



Ashfield Junior School

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

7th June 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the last half-term! We 'kicked off' the week with a fantastic football skills workshop led by Ash Randall. Children (and staff) really enjoyed this workshop where they learnt some new skills. There was an underlying **growth mindset** message in Ash's assembly, and he talked about the hours of **practise, perseverance**, embracing **challenges, hard work** and **determination** needed to succeed and achieve a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Click on our school blog for some photos - [School Blog – Ashfield Junior School](#). Next week, we have our joint summer fair which will be held at Merry Hill Infants. ASHA and the FOMH are desperately looking for some parent volunteers to run some of the stalls. If you can spare 30 minutes (or longer) to support, it would be gratefully appreciated. Without your support, some of the stalls or activities will not be able to go ahead as planned. If you wish to volunteer, please email the ASHA team on ashacommitee@gmail.com. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Harriet (4V) and Poppy (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.6%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to Year **4V** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.5%** Well done!

A big well done to Year **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.

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	-	144
Blackman	-	168
Fiennes	-	145
Storey	-	137

Well done to Blackman

Special Achievements

Congratulations to **Alina (5D)** who came joint 2nd on the Spring Term Multisport after school club leader board. Well done!

Congratulations to **Kai (5D)** who has achieved 2nd place in the Driathlon UK Competition and has also completed Stage 3 Sailing at Bury Lake Young Mariners Sailing Club and will join their performance team in the summer. Well done!

Congratulations to **Izzy (5D)** for completing her stair-climbing challenge at the Vicarage Road Stadium where she had to climb up and down the stairs to support Watford FC Trust raising money for local charities. Well done!

Congratulations to **Charlotte (4M)** for reaching Level 6 in her swimming lessons. 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: Zach (3AC) and Roman (3L)

Year 4: Elizabeth (4M) and Hussain (4V)

Year 5: Ellis (5A) and Aquil (5D)

Year 6: Zoe (6H) and Louis and Vithuran (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: Abigail (3AC) and Sonny (3L)

Year 4: Bella (4M) and William (4V)

Year 5: Chloe (5A) and Kyran (5D)

Year 6: Charlie J (6H) and Isaac (6H)

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: 22nd July to 26th July

Week 2: 29th July to 2nd August

Week 3: 5th August to 9th August

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 12th July 2024** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day(s), will receive a **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

NHS Discount

Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

Booking Hotline: 0208 8954 8787

Book Online: <https://www.theelms.co.uk/>
<https://www.ashfield.herts.sch.uk/extra-curricular-activities/sports-clubs/>

Father's Day Secret Room

Wednesday 12th June

£3.00 per child (1 gift each)

Please send payment to:

Ashfield School and Home Association

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account Number: 48865658

Year 5 Visit to The Tate Modern

As part of our Art curriculum, we have arranged an art appreciation visit to The Tate Modern on **Wednesday 26th June**. The children will have opportunity to explore the permanent collection displays and complete activities that encourage them to interact with different forms of art.

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

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

Sports Day (Postponed)

It is with regret to inform you that I have made a decision to postpone Sports Day on Thursday 13th June. I thought it would be best to inform as early as possible so you have time to rearrange your plans. With the recent wet weather we have had, parts of our field (including the top field around Year 3, the bank and three lanes on the running track) have not dried out sufficiently.

Therefore, Sports Day will now go ahead on our reserve date on **Thursday 20th June**. It has been a difficult summer term so far as the weather has prevented us from using the field for P.E. lessons and breaktimes. Hopefully, we will have a run of sunny and hot weather over the next couple of weeks so that we can go still go ahead with Sports Day and also use the playing fields as we normally do.

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 12th 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>

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 19th June**.

If your child has PE on a **Wednesday**, please send them into school in their school uniform with their PE kits in named bags on this occasion only.

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 14th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint the has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

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

Year 6 Uniform - September 2024

Please note that the Year 6 uniform will be the same as the rest of School apart from a Year 6 tie which will be provided by ASHA at the Year 6 Tie Assembly in September.

Non-School Uniform Day

To support the Summer Fair, we will be having a non-school uniform day on **Friday 14th June**. ASHA are asking parents and carers to kindly donate the following:

Friday 14th June: Chocolate / Sweets

Please bring your donations in on the day!

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024
11AM - 2PM
Summer Fair

£1 ENTRY FOR ADULTS

Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van
Firetruck, Live Brass Band
Raffle, Splat the Rat, Donut Competition
BBQ, Welly Wanging
Face Painting, Tattoos and much more!

MERRY HILL INFANTS SCHOOL FIELD

ASHA Friends of Merry Hill

Tokens on sale at the school gates week commencing 10th of June

ASHA AND FOMH Summer Fair

Save the Date! The Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 15th June** from **11pm to 2pm**.

The fair will be cash-free once more and ASHA will be selling tokens on the lower gate each morning from Monday 10th June. Please contact ASHA directly on the email below if you do not drop your child at school and they will advise you how you can purchase tokens.

ashacommittee@gmail.com

Without your support the fair cannot go ahead so we are asking for volunteers. Please click on the link below to sign up for a stall and time slot.

<https://volunteersignup.org/E9PA3>

Games Day 2024

This year's Games Day was another fantastic success and the children all had fun playing the range of sports.

The following is a list of all the winners from each class of our certificates for Fair Play and the School Values: Cooperation, Kindness, Respect and Resilience.

3L

Fair Play: Jessica, Adam, Darien, Crina, Bella, Ava, Grace, Anna

Resilience: Finnley, **Respect:** Inayah, **Cooperation:** Cian, **Kindness:** Zaynab

3AC

Fair Play: Ineya, Stanley, Penny, Kyle, Alma, Ella, Abigail, Lily.

Resilience: Kena, **Respect:** River, **Cooperation:** Tristan, **Kindness:** Emma

4M

Fair Play: Ridley, Maisie, Millie, Charles, Ayla, Muhammad, Elizabeth, Jack

Resilience: Farzam, **Respect:** Louise, **Cooperation:** Charlotte, **Kindness:** Swayam

4V

Fair Play: Amelia P, Joseph, Myla, Nathaniel, Alice, Sean, Harriet, Reyan

Resilience: Emily, **Respect:** Lunan. **Cooperation:** Emma, **Kindness:** Tyaan

5D

Fair Play: Florence, Oliver, Kyle, Izzy, Alina, Charlotte, Kit, Kyran

Resilience: Mason, **Respect:** Leo, **Cooperation:** Hollie, **Kindness:** Poppy

5A

Fair Play: Raiden, Eva, Ibrahim, Chester, Hana, Seren, Gigi, Ferdaws

Resilience: Rohan, **Respect:** Yuna, **Cooperation:** Oscar, **Kindness:** Caitlin

6H

Fair Play: Noah, Maya, Ali, Finley, Georgie, Zoe, Joseph, Zach

Resilience: Matias, **Respect:** Dana. **Cooperation:** Jessica, **Kindness:** Lily

6K

Fair Play: Emily K, Aaron, Taiki, Bertie, Jasmine, Esmae, Logan, Niamh

Resilience: George, **Respect:** Jacob, **Cooperation:** Colette and Isabella, **Kindness:** Louis

DSPL9 Parent and 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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E-86UDHFG8msdRd0AC8H3oa-QPbOFOQ9/view>

This can also be found on our [website](#)

Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to send a water bottle (clearly labelled with your child's name) to school each day. Children will have the opportunity to refill if they need to and staff will be reminding them about the importance of remaining hydrated.

Please also make sure that the children have a hat for break and lunchtime in warm weather.

Summer Dates:

There are lots of important dates and events happening in the Summer Term.

Wednesday 12th June	-	Fathers' Day Secret Rooms
Thursday 13th June	-	Sports Day (PM) (POSTPONED)
Friday 14th June	-	Non-uniform Day - Bring chocolates / sweets for the Tombola
Saturday 15th June	-	Merry Hill & Ashfield Summer Fair (at Merry Hill)
Wednesday 19th June	-	Class Photos
Thursday 20th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Monday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet new teacher
Wednesday 10th July	-	Open Evening (5.00pm to 6.30pm)
Wednesday 10th July	-	Year 6 given leaver's hoodies and can start to wear on 11th July
Thursday 11th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 12th July	-	Reports go home
Friday 12th July	-	Year 3 to visit Merry Hill Infants to watch the Year 2 performance
Monday 15th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly for parents at 9.15am
Friday 19th July	-	Year 6 Leaver's Picnic (all children to bring packed lunch)
Friday 19th July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Manor Adventure 2025

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 £278.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 7th June 2024**. 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 31st May 2025.

Football Skills Workshop

What a fantastic way to start the last half-term. On Monday, we invited Ash Randall to deliver an assembly and workshop to teach them some football skills! We had a lot of fun learning some new tricks and skills. Ash also talked to children about having a growth mindset as it has taken A LOT of hours practising the skills, determination, hard work, perseverance and resilience to become a Guinness Book of Records holder for freestyle football [Ash Randall – Freestyle Footballer & Guinness World Record Holder \(ashfreestyle.com\)](https://www.ashfreestyle.com) We hope that our children will be inspired by Ash and achieve their dreams and having a growth mindset.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be continuing with our local Study of Bushey.

Maths: We will finish our time unit, working on calculating time durations in hours and minutes. We will then start a division unit, practising sharing and grouping and relating division facts to our times tables knowledge.

DT: We are designing our cushions.

Year 4

English: We will be writing persuasive paragraphs based on the book *The Day I Swapped my dad for Two Goldfish*.

Maths: We will continue practising long and short multiplication with regrouping.

Science: We will be discussing electricity and power sources.

Year 5

English: We will be using precise vocabulary to annotate illustrations showing 'bluchers' from our book *Boy in the Tower*.

Maths: We will be multiplying fractions next week.

History: We will be learning about how the ancient Egyptians practised their religion and about their gods and goddesses.

Year 6

English: Mrs. Kothary's group will work on building cohesion and varying sentence starters in a non-chronological report. Mr Hardy's group will be starting to write reports about Sprites, inspired by our book *Spiderwick*

Maths: Mrs. Kothary's group will continue working on the properties of 2D shapes. Mr Hardy's group will be exploring real world problems involving money, 4 operations and percentages.

Art: We will continue to draft our posters, adding texture to them.

History: We will be exploring rationing in WW2.

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 £2.80 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Carbonara Pasta with Toppings	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Beef Lasage with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges and Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Chips and Tomato Sauce
BLUE	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.					

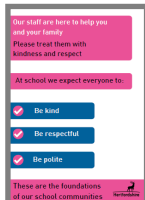
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Upcoming Events

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Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 19th June	Class Photographs
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern