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3rd October 2025

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Ashleigh
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Message from Mr. McConnell

One of the things we're really proud of at Ashleigh is attendance. We've got a winning combination of a lovely school that's a nice place to go every day, and really supportive families who bring their children in every day – even on rainy days like today!

This week I'd like ask you [How could we make school more appealing to your child?](#) Please click on the link to share your suggestions.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Deer – Elijah and Clark; **Birch** – Harry; **Hazel** – Alfie;
Elm – Elodie and Phoebe;
Mulberry – Maggie, Reggie and Elijah; **Willow** – Mercedes
Ash – William H and Joel; **Sycamore** – Kafia, Chimene and Ruby.

Photos on Tuesday 7th October

- Just a reminder that it's school individual photos on Tuesday.
- Please send your child in with an Ashleigh top if you would like them to be photographed wearing it (particularly for year groups with PE that day). Staff will remind the children to take it across with them.
- Nursery children who do not attend a session on Tuesday morning have been contacted separately regarding the arrangements.
- Sibling photos, including Nursery children, will be taken in school on Tuesday 18th November.
- Children will bring home a proof card.
- There is no expectation that families purchase photos.

Parent/Carer Evening Appointments

Booking links will be sent out to parents/carers next week.

Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher/s to discuss how they are settling in to the year so far and how we can work together to support them.

If you have any problems booking an appointment please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Support for our Parents/Carers

Hello, my name is Mrs Bramley, and I'm the Parent Support Advisor here at Ashleigh. My role involves supporting you as parents and carers to help your children thrive both at school and at home.



Whether you're looking for advice on **routines, attendance, behaviour** or just need a bit of extra support during a tricky time, I'm here to help.

I can also offer support with a range of other challenges including:

- **Domestic abuse;**
- **Financial worries;**
- **Housing concerns;**
- **Bereavement;**
- **Connecting you with other services.**

You can often find me around the playground at drop-off or pick-up, or contact the school office to arrange a call or a time to come in for a chat.

No concern is too big or too small — please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Curriculum News

Last week we shared with you our aim to develop oracy skills across the school this year and the children have made great progress already!

Do ask them about their class 'Talk Agreements' which have been co-constructed this week with their teachers.

Something to try at home this week

Ask your child open, thought-provoking or funny questions e.g.

- ❖ *Would you rather eat cold gravy or fried ants?*
- ❖ *What would you do if you had a magic wand?*
- ❖ *Should people have to pay for food?*

PE/School Uniform

- Can children with pierced ears either remove earrings on PE days, or bring tape to cover their earrings during PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Jewellery should not be worn.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Diary Dates

It seems a long way away, but will no doubt be here before we know it! To help parents/carers with planning these are our planned activities for December:

Tuesday 9 th	a.m. Reception Christmas Performance – filming (no audience)
Wednesday 10 th	9:30am Reception Christmas Performance 2:00pm Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 th	9:30am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 th	1:45pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at the Abbey
Monday 15 th	2:45pm Year 6 Christmas Carols
Tuesday 16 th :	2:45pm Year 5 Christmas Carols
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch & Festive Colours / Christmas Jumper Day (worn with school uniform) 2:45pm Year 4 Christmas Carols
Thursday 18 th	2:45pm Year 3 Christmas Carols 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco
Friday 19 th	Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Activity Morning (school uniform, children only)

- Letters regarding **Reception and Year 1 performances** and ticket requests will be sent around the end of November.
- Information regarding the **Year 2 performance at Wymondham Abbey** will be sent around the end of November.
- Parents/carers are welcome to attend **Years 3 to 6** carol performances, these are not ticketed, and normally take place in the main hall in case of bad weather.
- **Wednesday 17th December** is our festive colour/Christmas Jumper day, to be worn with school uniform.
- Information about booking a place at the **KS2 Disco** will be sent out at the start of December.

After School Clubs - Autumn Term

Day	Club	Pick-Up Time	Final Dates
Monday	Creation Station	3:50pm	Mon 1 st Dec
	Cheerleading	4:00pm	
Tuesday	Nerf Games	4:00pm	Tues 2 nd Dec
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	4:00pm	Wed 3 rd Dec
Thursday	Gymnastics	4:00pm	Thurs 4 th Dec
	Karate		
Friday	Dodgeball	4:00pm	Fri 5 th Dec
	Singing Club	3:45pm	
	Ukulele	3:45pm	

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

PE Days

Children should wear PE kit to school on their PE days.

Year	Days
Reception	Not autumn term
1	Mondays and Wednesdays
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday – Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Friday

Free School Meals Information

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to March 2026 and the following payments will be made to eligible families.

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
October	£15	10/10/2025
November	£15	07/11/2025
December	£30	05/12/2025
January 2026	£15	09/01/2026
February	£15	06/02/2026
March	£15	06/03/2026

- * Please note that you have to apply separately for individual children, siblings do **not** qualify automatically.
- * If you were eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium in Nursery, you need to reapply when children join Reception.
- ^ New eligible families will have the codes issued separately.

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals** please click [here](#).

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Fri 3 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:10pm Reception Curriculum meeting (in Squirrel classroom) – moved from 2nd October
Mon 6 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Robert Kett (Home) KO 3:45pm
Tues 7 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School & Nursery Individual Photos• a.m. Maple class swimming

Thurs 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-5:00pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Taverham Junior (away) • 5-6pm tour for Reception Intake September 2026
Fri 10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-11am tour for Reception Intake September 2026 • 1:30-2:30pm tour for Reception Intake September 2026
Tues 14 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • Parents' Evening appointments
Wed 15 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception First Class supplement in EDP – change of date • Parents' Evening appointments
Thurs 16 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening appointments
Mon 20 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Cringleford (Home)
Tues 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • 3:00-4:30pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Queen's Hill (home)
Wed 22 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v St Michael's (Away)
Fri 24 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45-9:30am Parent/Carer Curriculum Café – DT • Year 3 visit to Gressenhall • 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 3 rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 • 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Queens Hill (Home)
Mon 10 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 11 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle • a.m. Maple class swimming
Wed 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Thurs 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Fri 15 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling Photos • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 25 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience)
Wed 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Reception Performance • 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Year 1 Performance • 2:30pm Year 1 Performance • 3pm Brass Band & PTA Cake Sale
Fri 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:45pm Year 2 Carols at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45pm Year 6 Carols
Tues 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45pm Year 5 Carols
Wed 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper* Day (* festive top with school uniform)

	• 2:45pm Year 4 Carols
Thurs 18 th Dec	• 2:45pm Year 3 Carols • 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco
Fri 19 th Dec	• a.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party morning • 3pm School & Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Fri 13 th Feb	• 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Fri 27 th Mar	• 3pm School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 27 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Tues 28 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Mon 4 th May	• School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Fri 22 nd May	• 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 1 st Jun	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 9 th Jun	• Sports Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9:15-11:30am Years 3-6 ○ 11:45am-12:45pm Picnic Lunch ○ 1-2:30pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Tues 16 th Jun	• Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 18 th Jun	• Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	• 3pm School & Nursery close for Summer holiday

Community Events

Steps Community Food Store: The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

1. 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
2. 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Wymondham Rugby Community Day

Saturday 4th October, 2 - 7pm

This year is set to be our biggest celebration yet – rugby, community, and the launch of RugbyFest 2025 🌸

🔥 The Rugby

🔴 1XV v @brentwoodrugbyclub

- 2XV v @sudburyrugbyclub 2XV
- 3XV v @crusadersrugbyclub 2XV

🌸 RugbyFest 2025 – Part of England Rugby’s Impact 25

We’re thrilled to welcome the Braid Maidens – Official Roses Team Partner

👤 🌸 along with:

- 🌟 Future Roses photo booth
- 📷 RFU photographers & videographers
- 👋 Meet @ruckstarlizzie
- 🏉 T1 rugby taster sessions
- 🎵 DJ Neil Charles
- 🎨 Face painter & inflatables
- 🛒 Craft stalls & giveaways (Love Rugby sunglasses and more!)
- 👦 Kids’ fitness Station

- 🍕 Food trucks – Peaky Pizza & Bucketlist Chips
- 🎵 Live music, family fun & more!

🌟 Entry to all games, and RugbyFest is FREE! 🌟
Bring the family, bring your friends – it’s going to be a day to remember!

#WRFC #CommunityDay #RugbyFest2025 #Impact25 #GrassrootsRugby

Young Readers Group – Aged 9-12 at Wymondham Library

Young Readers Group

Are you aged 9 to 12?
Do you love books?
join us for a new book
group

A place to for young
people to engage in
discussions, share ideas
and have fun

Wymondham Library
Third Saturday of the Month
12pm to 1pm

Starting on 18th October for more information please speak to
staff or call 01953 603319



**Family Action Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service
newsletter for October 2025**

This month we are focusing on The October ADHD Awareness Month.

Our Online Workshop for October will also be on the topic of ADHD, please join us on the day if you want to know more about ADHD. Full information on this event and joining details can be found in the newsletter. [Go to this Sway](#)



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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