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Message from Mr. McConnell

Welcome back to a wonderful, despite the weather, spring term at Ashleigh!

As always, we'd like to hear from parents about your experience of Ashleigh, please take a moment to fill in [this form](#) to share your feedback with us.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Hedgehog – Ozy; **Squirrel** – Kino, Emma and Wesley;

Deer – Lilly; **Fox** – Bella and Anais;

Hazel – Jacob R;

Elm – Charlie;

Mulberry – Sid, Elijah, Shanley and Oscar L; **Willow** – Caitlin;

Ash – Tilly, Jack V and Caitlin.

Lime Tree Avenue - Road Closure 19th & 20th January

Lime Tree Avenue/Sheffield Road (near the Co-op) is closed for roadworks on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January.

If you can, please consider setting off a few minutes earlier those days and walking. If everyone arrives by car on those days it's clear that the area outside of school is going to be gridlocked. We will keep the registers open a few minutes later on those days because we don't want anyone to feel rushed when they are dealing with the inevitable delays that these roadworks will cause.

Thank you for your support.

Safer Parking and Journeys to School

If you're looking for any ideas about how to make your journeys to and from school, and in general, safer then Norfolk County Council has some excellent resources:

- [Norfolk County Council Road Safety Website](#) offers [learning resources](#), a [Parking Information Leaflet](#), and a Calendar of [National Road Safety Events](#), including active travel initiatives for families.
- Cycle Route Planner [Better by Bike](#) to find the safest cycling routes. Visit [Travel Norfolk for Schools](#) for tips on actively travelling to school.
- [Stay Focused Campaign & Toolkit](#) – Aimed at drivers, this toolkit offers practical advice to reduce distractions and stay alert during school journeys.

Parent/Carer Workshops & Curriculum Café

Thursday 15th January, 2:00-3:00pm: Zones of Regulation

Workshop

The Zones of Regulation is used to teach children self-regulation and emotional control as well as problem-solving skills.

Key themes:

- What is Zones of Regulation?
- What are expected and unexpected behaviours and how do these link to the Zones of Regulation?
- How can we support children to move between the zones?

Please do not worry if you were not able to attend the last workshop, you're welcome to join us and we hope to see you then!

Sign-up at:

[Parent/Carer Workshop – Zones of Regulation \(15.01.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Friday 16th January, 8:45-9:30am: MFL Curriculum Café

Please join us for our MFL curriculum café. We will be displaying information about Modern Foreign Languages across the school and Miss Eyre, our MFL lead will be available.

Please sign in at the school office and come and enjoy a hot drink with us.

Tuesday 21st January, 2:00-3:00pm: Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mrs Dowling on Tuesday 27th January at 2pm, (it will be finished in time for pick-up at 3pm).

Please come along to find out more about fluency with Phonics, and Phonics screening.

Sign-up at:

[Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop – Phonics \(27.01.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Thursday 12th February, 2:00-3:00pm: Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children with SEND - Supporting Sensory Need

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mr Walker on Thursday 12th February at 2pm, (it will be finished in time for pick-up at 3pm).

Supporting sensory needs: how to use sensory circuits and other strategies in the home.

Sign-up at:

[Workshop for Parents/Carers of children with SEND – Supporting Sensory Needs \(12.02.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Ashleigh Friends

☀️ **Welcome Back & Happy New Year!** ☀️

Welcome back to school in **2026**! We hope you all had a lovely festive break and a happy, restful New Year. It's great to be back and we're looking forward to another busy and exciting term ahead with our wonderful school community.

📅 **Next Meeting – Join Us!**

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday 12 January 2026 at 7.30pm.**

You're very welcome to join us **in person at school or online.** If you'd like to attend virtually, please contact us via email and we'll send you the online meeting link. New faces are always welcome!

● **Exciting Community Matters News – Waitrose Wymondham**

We're delighted to share that **Ashleigh Friends** have been selected for **Waitrose's Community Matters scheme** this quarter.

Community Matters is a fantastic initiative where Waitrose customers can support local causes by voting with green tokens received when shopping in store. Each token placed in our slot helps determine how much funding we receive.

📦 **How you can help:**

- Shop at **Waitrose Wymondham**
- Collect your green token at the checkout
- Pop it into the **Ashleigh Friends** Community Matters tube

🕒 **Voting closes on 31 March 2026**, so please help us spread the word to friends and family who shop locally.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we're excited for what 2026 has in store! 😊

The PTA Team

PE Days

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

Year	Days
Reception	Mondays – Squirrel Tuesdays – Hedgehog
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

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
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 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
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.

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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Mon 12 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends PTA Meeting at School or join via: https://call.whatsapp.com/video/i4qET9JuY26CMzjvmPx58A
Tues 13 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 15 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Parent/Carer Workshop: Zones of Regulation
Fri 16 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45-9:30am Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Curriculum Café
Tues 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming 3:10-5:00pm All About Me Parent Teacher Meetings

Wed 21 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-5:00pm All About Me Parent Teacher Meetings (Fox class)
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 • 2pm Y1 Parent/Carer Workshop: Phonics
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 • p.m. Year 5 Mental Health Support Team class workshops
Thurs 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm SEND Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting sensory needs
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's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year in which we are thinking about neurodivergence and girls.

Family Action Newsletter



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