



Ashfield Junior School

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

6th September 2024

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to Ashfield, it has been a very busy first week. It is lovely to see the children settle into their new classrooms. This week, we have focused on getting back into routines. We have revisited the school values (respect, kindness, resilience and cooperation) and our school rules. Children have reflected on what good behaviour looks like in the classroom and at break time. Children and staff will work collaboratively to create a Class Charter - a collective agreement that will hold all to account. It has been a pleasure seeing the Year 3 children settle into life at Ashfield this week and also receive the attendance and punctuality awards! It has also been delightful to see the Year 6 children carry out their Year 6 roles and responsibilities with diligence and pride. So, it has been a good first week back! Have a lovely weekend, Mr Dourado.



A very happy birthday to: Izzy (6K), Benji (4V), Darien (4M), Eirnin (3AC), Isabella (4M) and Kit (6K)

Attendance Matters!

Our attendance for this week is 97.9% which is above the Government target of **96.1%**.

Congratulations to **3AC** who led the way as our Attendance Champions with a fantastic attendance of **100%** Well done!

A big well done to **3L** 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	-	65
Blackman	-	77
Fiennes	-	62
Storey	-	62

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: Isla (3AC) and Olivia (3L)

Year 4: Isaac (4M) and Finnley (4V)

Year 5: Blue (5D) and Jack (5G)

Year 6: Billie (6H), Bohdana and Kyle (6K)

Special Achievements

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

Please let the office know by email if your child has an achievement they would like to celebrate in achievements assembly and the weekly newsletter.

Please email admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk

DSPL9 Parent and Carer 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 their website where you will also find other useful information.

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

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.

Early Bird Deadline

Book and pay by the Early Bird deadline of **Friday 18th October 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/>

Year 4 Swimming

We are in the process of arranging 4V swimming lessons at St. Margaret's swimming pool. We will be looking for parent volunteers that can support with walking to and from St. Margaret's School on a rota system. As soon as we have further information we will inform you.

Year 6 - 2025 Manor Adventure

The remaining balance is now available to pay on the School Gateway You have until the payment deadline of **31st January 2025** to make this payment. You can make the payment in full or gradual instalments.

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

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

Year 6 Tie Assembly

Save the date! Our traditional Year 6 Tie Assembly will be on **Thursday 19th September at 9.10am**. Year 6 parents are most welcome to the assembly. Please enter by the Year 6 double doors.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Information on how to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2025 has been sent out to parents along with dates the schools will be holding their open evenings.

Closing date for applications is 31st October

11+ Assessments & Secondary Transfer

We wish all our Year 6 pupils sitting the 11+ assessments, the very best of luck over the next couple of weeks! By now, you should have received the dates for the open evening at secondary schools. It is a very exciting time and I wish you all the very best with viewing the schools with your child.

After School Clubs

Information on after school clubs can be found on the website. Please make sure you are aware of the date the club starts and finishes.

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/parents/after-school-clubs/>

Classes

Please find the names of staff for this year's classes. Please note that some of our HLTAs may be working across different year groups throughout the year.

Class	Teachers	HLTAs and Teaching Assistants
3AC 3L	Miss Arthur and Mrs Chapman Miss Lazarus	Mrs Podro, Miss Dye and Mrs Darmedru
4M 4V	Mrs Mocanu Mrs Vincett	Mrs O'Mahony, Mrs Simmonds Mrs Brown and Mrs Kumaresan
5G 5D	Mrs Giffen (Miss Flint on Friday) Miss Davison	Mrs Dokelman and Mrs Ezekiel
6H 6K	Mr Hardy Mrs Kothary	Mrs Salih and Mr Yu

Uniform

Just to confirm that children are allowed to wear their summer uniform up to the October half-term. Please also make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit when they are having P.E. Children also need to have outdoor trainers that they can change into for break time and a rain jacket.

Ashfield Book Bag

We have now got an Ashfield book bag which are very similar to the ones at Merry Hill Infants. They are yellow and have the school name and logo on it. If you would like one, you can buy one from the school office - they cost £4.00.

Playtime Trainers

Please make sure that your child comes into school with a pair of trainers that they can get changed into at playtime and lunchtime. If your child does not have a pair of trainers, they will not be allowed to go onto the school field or equipment.

PE Timetable

3AC	Monday and Thursday
3L	Monday and Thursday
4M	Monday and Friday
4V	Monday and Friday
5G	Tuesday and Thursday
5D	Tuesday and Thursday
6H	Wednesday and Friday
6K	Wednesday and Friday

Healthy Snack Time

Children have their 'snack and chat' every morning so they should bring in some fruit and vegetables.

Handwriting Pens

Handwriting pens can be purchased from the school office at a cost of 3 for £1.00.

Ashfield School Rules

Below our school rules to make them easier to remember and to link them with our school values.

The school rules are:

- Show respect
- Be kind
- Be cooperative
- Be resilient
- Work hard
- Be safe

Our school values are respect, kindness, cooperation and resilience. Please talk to your child about our school rules and values.

Communication

If you have changed your contact details or moved house please can you let the school office know so that we can update our system. We also advise to have a third contact in case of emergencies. Furthermore, if you are a parent and you want to be added on our database to receive school notifications, please email the school office. Our current system automatically sends notifications to one parent but we can add a second adult at your request.

11+ After School Club - MTT

From September 2024, Year 5 children will be able to attend an after-school club run by MTT which provides tuition for Maths and Verbal Reasoning for the 11+ assessments. Further information and how to join this after school club can be found on our website

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/parents/after-school-clubs/>

Further information about MTT can be found on their website

<https://www.mocktransfertest.co.uk/>

Ashfield School and Home Association

Would you like to support the school community? ASHA organise a number of events throughout the year and are looking for some volunteers to support with these events. If you are interested and would like to be involved or would like further information, please contact the committee via the email below and they will get back to you. Without the support from the school community, ASHA will not be able to put these events on. So, please get in touch!

ashacommittee@gmail.com

Music Lessons

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, you can now book lessons via Herts Music Service (HMS). As well as violins, guitar, cornet and woodwind, we are also fortunate to have a piano teacher. If you are interested and want further information, you can click on the HMS website. <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Please click on the link for further information.

<https://ashfield.herts.sch.uk/school-office/school-meals-milk/>

Healthy Packed Lunch

As we are on a mission to promote healthy eating, it would be good to see children having a healthy and balanced diet at lunchtimes. A polite reminder not to provide your child with sweets, chocolates and nuts for their packed lunches

