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Message from Mr. McConnell

It was a joy to be here for World Book Day yesterday. Thank you so much to all of you for putting so much effort in to making sure the children had a fun day, celebrating reading!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – Harriet and Bonnie; **Bat** – Phoebe;
Birch – Olivia and Leo;
Elm – Fabrice and Finley; **Maple** – Ella and Mason;
Mulberry – Chloe, Sid and Maddison;
Ash – Ivy and Frankie H; **Sycamore** – Bella.

Ashleigh Friends PTA Chair Advert

We have a wonderful PTA who support the school with some amazing fundraising ideas and activities. Abi has been fantastic as our current Chair, but is stepping down this month. We'd love to carry on these activities and hope that lots more of our families are able to get involved.



YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

Abi, our PTA Chair, is stepping down -
and we're looking for the next person to lead the way!

"Being Chair has been one of the most rewarding things I've done. You don't need to be an expert - just someone who cares about our school community."
- Abi

The role is open to anyone affiliated with Ashleigh - a parent, carer, grandparent, former pupil (or their family), or staff member.

CONTACT

ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk
or speak to a member on the playground

If you're passionate about **supporting** pupils, **strengthening** our community, and **helping** make events happen, **we'd love to hear from you!**

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair after school on Wednesday. It was so popular that they ran out of the £1 World Book Day books but vouchers can be used at Kett's Books, Morrisons, Waterstones etc.

Workshops

Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop – Beyond Phonics (10.03.2026)

Please come along to find out more about what happens beyond Phonics (when children should have just finished RWI or be in grey group) - Fluency and Comprehension.

This booking link will close at 9am on Monday 9th March:

[Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop – Beyond Phonics \(10.03.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics (17.03.2026)

Please come along to find out more about Storybook Phonics (just before children start Red storybooks).

This booking link will close at 9am on Monday 16th March:

[Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics \(17.03.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning - Saturday 14th March, 10am-12pm

If any parents/carers would like to help out on the Farm on Saturday 14th March, between 10am and 12pm, we would be very grateful.

There is lots of work to be done, please come in gardening clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

Children are welcome to come with you but will need to have a parent/carers with them.

Please let us know if you plan to come along and help:

[Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March – Fill in form](#)

(this is to give us an idea of numbers and doesn't commit you to attending). Thank you 🧑🌾

New School Management Information System

We are transferring our Management Information System (MIS) to Juniper Education – the system replacing Pupil Asset.

The MIS holds all pupil and family contact information.

Next week we will send out information about the Parent App available.

In the longer term it is being developed to include school meal booking and all payments.

Ashleigh Friends

We look forward to our AGM next week. We hope to see many of you there 😊

Date: Thursday 12th March 2026

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: School Staffroom

If you're interested in joining the PTA for 2026/27, all trustee roles will be re-elected at the AGM. The school has shared the job descriptions by email, but you are very welcome to get in touch with us directly if you would like to know more. Feel free to stop us for a chat at school or drop us an email at ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk

World Book Day

Thanks a lot for all the costume donations! We hope all kids had a great day celebrating their favourite book!

Community Matters – Please Keep Voting

Ashleigh Friends are part of the Waitrose Wymondham Community Matters scheme this quarter. When you shop in store, you'll receive a green token to vote for a local cause — please place yours in the Ashleigh Friends tube to help raise important funds for the school. Voting runs until 31 March, and shoppers are encouraged to spread the word.

Please remember to join Ashleigh's **My School Lottery** and use **Easyfundraising** while shopping online or in person.

Thanks for your support!

Have a great weekend,
Ashleigh Friends - PTA

PE Days

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

When children come to school in PE kit, PE shorts should be at least mid-high length please, with t-shirts (no crop tops).

Year	Days
Reception	Mondays – Squirrel Tuesdays – Hedgehog
1	Mondays and Thursdays
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday – Elm class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Friday

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Dates	Pick-Up Time
Monday	Creation Station	1-6	12 th Jan – 23 rd Mar	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3		4:00pm
Tuesday	Nerf Games	3-6	13 th Jan – 24 th Mar	4:00pm
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	14 th Jan – 25 th Mar	4:00pm
	Farm Club	5-6	25 th Feb – 18 th Mar	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1-6	15 th Jan – 26 th Mar	4:00pm
	Gymnastics	1-6		
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	16 th Jan – 27 th Mar	4:00pm
	Singing Club	3-6		3:45pm

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

Free School Meal - EdenRed Vouchers

The Free School Meal voucher scheme will **end on 31st March 2026**.

If you have any unspent vouchers please **redeem these within three months of issue.**

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
March	£15	06/03/2026

Free School Meals Information

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

Because of the Universal Credit changes coming into effect from September 2026, from what we understand from current government information:

- Current Free School Meal eligible parents/carer **will have to reapply to continue to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium;**
- All families that receive Universal Credit from September 2026 are eligible but **will have to apply to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.**

When we know more, including how and when to apply, we will let families know.

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
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 2:15pm Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop – Beyond Phonics
Wed 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments 3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Taverham (Home) 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Sat 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March – Fill in form
Mon 16 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 trip to Wymondham High Sound of Music Performance
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming Year 6 trip to Wymondham High Sound of Music Performance 2:15pm Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Kinsale Junior (Away)
Wed 18 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v White Woman Lane (Home) – change of date
Fri 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Nose Day – wear something red to support Red Nose Day
Mon 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Birch class visit to Windmill House 3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Horsford (Home)
Tues 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 26 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Hazel class visit to Windmill House
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 14th 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 a.m. Fox class visit to Windmill House
Thurs 23 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Deer class visit to Windmill House
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 4th 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 a.m. Reception: Furry Friends Petting Farm Visit
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 3 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 trip
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 <u>House Colours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquila (The Eagle) Delphinus (The Dolphin) Draco (The Dragon) Firebird (The Phoenix)
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
Fri 19 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 trip to Sandringham
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"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition 'move-up' morning (changed from 24th June) • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-2:00pm Ashleigh Art Show (details to follow)
Tues 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Year 6 Leavers' Performance (filming, no audience)
Wed 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30-6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Disco
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–10.30am every Tuesday

* 2:00–3:30pm and 6:30–7:30pm every Thursday

For more information telephone 07736 725708

Email info@hubproject.org.uk

Financial Support for Families

- There will be ongoing support for families at:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

- Broader support on debt and welfare rights is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs.
- The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, and the Easter programme will launch in the coming weeks. Families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

Messy Church – Saturday 7th March

This event is for children (between four and eleven years old) and their parents/carers. **The event is lots of fun with: craft, games, stories, singing and a meal, and is entirely free.**



Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

**Come and join us on Saturday 7th March
for this **FREE** event 10:30-12:30 (including lunch.)**





Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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