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Message from Mr. McConnell

I had a lovely time taking a tour group around the school today. It was great to see everything running so smoothly and the children having a brilliant time and learning lots. You may have seen in the press this week that Ofsted have changed the way they report on schools and that this is going to cause some ripples across the education sector. I just wanted to let you know that what won't change at Ashleigh is that the children's progress and happiness will continue to be how we judge ourselves. On today's evidence, our school is still heading the right direction so well done and thank you to everyone!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Deer – Anabelle and Theo; **Fox** – Olivia;
Hazel – Emily H, Rocket, Daisy S, Jacob, Oscar, Isaiah and Ryta;
Elm – Faye; **Maple** – Bethan;
Mulberry – Maggie and Penelope; **Ash** – Tilly.

100% Half Term Attendance Raffle Winners

Hedgehog – Blythe; **Squirrel** – George and Lilly; **Barn Owl** – Sienna;
Deer – Ivy and Lilah; **Fox** – Kian; **Hazel** – Emily and Zofia;
Elm – Evan; **Maple** – Evelyn and Scarlett;
Willow – Darcie; **Ash** – Jack and Zumra.

Phonics - Years 1 & 2

In Years 1 and 2 this week, the children have stayed in class for their phonics lessons, rather than splitting into groups. This is to allow us to assess their Red Words. Your child will be bringing home a letter today to tell you which words they need to practise reading.

In addition to this, the children have been working on a KS1 poetry performance. They have written their own firework themed poems in small groups, and will be performing them to each other on Friday morning.

New phonics groups will begin on Monday 10th November. Your child will be bringing home a letter to tell you which group they will be in, and how you can support them at home.



John McConnell
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Flu Vaccination Information

The Flu Vaccination team visited school on Thursday 6th November. They are returning for the afternoon of Tuesday 25th November to vaccinate any children either absent on the 6th, or who have provided consent since that date.

Treehouse Access Code

Treehouse parents/carers were sent a new code for access to Sheffield Road gate during Treehouse hours. The code should **NOT** be shared with Ashleigh children under any circumstances.

School Field

Please could we ask that you use the pathways provided and not cut across the field during drop off and pick up.

This will help us to keep the grassed area in good shape for future use and prevent muddy feet trailing through the school building.

Thank you.

DT Curriculum Breakfast Parent Event

Thank you to all of you who attended our first curriculum breakfast event. It was a fantastic opportunity to see how Design Technology progresses through the school and to hear your feedback (with a cup of tea and a croissant!).

Keep an eye out for the Modern Foreign Language breakfast coming up before Christmas. We would love to see you there!



Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop

Lots of you attended our first Zones of Regulation workshop, but as we know it is not always easy for parents to attend we have sent a separate email with a bundle of Zones of Regulation resources to have a look at.

The next workshop on 'expected' and 'unexpected' behaviours will be in Spring Term.

A video about Zones of Regulation:

<https://youtu.be/zZ9X-d3oZvQ?si=b0yiWkaRhK257Zi7>

Creating a Zones check in for home (worksheet attached):

<https://youtu.be/66ogmkG98pI?si=94VFHzkEq2K5O5Cq>

App Ratings

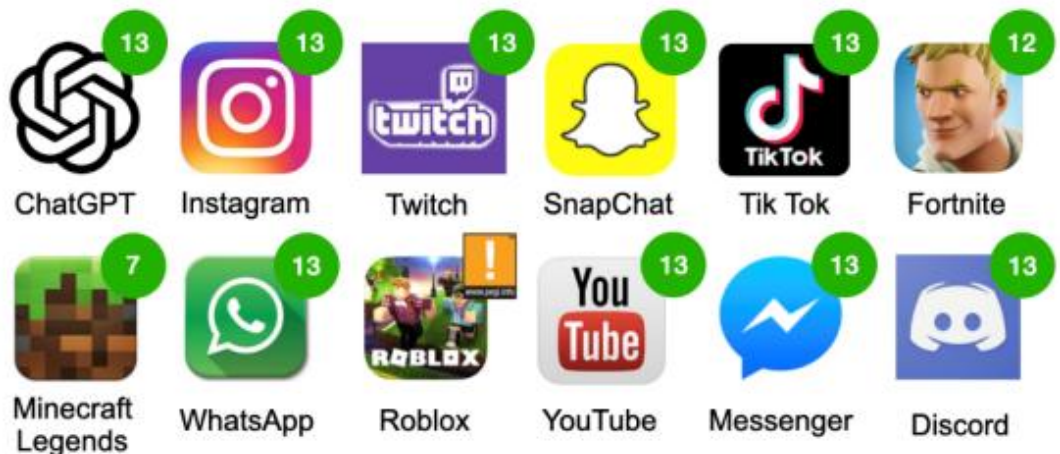
We hope you find the monthly Online Safety Newsletter useful, November's edition was emailed to parents/carers on 3rd November.

It has some really useful information, hints and tips about helping your child stay safe online, that we hope you find helpful.

It's worth remembering the app age ratings, some of which you may find surprising:

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



Ashleigh Friends




🎄 **Thank You and Christmas Fun Ahead!** 🎄

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered our personalised Christmas items — we've already surpassed last year's total sales! 🎉

We'll share the final amount as soon as it's confirmed.

Have you seen our **Advent Calendar Raffle**? Tickets are just **£1 each**, and you can buy as many as you like for any of the calendars through the **SchoolMoney app** (the same one used for school meal bookings).

This year's calendars include:

-  Smiggle Advent Calendar
-  Minecraft Lego Advent Calendar
-  Minerals & Crystals Advent Calendar
-  Hotel Chocolat Advent Calendar

Thank you for supporting the raffle — and good luck! 

The **Uniform Shed** now accepts donations of **Christmas Jumpers**. Please, donate your outgrown Christmas jumpers for them to find a new home.

Finally, keep the festive spirit going, remember our **Christmas Bake Sale and Brass Band performance** will be on **Wednesday 11th December at 3:00pm**. We'll be asking for **cake donations**, so start planning your most delicious Christmassy bakes — we can't wait to see (and taste!) your creations!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend—we look forward to seeing you next week!

Ashleigh Friends PTA

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
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.
- ^ Newly 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	
Mon 10 th Nov	• Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 11 th Nov	• Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle • a.m. Maple class swimming
Wed 12 th Nov	• Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Thurs 13 th Nov	• Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Fri 14 th Nov	• Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 18 th Nov	• a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 20 th Nov	• Sibling Photos (date changed from 18 th Nov)
Tues 25 th Nov	• p.m. Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 2 nd Dec	• a.m. Maple class swimming
Mon 8 th Dec	• a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience) • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Stay and Play
Tues 9 th Dec	• a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Stay and Play
Wed 10 th Dec	• 9:30am Reception Performance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • 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 & Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 9 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo
Fri 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
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
Mon 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
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
Fri 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 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
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 & 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

Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

In this month's newsletter, we feature an interview with a grandparent who recently attended both our Plan Bee and Puffins courses alongside his wife, daughter and daughter's partner.

Family Action's Autism/ADHD Support Service Newsletter



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



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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