



# Ashfield Junior School

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

7th March 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It has been a very busy and fun week at Ashfield. On Monday, Year 5 had the **Knex Challenge** which they really enjoyed. The children used a range of **Design and Technology** skills to build a fairground ride. It was an excellent, fun workshop which challenged children's perseverance and resilience. Well done to the winning teams and all the children that took part. On Thursday, we celebrated **World Book Day**, which was so much fun! Thank you to ASHA for paying for the author visit and workshop for the school. Steven Vinacour's workshop was very entertaining and captured the children's imagination. Thank you for supporting your child with their costume. In this week's assembly, I focused on explaining the **9 Protected Characteristics** and how these link to the **British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance**. We will continue learning about different forms of **discrimination and equality** over the next few weeks.

Mr Dourado



**A very happy birthday to:** Elijah (5D), Iya (5G) and Penny (3L)

## Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.5%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5D** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **99.5%** Well done!

A big well done to **4V** 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.

## 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: Isla F (3AC) and Percy (3L)**

**Year 4: Yasna (4M) and Finnley (4V)**

**Year 5: Kaelan (5G) and Mia-Nevaeh (5D)**

**Year 6: Bella (6K) and Kai (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 - 153

Blackman - 155

**Fiennes - 173**

Storey - 166

**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: Lev (3AC) and Ella V (3L)**

**Year 4: Kena (4M) and Alma (4V)**

**Year 5: Amelia P and Millie (5D) & Bradley (5G)**

**Year 6: Ellis (6H) and Kyle (6K)**

## The Elms Easter 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 28th March 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBEAS25.

### 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/>

## 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 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.

## End of Spring Term

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **1:30pm** on **Friday 4th April** for the Easter break. Children return to school for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

## World Book Day

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

## 4M Water Survival Activity

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 **Monday 17th March** the children will be taking part in a water survival activity at swimming. Please send an old pair of pyjamas (long trousers) or track suit bottoms and a T-shirt **along with their usual swimming kit**.

## 4V Cornet Performance

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 18th 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.

## 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](#)

## Mother's Day Secret Room

### Wednesday 26th March

£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 Knex Challenge

Year 5 students on Monday 3rd March explored how to design and create a moveable fairground ride, there were some amazing creations!

Congratulations to the following children whose designs won.

**Charlotte and Amelia K (5D) and Kaelan, Bradley and Emily (5G)**



## Year 4 trip to Verulamium Museum

Year 4 have had a great day visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. The children had the opportunity to explore the museum galleries - The Rites and Recreation area, The Merchants and Market area, the Making a Living gallery, and to handle some Roman artefacts. We have also examined the Hypocaust (underfloor heating system) and the floor mosaics.



## The Elms Sport in Schools - Autumn 2024 Leaderboard Winners



Congratulations to the following students:

### Multisports Leaderboard

**Zayn (4M)** for coming in 3rd place. Well done!

### Tennis Leaderboard

**Joseph (5D)** for coming in 5th place. Well done!



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### PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS 2025

For all parents/carers of children with SEND

- TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11.15AM -12.45PM
  - WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 10AM -11.30AM
  - THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 10AM -11.30AM
- ASDA WATFORD COMMUNITY ROOMS  
ST ALBANS RD, WATFORD WD24 7RT

Please join the DSPL9 Triage team to find out about the support available locally and to meet other parents and carers of children with SEND. We are delighted to also be welcoming professionals from Children and Young People's Mental Health Services, SPACE Herts and Add Vance.

If you would like to attend or to find out more please email us at-

[enquiries@dspl9.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dspl9.org.uk)

## Shrove Tuesday Assembly



The WST Pancake Day assembly was an engaging and educational event for the children. They learned about the origins of pancake races and their connection to Shrove Tuesday. Some children even took part in a fun pancake race, bringing the tradition to life. The key message of the assembly was that Pancake Day marks the beginning of Lent for Christians, a time of self-control, reflection, and giving up something as a way to say sorry to God. The children were encouraged to think about their actions towards others and practice being more reflective. Overall, the assembly provided both learning and fun, making the significance of Lent more meaningful to the children.



## 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 **24th March to 4th April 2025**.

Thank you

## After School Clubs

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

## 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 your require your login details.

[https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign\\_in](https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/sign_in)

## Absence Reporting

In order to maintain accurate attendance records please can we remind parents and carers that for Safeguarding reasons, absences from school should be reported **daily** to the school office with a reason for absence, **we unable to accept unwell as an acceptable reason.**

This can be done by ringing the school number 02089502350, choosing option 2 or your can email the school office by **9.10am everyday of your child is absent.**

[admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk)

## What we will be learning next week

### Year 3

**English:** We will be writing persuasive speeches about recycling and keeping our school grounds clean.

**Maths:** We will be solving worded problems.

**Science:** We will be looking at what nutrients is in our food.

### Year 4

**English:** We will start a new unit, Persuasive writing / travel leaflet.

**Maths:** We are going to start exploring properties of shapes.

**Science:** We will be looking at the Water Cycle.

### Year 5

**English:** We will be working on using speech in a descriptive setting and on using adverbials in a recount in our writing lessons this week.

**Maths:** We will apply what we have learnt about adding and subtracting fractions to reasoning questions.

**Computing:** We will be starting our new unit about databases. We will begin by looking at simple key databases.

### Year 6

**English:** Mrs. Kothary's group will publish and share their persuasive speeches and start exploring non-fiction writing. Mr Hardy's group will be writing and editing our persuasive speech.

**Maths:** Mrs. Kothary's group will learn to multiply fractions and mixed numbers. Mr Hardy's Group will be exploring a range of graphs and charts.

**RE:** We will explore the 4 noble sights and the 4 noble truths in our Buddhism Unit.

**DT:** We will learn to repair a hole in clothing.

## 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.

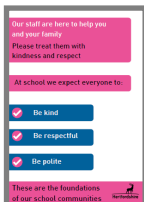
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>RED</b>	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Peri Peri Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
<b>GREEN</b>	Mexican Fajitas with Rice	Creamy Chickpea 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
<b>BLUE</b>	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
<b>All served with a selection of fresh vegetables, salad selection and desserts available daily.</b>					

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Monday 10th March</b>	<b>Forces Club</b>
<b>Monday 10th March</b>	<b>Latin and Classics (Year 5 and 6)</b>
<b>Monday 17th March</b>	<b>4M Water Survival Activity</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th March</b>	<b>4V Cornet Concert</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th March</b>	<b>Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	<b>Mother's Day Secret Room</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th April</b>	<b>Year 6 Manor Adventure</b>
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	<b>End of Term (1:30pm)</b>