



Ashfield Junior School

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

7th February 2025

Headteacher's Message

As part of our **British Values** assembly this week, we focused on **The Rule of Law**. The rule of law is basically what keeps our society together and what helps us live a happy life. We discussed the importance of rules in school and how the law has shaped our society. Wherever we are, rules are put in place to keep us safe and to ensure that everyone is treated fairly. It was positive to hear the children explain rules in school and how following rules will prepare them to be responsible citizens of the U.K. Next week, we have parents consultations (online and face to face). Please make sure that you book your appointment.

Have a nice weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Blue (5D), Inayah (4V), Bradley (5G), Anna (3L), Muhammad (5G) and Raoul (4M)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **95.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

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

A big well done to **3L** 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.

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 - 159
Blackman - 141
Fiennes - 146
Storey - 150

Well done to Attenborough

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Isabella (3AC)** who has passed her Stage 3 in swimming. Well done!

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: Olivia W (3L) and Vedika (3AC)

Year 4: Darien and William (4M)

Abi and Emma (4V)

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

Year 6: Layah (6H) and Bella (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: Vihaan (3AC) and Maria (3L)

Year 4: Rhiannon (4M) and Khushi (4V)

Year 5: Sean (5D) and Gracie (5G)

Year 6: Cassian (6H) and Poppy (6K)

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 February 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP25

All siblings receive a 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/>

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

To support with the Secondary Transfer process there will be a meeting where Mr Dourado will be sharing information to Year 5 parents and carers on **Wednesday 19th 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 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 13th 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.

Manor Adventure

The deadline for returning the Parental Consent form for Manor Adventure is **Friday 14th 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.

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](#)

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 14th February** for half term. Children return to school on **Monday 24th February**.

Parents' Consultations

Online Meetings: W/c 10th February. Online links will be sent out on **Friday 7th February**. 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 12th 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.



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 off your ignitions! We also ask that you are 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

Copies of Steven Vinacour's books will be available to buy through the school, and Steven will be signing these for the children on World Book Day **Thursday 6th March**. Please remember to **complete and return the permission slip** along with **exact amount of money by Friday 28th February in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class**

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 **Wednesday 5th 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>

School Blog

We have created a School Blog which will help us to share photos and news. You can view the blog by visiting the home page on the school website. A link to the blog is on the 'noticeboard'. We hope that you find this useful [School Blog](#)

Caterlink School Meal Accounts

Accounts should always be kept in credit and payments should be made directly to your child's Caterlink. As a reminder, meals cost £3.00 each day and dinner money is payable in advance. Please contact the school office if you require your login details.

From April 2025 the meal price will increase to £3.08 per meal.

https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in

PE and Earrings

If your child wears earrings at school (small studs) then please either provide tape to cover them up for PE or ensure that your child can remove their own earrings. **School will not be able to provide tape each week or remove earrings.**

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing to write our stories set in our own imaginary wonderland.

Maths: We will be moving on to multiplication and division.

Art: We will be designing our sculptures based on an Alice in Wonderland character.

Year 4

English: We are going to write a newspaper report based on the 'Real-Life Mysteries' book, using direct speech.

Maths: We are going to learn how to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

History: We are looking forward to celebrating Roman Day on Thursday next week.

Year 5

English: We will be using expanded noun phrases and relative clauses to write a descriptive paragraph showing the contrast between the city before and after the girl begins planting her acorns.

Maths: We will be using equivalence and simplification to order and compare fractions.

Art: We will be designing and making Greek Vases. We will create coil pots using clay which will be fired in the kiln and then painted in the colours and patterns we saw on the pots in the British Museum.

Year 6

English: Mr Hardy's Group will be writing our descriptive piece of writing inspired by Wisp using the techniques we have learnt in previous weeks. Mrs. Kothary's group will complete our narrative inspired by Wisp and then begin to explore persuasive writing techniques and structure.

Maths: Mr Hardy's group will be exploring reflecting and translating in a 4 quadrant grid. Mrs. Kothary's group will start to learn about using the 4 operations with fractions.

Art: We will continue to create our collaged portraits.

Geography: We will be exploring climate change and how it is affecting South America.

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.

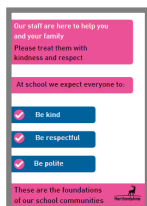
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Mexican Fajitas with Rice	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll 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

Monday 10th February	Forces Club
Monday 10th February	Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)
w/c Monday 10th February	Parent's Consultations
Thursday 13th February	Year 4 Roman Day
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day