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5th December
2025

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Message from Mr. McConnell

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who made yesterday afternoon so magical at pickup time. The volunteers doing the cake sale and the brass band were so lovely and definitely brought a bit of early Christmas cheer our way on a grey day!

Another nice thing is that we're in the local newspaper today and a national newspaper on Sunday! Go Ashleigh!

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/25669113.times-names-best-schools-norfolk-2026/>

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Bat – Sienna;

Deer – Eleanor;

Birch – Harry; **Hazel** – Elliot, Rocket and Alfie;

Elm – Rudhav;

Mulberry – Chloe, Maddie, Hector and Emmi; **Willow** – William and Seth;

Ash – Evie J and Jackson.

Upcoming Parent/Carer Workshops

✳️ **2pm Thursday 11th December: Parents/Carers of children with SEND**

Workshop for Parents/Carers of children with SEND – SEND Provision at Ashleigh – Fill in form

Christmas Activities

Monday 8th December

✳️ 2:15pm **Nursery** Family Christmas Crafts (sign-up required)

Tuesday 9th December

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Wednesday 10th December

✳️ 9:30am **Reception** Christmas Performance (ticketed)

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Ashleigh
Instagram

Ashleigh on X

Thursday 11th December

- * 9:30am **Year 1** Christmas Performance (ticketed)
- * 2:30pm **Year 1** Christmas Performance (ticketed)

Friday 12th December

- * 1:45pm **Year 2** Wymondham Abbey Performance

Monday 15th December

- * 9:00am **Reception** Family Christmas Crafts (sign-up required)
- * 2:45pm **Year 6** Christmas Carols

Tuesday 16th December

- * 9:00am **Reception** Family Christmas Crafts (sign-up required)
- * 2:45pm **Year 5** Christmas Carols

Wednesday 17th December

- * Christmas lunch and Christmas/festive colours jumper day.
- * Children should still wear school uniform/PE clothes but can wear a Christmas jumper or festive colours jumper.
- * All money raised will go to the charity Finnbar's Force.
- * 2:45pm **Year 4** Christmas Carols

Thursday 18th December

- * 2:45pm **Year 3** Christmas Carols.
- * **KS2** (Years 3-6) evening Disco from 6-8pm! The disco will cost £3.50 per child and include a drink, crisps and unlimited water.
- * Parents/carers who have completed a booking form will receive a payment link via SchoolMoney.

Friday 19th December

- * We'll be holding a party morning for **Reception, Years 1 and 2** children with a mix of activities including a mini-disco, magician and festive games.
- * Children should wear school uniform but can wear a festive top if they wish.

Ashleigh Friends

Hello again,

Thank you so much for your generous cake donations and your wonderful support at our Christmas Bake Sale. We'll share the total funds raised very soon. Remember, every penny goes toward our new MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) — an exciting all-weather playground upgrade for the school!

We are also looking for a volunteer to carry out our annual financial audit. If you're able to help, please get in touch via email. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget: the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed is full of Christmas jumpers. Come have a browse and pick up a bargain!

🎁 Advent Calendar Raffle

The winners with their raffle prizes:



Have a fantastic weekend!

The PTA Team

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
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.

Families eligible for Free School Meals can access the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme:

Funded by UK Government | active norfolk | BEST START IN LIFE | Norfolk County Council

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun *Launch into action-packed activities!*
Join us this school holiday

- Fantastic sport, creative and outdoor activities with a free healthy meal
- **FREE** for all children receiving benefits-related free school meals
- To share your memorable experiences of the scheme so far, email: bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk

We want activities to be inclusive. To ensure the right support is in place, please notify the activity provider if your child has special educational needs or a disability.

Choose your activities today!
Scan to find out more

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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Mon 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience) • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
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 • 2:00pm SEND Parents/Carers Workshop • 2:30pm Year 1 Performance

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"> • 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 2:45pm Year 6 Carols
Tues 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45pm Year 3 Carols • 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco
Fri 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party morning • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 13 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Mon 26 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments • a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 29 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow
Tues 3 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow
Tues 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow
Tues 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Mon 9 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 10 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments • a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Tues 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 trip to Norwich Castle • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen • a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 16 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Times Tables (information to follow)
Tues 21 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Mon 27 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Hearing & Vision screening

Tues 28 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Hearing & Vision screening • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 1 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
Thurs 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 2 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATs
Tues 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATs
Wed 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATs
Thurs 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATs • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 3 of 4 (information to follow)
Thurs 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 4 of 4 (information to follow)
Fri 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 1 st Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 9 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Thurs 11 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Bar Modelling and Part-Part Whole (information to follow)
Tues 16 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 18 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition 'move-up' morning • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Summer holiday

Community Events

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

✳ 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday

✳ 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Family Action Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service December 2025 newsletter.

This month we are concentrating on all things festive and looking at ways we can help neurodiverse children to cope with all the changes and challenges this season can bring. Click on the link below to read all about it:

[Newsletter](#)

**WYMONDHAM ABBEY
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

FREE ENTRY

UNIQUE GIFTS
NORFOLK CRAFTS
STREET FOOD
MULLED WINE

KIDS CRAFTS
IN THAT LITTLE
NORFOLK STUDIO
(ON THE EDGE OF
THE ABBEY GROUNDS)

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
11AM TO 4PM**

Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Crafts
- Games
- Stories

Messy Church

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 6th December
for this **FREE** event 10:30-12:30 (including lunch.)

For ages 4-11yrs.
Children need to bring a parent or guardian.
For more information contact:
emmens.cfw@gmail.com

Pre-Christmas Tea Party – Sunday 14th December

You're Invited to join the

**Pre-Christmas
tea party**

organised by

5th Wymondham | 4th Wymondham
Brownies | **Rainbows**

Supported by NWCA Events Team

SUNDAY | 14 | DECEMBER

1PM - 4PM

NORTH WYMONDHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE, LIME STREET AVENUE,
WYMONDHAM, NR18 0HH

Girlguiding
Norfolk

find out more on flip side

Join us...

for a festive family afternoon, where you can enjoy a traditional Christmas Tea Party. The event features a selection of delicious cakes and hot drinks to keep you cosy, as well as a variety of entertaining children's games, Tombola and a Book stall to ensure fun for all ages.

This event will be held in support of **Whizz Kids Charity**. As the UK's leading charity supporting young wheelchair users up to 25 years old, they provide children with the equipment and skills they need to live life as independently as possible.

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward

The fun afternoon will serve as an opportunity for members of the Brownies & Rainbows group to work towards earning their Charity Badge, and help to raise funds towards an educational trip for the groups.

Flu Vaccination – Community Clinic Booking Information for Parents

The School Immunisation Team have completed their visits to the school to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive their vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via this link: <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

Clinic	Postcode	Clinic Date & Time
Millenium Library, The Forum, Norwich	NR2 1AW	13/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thetford Library, Thetford	IP24 2EA	13/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Great Yarmouth Library, Market Place, Great Yarmouth	NR30 1LX	06/12/2025 - 10.00m - 2.30pm
Gaywood Library, King's Lynn	PE30 4HD	06/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Ayton House, Wymondham	NR18 0QQ	13/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Kesgrave Community Centre, Ipswich	IP5 1JF	13/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Blackbourne Community, Bury St Edmunds	IP30 9UH	13/12/2025 - 9.30am - 2.30pm
Beccles Public Hall, Beccles	NR34 9AD	06/12/2025 - 9.00am - 3.00pm



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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