



Ashfield Junior School

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

9th October 2026

Headteacher's Message

As we move further into the new term, the weather is certainly beginning to change! Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with appropriate clothing and equipment for the conditions. Coats, waterproofs and suitable footwear are particularly important as the weather becomes cooler and wetter. Generally, the children will go out to play unless its pouring with rain. Please also remember to label all clothing and personal belongings clearly. We have accrued a very large selection of nearly new uniform in lost property which is unnamed.

A gentle reminder that our upcoming parents' meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and identify ways in which we can support their continued development. We look forward to seeing you there. Please also keep an eye out for our forthcoming **Parent View questionnaires**. These will be available as a google form but also as a paper copy that you can complete at parents evening. Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps us to reflect on and improve our school.

Finally, please look out for the **diary dates for after half term**, which will be added to the school website over the next week or so. From all of our staff at Ashfield, have a happy weekend.

Mrs Giannone



A very happy birthday to: Thea (3M) and Haruto (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is **94.6%** which is below the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3M** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **98.4%** Well done!

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

Year 3: Eva (3F) and Aria (3M)

Year 4: Armina (4S) and Cara (4V)

Year 5: Eirnin (5D) and Amelie (5C)

Year 6: Rhiannon, Matilda, Julianna, Tristan, Isaac and Raoul (6K) and Zach (6H)

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	-	121
Blackman	-	118
Fiennes	-	127
Storey	-	107

Well done to Fiennes

Achievement Assembly

The following children were given special mention for wonderful work or behaviour by their teachers this week.

Year 3: Gianluca (3F) and Joshan (3M)

Year 4: Oakley (4S) and Marvy (4V)

Year 5: Vedika (5D) and Joe (5C)

Year 6: Alma and Edie (6H) and Kena (6K)

School Council

We are very pleased to have our School Council elected. It will be lovely to meet with them to discuss why they wanted to join. Two members from each class were elected by their peers.

3F - Lochie and Isla

3M - Zoe and Noel

4S - Rory and Emily

4V - Ruhi and Matteo

5C - Hamish and Olivia

5D - Tammy and Praneet

6H - Grace and Carter

6K - Crina and Zayn

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](#)

Attendance

Please be reminded that holiday requests will not be authorised. Please refer to our attendance policy which is available on the school website. Within this policy there are details about the National Framework and also the Hertfordshire Code of Conduct. If you are unsure, please refer to the policy and the links within it

Influenza (Nasal Flu Immunisation)

The School Immunisation Team will be coming to Ashfield on **Monday 19th October**.

You will shortly receive a email or text message from Vaccination UK with a link to an online form. Please complete this before the deadline, even if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination.

If you require help or more information please contact Vaccination UK directly.

Phone: 01462 427 008

Email: hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk

Amazon Wish List

Our aim at Ashfield Junior is to give children as many opportunities to read as possible and to support the development of reading for pleasure both inside and outside of our school environment. Please click on this link if you wish to purchase a book for our school library.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IU1W3U7NJGBM?ref=wl_share

Individual School Photos

Vancols will be coming to Ashfield on **Wednesday 21st October** to take the children's individual school photos, they will also take sibling photos for children attending Ashfield. **If your child has PE on a Wednesday they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into.**

Achievements Assembly

If your child has any achievements out of school that they would like to share with us in our Friday special assembly, please email it into the office admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up at **3:20pm** on **Friday 23rd October** for half term and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Year 3 Visit to Bushey Library

Year 3 will be visiting Bushey Public Library and will walk there and back.

3F will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th October

3M will visit from 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Monday 19th October

To enable children to get the most out of this visit, they will have the opportunity to look around the children's library and choose a book to borrow and read at home.

Membership of Hertfordshire Libraries is free.

Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor

As part of our RE study of Hinduism, we have arranged a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple on **Thursday 22nd October**. This is an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into Hinduism as a living faith. Please login into The School Gateway to make payment and give consent.

[The School Gateway](#)

Secondary Transfer Application 2027

FAO: ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Reminder for Parents of children in Year 6 that the deadline for online applications for secondary school is **31st October**. You should apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Any application received after that date will be treated as late and your child may not be allocated a place in one of your preferred schools.

Year 6 - 2027 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2027** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

[The School Gateway](#)

The Elms October Half Term Camps

The Elms will be running a holiday camp during the October half term at Ashfield Junior School. For more information and to book a place please click on the link below.

Booking Hotline: 0208 954 8787

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

Parents' Consultation

The Parents' Consultation booking system is now closed. If you still need to make an appointment with your child's class teacher for one of the following dates please contact the school office who will be able to assist you with booking a slot.

Wednesday 14th October 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Ashfield School Hall

Wednesday 21st October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Ashfield School Hall

What we will be learning next week

Year 3

English: We will be writing sentences about Mini Rabbit using subordinating conjunctions

Maths: We will be working on estimating and rounding to help us with our calculations

Music: We will be learning to play a song on the glockenspiels.

Year 4

English: We will be planning our speeches and thinking about what persuasive language techniques we can use to convince people.

Maths: We will continue to look at rounding with 4 digit numbers.

RE: We will be collating our knowledge from the term and answering the question, 'How do Muslims show commitment to God?'

Science: We will be using the information and knowledge we have learnt about materials and their properties to help develop an invention.

Year 5

English: We will be using what we learn about morphology and etymology to invent a range of words (nouns, verbs, adjectives) based upon Latin and Greek root words to describe our imaginary creatures.

Maths: We will be ordering and comparing numbers with up to three decimal places.

PE: We will be learning basketball throwing and catching techniques in our Games lesson, and in Dance we will be learning Rock 'n Roll spins to add to the sequences we practised last week.

Science: We will be using the information and knowledge we have learnt about materials and their properties to help develop an invention.

Year 6

English & Maths : We will have assessments week next week.

RE: We will explore the ethics aspect of buddhism, discussing terms such as karma and its relevance.

Art: We will explore various packaging designs and learn how various designs and effects can be achieved. Finally we will use all we have learned to redesign a cereal box of our own.

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	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges and Rainbow Slaw	Roast Chicken, Mash Potato and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
GREEN	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes and Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mash Potato and Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
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.					

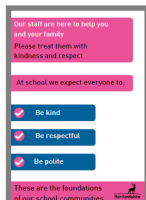
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Upcoming Events

Monday 12th October	Forces Club
Tuesday 13th October	4V Swimming
Monday 19th October	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 21st October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 22nd October	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half Term