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6th December 2024

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Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a joy to see our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children singing their Christmas songs this week. It's a real privilege to work in a school, especially at this time of year when the children are all bringing their own magic to the dark December days! I'm looking forward to next week when the older children will be brightening up our afternoons!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Marta and Elijah; **Birch** – Olley, Charlotte A, Ryan and Charlotte G; **Hazel** – Louie, Bjorn and Leroy; **Elm** – Eva;
Mulberry – Harry and Bessie; **Willow** – Chimene;
Ash – Theo and George; **Sycamore** – Seb and Molly.

Well done everyone!

Parent Governor Vacancy

- We have sent out two emails today with regards to our current Parent Governor Vacancy, to seek nominations of parents/carers interested in taking up this role.
- An effective board has a range of skills and we would welcome nominations from parents with knowledge and experience of engaging children with physical activity and sport.
- All the details are contained in the letter and accompanying attachments.
- Paper copies can be collected from the office (or email us to request a paper copy to be sent home with your child).

Parent/Carer - Workshop Survey

We're hoping to organise various workshops to take place during the spring term, but would like to offer topics of most interest and benefit to parents/carers.

Please take a moment to complete **this form** so that we can plan accordingly, by 9am on Monday 16th December.



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Headteacher

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Current Year 5 - Year 6 Residential November 2025

A letter has been emailed out to all current Year 5 parents/carers with details of the Year 6 residential planned for November 2025, with an information meeting being held at 3:15pm on Wednesday 22nd January.

Tag Rugby Event

We hosted a Years 5 & 6 cluster tag rugby event on Tuesday, with teams from Robert Kett and Browick Road joining us at Ashleigh. We're really proud of, and wanted to say a big well done to, our Ashleigh team who not only displayed excellent behaviour and team spirit but also went on to win the competition!



Playworker Vacancy at Ashleigh Treehouse Breakfast Club

We are looking for a Playworker to join our Treehouse Breakfast Club team from January 2025.

Hours: 7:30-8:30am, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only
Salary: £12.65 per hour

The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

The successful applicant will also be required to complete a declaration form under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations.

For more information and an application form please email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Wymondham Magazine

Ashleigh Friends Uniform Shop opening is on page 4!
And a former Ashleigh pupil now at Wymondham High is featured on page 14.

<https://www.wymondhammagazine.co.uk/december2024>

Ashleigh Friends

- ★ Thank you for all your generous Christmas jumper and pyjama donations so far! If you have any more to donate these can go into the uniform wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms. We will continue selling these in the lead up to Christmas Jumper Day in the last week of term.
- ★ The deadline to sign up for the KS2 Christmas disco is Monday 9th December. Payment links will be sent out next week via email to all who have signed up.
- ★ A reminder that we're collecting donations of cakes and biscuits for the Christmas Bake Sale on Thursday 12th December. These can be dropped to the school office on the morning of the sale. Please ensure no nuts are used and enclose a list of allergens if possible. We will also be selling sweet cones and other Christmassy bits! This will be straight after school on the playground.

Birds of Dereham - Free to School Deliveries

Orders placed by Saturday 7th December will be delivered to the school w/c 16th December.

Free to school deliveries will then start again w/c 6th January.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Now open for booking.

Free to families eligible for Free School Meals, details at:

<https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	PE starts after Christmas
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Fox: Fridays (Forest School on Wednesdays) Deer: Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

Free School Meals Information

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to March 2025 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
December	£45
January 2025	£15
February	£15

March

£15

- * 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.

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals** (Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

2024-2025	
Mon 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30pm Year 6 Christmas Carols • 3:45pm After-School Dance Club Performance
Tues 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event • 2:30pm Year 4 Christmas Carols
Wed 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30pm Year 5 Christmas Carols
Thurs 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event • 2:30pm Year 3 Christmas Carols • 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Bake Sale & Carols
Mon 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event
Tues 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event • 2:00pm Year 1 Bat class African Drumming performance • 2:30pm Year 1 Barn Owl class African Drumming performance
Wed 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Reception, Years 1 and 2 Party Afternoon • 6:00-8:00pm Years 3-6 Disco
Fri 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holidays
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holidays
Wed 8 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm Tour for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers
Wed 22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:15pm Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting regarding Year 6 residential November 2025
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Mon 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 3 Birch Visit to Wymondham Library • 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Tues 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025
Wed 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 3 Hazel Visit to Wymondham Library
Fri 14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery reopen after half term
Mon 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025

Tues 4 th Mar	• 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Thurs 6 th Mar	• World Book Day
Mon 10 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 11 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Wed 12 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 13 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 21 st Mar	• Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 31 st Mar	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Fri 4 th Apr	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays
Wed 23 rd Apr	• School & Nursery reopen after Easter holidays
Mon 5 th May	• Bank Holiday – School & Nursery closed
Mon 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 15 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 22 nd May	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Fri 23 rd May	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	• School & Nursery reopen after half term • Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 3 rd Jun	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 17 th Jun	• NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6
Tues 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Wed 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Fri 18 th Jul	• p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event
Tues 22 nd Jul	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays

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 Cluster Ensemble – After-School Orchestra

Robert Kett Primary will be hosting an After-School Orchestra that is open to pupils from all Wymondham schools. The new ensemble is called the Wymondham Cluster Ensemble and is open to anyone of school age who is having lessons on a musical instrument.

Time: 3.25pm–4.15pm on Wednesdays

Venue: Robert Kett Primary School

Cost: £55 per term

(Discounts available for families, pupils on free school meals and looked after children)

Apply at: <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/ensemble-map/wymondham-cluster-ensemble/>

Messy Church – Saturday 7th December, 10:30am-12:30pm



Wymondham Methodist Church Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 7th December for this **FREE** event

10:30-12:30 (including lunch)

For age 4-11yrs. **Children need to bring a parent or guardian.**

For further details contact Sarah at:

emmens.cfw@gmail.com

Wymondham Heritage Museum – Saturday 7th December, 12-6pm

Father Christmas will be there, courtesy of Wymondham Lions - he'll be making himself comfortable in one of our cells which has been transformed for the day.

We will be focusing on traditional decorations, gifts and games and there will be a 12 days of Christmas trail.

Free entry - £6 to meet Father Christmas.

Further information can be found here:

[Christmases Past at the Museum](#)

Kids Camp – Long Stratton Leisure Centre

23rd and 30th December, 2nd, 3rd and 6th January

Sessions available at Long Stratton Leisure Centre starting from just £22. Please note, Kids Camp *will not be running at Wymondham Leisure Centre* at Christmas due to the Main Hall being closed for maintenance.

Book at www.southnorfolkleisure.co.uk

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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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