



Ashfield Junior School

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

8th May 2026

Headteacher's Message

In our assemblies this week, we focused on **Sir David Attenborough** who is one of the world's most respected naturalists and broadcasters, inspiring millions to care for our planet through his remarkable wildlife programmes. We were proud to celebrate his 100th birthday, recognising a lifetime of achievement dedicated to understanding and protecting the natural world. As one of our House Captains, **House Attenborough** stands for inspiration, curiosity, and responsibility. His powerful message about sustainability and climate change encourages our children to look after the Earth and understand how their actions can help create a healthier world for future generations. This coincides with the work that children took part in for **Earth Day** at the beginning of this term. Each year group focused on a different theme - you can read more about this in the newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Kothary for leading the Eco-Councillors and World Warriors on our school sustainability projects. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Leah (5D), Yasna (5D), Logan (3AC) and Edith (5C)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.7%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **5C** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

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

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: Mazin and Logan (3AC) and Isla (3M)

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

Year 5: Anna (5C) and Matilda (5D)

Year 6: Jack (6K) and all of Mr Hardy's group

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	-	117
Blackman	-	101
Fiennes	-	116
Storey	-	105

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: Sami (3AC) and Oakley (3M)

Year 4: Anna (4V) and Maria D (4C)

Year 5: Tristan and Yasna (5D)

Year 6: Gracie (6K) and Leah (6H)

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Zayn (5D)** who won the under 10's player's player trophy at the end of season presentation day at Watford Rugby Club. Well done!

Congratulations to **Bradley (6K)** who completed a charity fire walk for the YMCA & Home Start. Everyone is super proud of him nominating himself to do it. Well done!

Congratulations to **Benji (5C)** and his football team who finished runners-up in the Junior Premier League National Finals. They went undefeated in the group stage before narrowly losing 1-0 in the final, finishing 2nd in the UK. Well done!

The Elms May Half Term & Inset Day Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May 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 15th May 2026** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price. **Discount code: EBMAY26**

Sibling Discount Code - SIBCMP26

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 1st June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 29th June**. If you would like your child to take part please log into The Gateway and make payment and please remember to tick the consent box.

If your child does not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm this.

The deadline to sign up is Monday 18th May

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATs will begin on **Monday 11th May** so it will be very important that children arrive into school on time. Ideally, it would be good for children to come in at 8:45am so that they can get prepared for the tests.

Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 22nd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 1st June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Music Lessons

Week commencing **Monday 11th May** there will be **NO** music lessons during the Year 6 SATs.

Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day

Year 6 are studying World War 2 in History this term. To further enhance the children's learning, we have arranged a day in school where we will be exploring how children were evacuated at the start of World War 2. This will be on **Tuesday 9th June** and will be held at Ashfield.

We would like to request that children dress up as a child from WW2, in school uniform as would have been worn by evacuees. There is no need to go out and buy a costume and a typical list of World War Two dress is listed on the letter that was previously sent out to parents.

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 5th June to apply, no late applications will be accepted. More information can be found on the Moving on PowerPoint that has previously been sent out to parents.

This link will take you to the registration page.

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

Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 3 have studied the Stone Age and The Bronze Age in History and we have arranged a visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to support their learning on **Tuesday 19th May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

Games Day

Friday 22nd May is Games Day and all children are required to come school in their PE Kit. Please make sure they have applied sun screen before school and bring a water bottle and hat. If your child suffers with hay fever please make sure they have taken their antihistamine in the morning.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 4th June** on the school playing field. Parents are welcome to attend and the gates will open from 12.45pm. The events will start at 1:00pm. Should the weather be inclement that day we will make a decision to postpone by 11:00am and notify you via the school messaging system. The reserve Sports Day date is **Thursday 11th June**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Taking place week commencing **Monday 1st June and administered until Friday 12th June** Year 4 will be completing the National Curriculum Multiplication Times Table Check. At home please can you support your child by asking questions and reciting times tables.

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 20th May**.

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.

Jam Coding

There will be **NO** Jam Coding after school club on **Friday 15th May**.

Summer Dates:

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

Monday 11th to Friday 15th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	-	Class Photographs
Friday 22nd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 4th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 1st to 12th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
w/c Monday 29th June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday 8th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Thursday 9th July	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 10th July	-	Reports go home
Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Hoodies given to children
Tuesday 14th July	-	Open Evening at Ashfield (5pm—6.30pm)
Friday 17th July	-	Year 6 Picnic
Monday 20th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Tuesday 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Show (9:00 am)
Tuesday 21st July	-	End of Term at 1.30pm

Manor Adventure 2027

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 £285.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 5th June 2026**. 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 29th May 2026.

To see the activities Year 6 did this year please visit the school blog

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/school-blog/>

School Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and is clearly named. We believe that the wearing of a school uniform gives children a sense of belonging with their school; it is practical and smart, reinforces a positive work ethos and reduces expenditure for parents and carers by avoiding inequalities in terms of possessing the latest designer fashions. Our guidance and policy on school uniform can be found on our school website [School Uniform – Ashfield Junior School](#). Parents will be informed by their teacher if their uniform is not correct.

Games Day Medal Competition

Congratulations to the following children who designed a medal for Games Day. Well done!



Sienna - 3AC



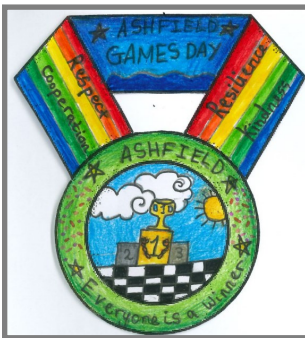
Armina - 3M



Liya - 4V



Ruby - 4C



Arlyn - 5C



Haruto - 5D



Alice - 6H



Emily H - 6K

Congratulations to the overall winner Emily H (6K). Well done!

Walk to School Week

On **Monday 18th May** we start Walk to School Week. Every day the children will be recording their journeys to school and our aim is to have as many children walking, scooting or cycling to school. This is working towards our aim of cleaner air and more exercise.

We want to encourage active school journeys which can help towards children achieving 60 minutes of active every day. In a recent study, children that exercised before school had improved concentration levels in school. With regular physical activity children improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build strong bones and muscles, control weight and reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. Please join us encouraging your child to walk to school where possible.

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.**

PE Shorts

Just a polite reminder, that children should wear 'black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms' for PE. **Cycling shorts are not allowed.**

DSPL9 Parent & Carer Information

[Newsletter](#)

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

Earth Day Learning at Ashfield



This year, our school community came together to celebrate Earth Day with a focus on understanding our shared responsibility to care for the planet. The celebration began with an engaging assembly where children learned about the origins of Earth Day and why caring for our environment is not just a one – day event, but something we should think about every day. The assembly encouraged pupils to reflect on their own role in protecting Earth and how small positive actions can make a meaningful difference.

Following this, each year group explored environmental themes linked to their Geography learning, making meaningful links to their units of study.

Year 3 focused on recycling. They put their learning into action by reusing plastic bottles to create planters, demonstrating how everyday items can be purposed in creative and practical ways.

Year 4 explored the issue of water wastage. Following thorough research, they designed informative leaflets to raise awareness about how we can all reduce water use in our daily lives.

Year 5 investigated water pollution in connection with their Rivers topic. They expressed understanding through a powerful collaborative collage, illustrating the effects pollution has on aquatic environments.

Year 6 examined deforestation. They created thoughtful imaginative cartoon strips featuring eco – superheroes, clearly explaining the consequences of deforestation and promoting messages of environmental responsibility.

Since Earth Day, it has been a pleasure to speak with the children about their learning. They have shown growing awareness of environmental issues and have spoken enthusiastically about the activities they took part in. Many pupils have expressed pride in their work and are eager to share their knowledge with their families. It is inspiring to see so many children recognising that they can be the small change that leads to a big difference.

Year 3 - Recycling Plastic Bottles



Year 4 - Save Water Leaflets



Year 5 - Water Pollution Collage



Year 6 - Deforestation Cartoon Strips



Eco Warriors

The Eco-Warriors have been busy with Mr Jones this week, looking after the sunflowers and wildflowers, which are growing really fast, as well as installing bird boxes around the school.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be creating persuasive posters and planning persuasive letters to help pick up the litter at school.

Maths: We will continue our fractions work by comparing and ordering unit fractions and fractions with the same denominators.

Science: We will be looking at the functions of different parts of the flowering plant.

Year 4

English: We will be writing and publishing our Haiku poems.

Maths: We will be continuing our work on fractions and exploring equivalence.

History: We will be looking at what made the Vikings successful invaders.

Year 5

English: We will be drafting and publishing our persuasive letters to Mr Dourado.

Maths: We will be converting smaller units of measure to larger units.

History: We will be learning about the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 6

English: They will be sitting their SATs.

Maths: They will be sitting their SATs.

RE: We will bring together our learning on Buddhism.

DT: Year 6 will be exploring how to sew buttons and repair holes in clothes.

Science: We will be learning about the heart and how it works.

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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn and Cucumber Salsa	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki and Salad	Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti and Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Greek Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice,	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips
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.					

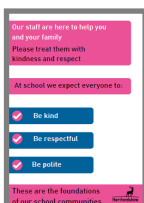
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Upcoming Events

Monday 11th - 15th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3 Visit to COAM
Friday 22nd May	Games Day
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	Inset Day
Tuesday 9th June	Year 6 World War 2 Evacuee Day
w/c Monday 29th June	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency