



Ashfield Junior School

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

9th May 2025

Headteacher's Message

Yesterday, we invited children to attend school in the colours of red, white and blue to commemorate **VE (Victory in Europe) Day 80**. VE Day 80 will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, commemorating the day on May 8, 1945, when Allied forces formally accepted Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. In our assemblies, we looked at the significance of VE Day 80 and also conveyed the themes of peace, unity, and remembrance. It was an opportunity to teach them about the importance of ending conflicts, the value of working together, and the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom. It was a good opportunity for the school to come together and holding a one minute silence at midday to pay our respect. Just a polite reminder that there are **roadworks on School Lane** which is likely to cause some congestion at peak drop off and collection times. I have contacted the local PCSOs so hopefully they will be able to use their influence to manage these times. Finally, good luck to all our Year 6 children who will be sitting the **End of KS2 Assessments (SATs)** next week. Please make sure that your child arrives to school in good time so they can be fully prepared and settled before sitting the tests. On behalf of all the staff, I wish them all the very best of luck. We are already so proud of them and want them to strive to do their very best. Mr Dourado



A very happy birthday to: Yasna (4M) and Amelia K (5D)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **96.4%** which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **6H** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **97.1%** Well done!

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

Special Achievements

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

Congratulations to **Bella (5G)** who competed for Harrow A.C. in the Middlesex Division Athletics and came 2nd in the under 11's 600 metre event. Well done!

Congratulations to **Lana (6K)** who participated in a Rugby Tournament in Devon with her team. Well done!

Congratulations to **Benji and River (4V)** who played in the U9's for Titans Reds with their team they were the cup winners of the tournament. 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	-	111
Blackman	-	130
Fiennes	-	129
Storey	-	121

Well done to Blackman

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: Leia (3L) and Hugo (3AC)

Year 4: Leah (4M) and Zach (4V)

Year 5: Alex and Swayam (5D) & Charlotte (5G)

Year 6: Cassian (6H) and Hollie (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: Hugo (3L) and Maria (3AC)

Year 4: Zayn (4M) and Sophia (4V)

Year 5: Amelia P (5D) and Iya (5G)

Year 6: Mr Hardy's Group and Caitlin (6H)

The Elms May Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the May half term and 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 16th May 2025** to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price using code EBMAY25.

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.

The Elms Inset Day Camp

Date: Monday 2nd June

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: £30.00 per child

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

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 11th 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>

Games Day

Friday 23rd 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 5th 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 12th June**.

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 **Thursday 22nd May**. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

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

Games Day Medal Competition

Congratulations to **Swayam (5D)** who designed the winning medal for Games Day. Well done!



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](#)

Class Photographs

We will be holding Class Photographs at Ashfield Junior School on **Wednesday 18th 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 6 SATs

Year 6 children SATS will begin on **Monday 12th 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.

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 6th 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 6 Cycling Proficiency

Year 6 Cycling Proficiency will be held week commencing **Monday 23rd 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 before **Thursday 15th May**.

If they do not want to take part please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk to confirm

Summer Fair



We are getting excited for our Summer Fair on **Saturday 21st June** from 11am to 2pm. We are looking for raffle prizes from local businesses and helping hands to make the fair another success.

If you can help in any way please get in touch by emailing ashacommittee@gmail.com.

Music Lessons

Week commencing **Monday 12th May** there will be **NO** music lessons during the Year 6 SATs.

Half Term and Inset Day

Just a polite reminder that school will finish at **3:20pm** on **Friday 23rd May** for half term. There will be no school for children on **Monday 2nd June**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Summer Dates:

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

Monday 12th to Friday 16th May	-	Year 6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	-	Games Day (all children to wear their PE Kit)
Thursday 5th June	-	Sports Day (PM)
Monday 9th to 20th June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 12th June	-	Reserve Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 18th June	-	Class Photos
Saturday 21st June	-	Ashfield & Merry Hill Summer Fair (at Ashfield)
w/c Monday 23rd June	-	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Monday 7th July	-	Years 3, 4 & 5 meet the teacher day
Wednesday 9th July	-	Open Evening (5.00pm to 6.30pm)
Thursday 10th July (TBC)	-	Year 6 Transition Day - Secondary School
Friday 11th July	-	Reports go home
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 to start wearing leavers hoodies
Monday 14th July	-	Year 6 BBQ and Disco (4.30pm—6.30pm)
Friday 18th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9.30am
Friday 18th 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 £282.00 per child. To secure a place for your child we will need a **non-refundable deposit of £50** by **Friday 6th June 2025**. 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 30th May 2025.

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

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

Eco Council

Mr Jones and the Eco Council have been busy again this week planting wildflowers and lupins.



What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will begin drafting our own personal narratives.

Maths: We will be adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

DT: We will be designing our own cushions.

Year 4

English: We are going to develop the main character and a story plan for our own magical stories.

Maths: We are going to find fractions of quantities.

Science: We will carry on learning about types of vertebrates and invertebrates.

Year 5

English: We will be drafting the introduction to our persuasive letters to Mr Dourado.

Maths: We will begin a new unit in Maths this week where we will be learning about percentages.

History: We will be learning about how important the River Nile was to the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 6

English: Year 6 will be sitting their SATs

Maths: Year 6 will be sitting their SATs

Art: We will begin to explore stencil making.

Science: We will continue to explore the properties of light.

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 £3.08 each day and dinner money is payable in advance.

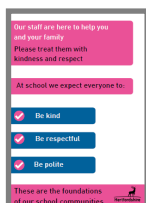
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & 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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[School Blog](#)



Upcoming Events

Monday 12th to Friday 16th May	Year 6 SATs
Monday 12th May	Forces Club
Monday 12th May	Year 5 and 6 Latin and Classics
Thursday 22nd May	Year 3 Trip to COAM
Friday 23rd May	Games Day (all children in PE Kit)
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 11th June	Year 5 Trip to The Tate Modern