



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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**Headteacher**

## Message from Mr. McConnell

Thanks to everyone who replied to the parent survey, it was really helpful to see which answers were the most positive, and which were the least positive because it really helps us to think about where we can improve next. One of the actions is going to be a parent survey just for parents/carers who have a child on the SEND register so we can find out more about how they experience the school. As a School, we always want to listen to parents and carers so please don't feel like you have to wait for the parent survey to come round in January, there are lots of ways to get in touch and usually the best one is talking to your child's teacher who will be delighted to help you.

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

**Hedgehog** – Heidi; **Squirrel** – Isla, Elijah and Laurie;  
**Barn Owl** – Bella; **Bat** – Dylan; **Fox** – Rudie; **Hazel** – Elodie;  
**Elm** – Abel; **Maple** – Isaac, Cooper, Stefan and Stanley;  
**Mulberry** – Jaxon and Charlie F; **Willow** – Bella and Lula;  
**Sycamore** – Lennon.

Well done everyone!

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## World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

We really enjoy celebrating World Book Day in school, but appreciate that asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character can be tricky for families, for various reasons.

This year children can come in appropriate non-school uniform (PE appropriate for those who have PE on Thursdays). Children are welcome to dress up if they have an outfit they wanted to wear, but please don't feel you have to spend money on a new costume that potentially would only be worn once.

Children can also choose to bring their favourite book to school, and we are planning activities for children to share these favourites in school.

Ketts Books will be hosting a book fair straight after school on 6<sup>th</sup> March, so children can use their World Book Day vouchers.

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## Norfolk Open Studios at Ashleigh on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July

- ✍ We're delighted to be taking part in Norfolk Open Studio's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations this year.
- ✍ Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery will be open from 10am-2pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, showcasing amazing artwork of Ashleigh's pupils, (and grown-ups)!
- ✍ We very much hope you will be able to visit our exhibition that weekend.
- ✍ More information about Norfolk Open Studios can be found at:  
**[About - Norfolk Studios](#)**

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## Ashleigh Friends

A reminder that our AGM is due to be on **Monday 17th March**, when we will be electing new trustees. Being part of the PTA is a great way to become involved with the school community, and of course the PTA helps to raise essential funds for the school. Please do let us know if you'd like more information – we'd be happy to chat to you about what's involved. Please contact [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Year 5 Residential September 2025 & Year 6 Residential November 2025

Letters have been sent to current Years 4 and 5 this week, with details of the residentials happening next school year.

Deposits and payment requests will all be sent out via SchoolMoney.

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## Fundraising Plea

- Do you shop online? Want to help raise money for the school **at no extra cost to you?** Then please sign up to **Easy Fundraising!**
- It costs you nothing, there is no additional charge to use it but lots of companies (including supermarkets) will then donate a small percentage of your spend to the charity you nominate on the app.
- There's a donation reminder that you can install on your tablet, phone or laptop: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>
- There are videos online to explain how to do this on your iPhone: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder-ios/>
- We'd love you to select Ashleigh School as your chosen charity but there are others available!
- 41 people have currently signed up and raised £1,303.39 between them – imagine what we can do with more supporters! It's a great, no-cost way to support the school - even grandparents, friends and neighbours can sign up.

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## Supporting your Child with Big Feelings

The Mental Health Team have shared details of this course for anyone interested: "As our children grow, they experience many changes in themselves and the world around them. During this time, our children and young people feel a variety of feelings such as anxiety, which they do not know how to manage. We break down what leads our children and young people to have these feelings and ways in which we can support them to manage if they become overwhelmed."

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 12:00pm - [Book Here](#)

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## PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	Monday – Squirrels Tuesday – Hedgehogs
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays Tuesday – Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

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## 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*
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](#).

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## Diary Dates **New or updated events**

<b>2024-2025</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Birch</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li><li>• 10-11am <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li></ul>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Year 6 Sycamore class</b> visit to London</li><li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li><li>• 1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li></ul>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Hazel</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li></ul>

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>10-11am <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2pm <b>Reception Parent/Carer Workshop</b> - Pure Sounds to Blending</li> <li><b>Year 6 Boys' Football</b> v St. Michaels (Home)</li> </ul>
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>World Book Day – Non-School Uniform Day/Bring a Favourite Book</b></li> <li>3pm <b>Ketts Books Book Fair</b></li> <li>2:45-4:30pm <b>Year 6 Girls' Football</b> v Falcon Road (Away)</li> </ul>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Falcon Junior (Away)</li> </ul>
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Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>2pm <b>Years 1 &amp; 2 Parent/Carer Workshop</b> - Storybooks Phonics</li> </ul>
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Firside (Home)</li> </ul>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Ashleigh Friends AGM</li> </ul>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day</b></li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Queen's Hill (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>2pm <b>Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop</b> - What happens after phonics?</li> <li><b>Year 6 Boys' Football</b> v White Woman Lane (Home)</li> </ul>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Maple</b> class to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group</li> </ul>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Elm</b> class to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group</li> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming <b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 5</b> trip to Overstrand</li> <li><b>Year 6 Boys' Football</b> v Eaton (Home)</li> </ul>

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday – School &amp; Nursery closed</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS Dental check-ups <b>Reception to Year 6</b></li> </ul>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 3</b> trip to Sandringham</li> </ul>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>p.m. <b>Year 6</b> Crucial Crew event</li> </ul>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am-2pm Open Studios at Ashleigh</li> </ul>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am-2pm Open Studios at Ashleigh</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays</li> </ul>

## Community Events

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

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

### Wymondham Magazine – February 2025

<https://www.wymondhammagazine.co.uk/february2025>

### Wymondham Methodist Church:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am-12:30pm**



**Wymondham Methodist Church Town Green Centre**

Come and join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March for this **FREE** event

10:30-12:30 (including lunch)

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

For further details contact Sarah at:

[emmens.cfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmens.cfw@gmail.com)

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# Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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