rd March (Netball), Tuesday 24th March (Football), Wednesday 25th March (Tennis) and Thursday 26th March (Multisports)

Art Club - Wednesday 25th March (Year 3 & 4) and Thursday 19th March (Year 5 & 6)

Mock Transfer - Thursday 19th March

Jam Coding - Friday 20th March

Chess - Monday 16th March

Drama - Friday 20th March

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
3:20PM ONWARDS
LOCATION TBC

YEAR 5- PLEASE SEND ALL
CAKES INTO SCHOOL BY
MONDAY 16 MARCH



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What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing setting descriptions about the tea party scene in Alice in Wonderland.

Maths: We will be starting a new unit on written subtraction. We will learn how to subtract without regrouping and move on to calculations requiring regrouping

Geography: We will be starting our new unit on 'Europe'.

Year 4

English: We will start to look at our new unit of creative writing based on the text 'Leon and the Place Between.'

Maths: We will start to look at our new unit of creative writing based on the text 'Leon and the Place Between.'

RE: We will be looking at how Christians follow the example set by Jesus.

Year 5

English: We will be writing a descriptive cyclical story in the style of The Promise, applying all our learning from the unit to our final piece.

Maths: We will be working on equivalent fractions where the denominators are different.

History: We will be sculpting clay pots based on what we have seen and learnt about Ancient Greek pottery.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be writing and editing their persuasive speech.

Mrs Kothary's Group will be using their collective facts and stats to write a persuasive speech.

Maths: Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring different types of angles and finding missing values within shapes.

Mrs Kothary's Group will be adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

Geography: We will be finishing our projects comparing the UK with a South American country.

Art: We will be completing our collaged self-portraits.

RE: We will be learning about Wesak and why it is important to Buddhists.

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 Lasange with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Autumn Vegetable Lasange	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.					

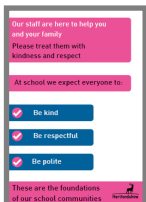
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th March	4V Cornet Concert
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting
Wednesday 18th March	Year 3 Visit to St. James Church
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 Water Survival Activity
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March	Year 6 Trip to Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 Trip to The Verulamium
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term (1:30pm)
Monday 13th April	Start of the Summer Term