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9th October 2026

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Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a delight to welcome so many prospective parents from Wymondham and beyond to our Open Days today. The school is looking and feeling beautiful. Today's tours took place in school time to show off the thing that makes our school so amazing... our brilliant children! It really makes a difference to see them in action, and in our wonderful new-look Reception classrooms.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Deer – Harriet W;
Hazel – Jaxson;
Elm – Charlotte and Ophelia; **Maple** – Kira;
Mulberry – Lincoln, Finley and Arthur; **Willow** – Otis, Mason, Bethan and Seb;
Ash – Elliot; **Sycamore** – Noah and Ralph.

Lost Property

Can parents/carers and children take a moment to look through the lost property box, there are lots of jumpers, cardigans and fleeces, amongst lots of other lost items. Named lost property will be checked and returned in school next week, any unnamed items remaining at half term will be given to Ashleigh Friends for the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed.

Reception First Class Photos

Just a reminder that the First Class Photo supplement will be in the Evening News on Tuesday 13th October.

School & Nursery Individual Photos

- School and Nursery individual photos are being taken on **Thursday 15th October**.
- Please send your child in with an Ashleigh logo top, if you wish them to wear this in the photo.
- Children doing PE can wear PE clothes as normal but bring an Ashleigh top with them.
- Sibling photos will be taken on Thursday 19th November.

John McConnell
Headteacher
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Ashleigh Instagram

Ashleigh on X

School Community Afternoon – Friday 16th October

The children will be spending the afternoon of Friday 16th October in their house teams, so children are welcome to come to school in uniform or PE kit (if it's a PE day) wearing a t-shirt in their house colour:

House Colours
Aquila (The Eagle) (children can wear yellow or white t-shirts);
Delphinus (The Dolphin);
Draco (The Dragon);
Firebird (The Phoenix).

These sessions help build a school-wide identity and the idea of Ashleigh as a community.

If your child is not sure what house they are in, please ask their teacher.

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 13th November & Tuesday 24th November

The Vaccination Team are visiting school on the following dates:

- Friday 13th November for **Reception to Year 5 children**;
- Tuesday 24th November for **Year 6 children** and a 'mop-up' session for those who missed 13th November.

The Vaccination Team are sending information direct to parents this year so please look out for an email or text message from them with more information, including how to opt out.

Achievement Board

It's great to celebrate the children's achievements out of school, as well as in school. If you have a photo of your child (no other children please) taking part in a club or new challenge that you are happy to share with us; please email this in to office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk and it will be added to the Achievement Board in the Year 2 corridor.

Ashleigh Friends

🎄 **Christmas Market – We Need Your Help!** 🎄
Our **Christmas Market is coming up on Saturday 28 November, 11am–2pm**, and we're now looking for local businesses and our school community to help make it a fantastic event!

💼 **Could your business sponsor our Christmas Market?**
We have **different levels of sponsorship available**, offering businesses a great opportunity to support our school while getting involved with our festive event.

Please **see the attached poster for full details of the sponsorship packages**. If you or a business you know might be interested, please get in touch with us at **ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk**.

📣 **Help us spread the word!**
We'd also love your help promoting the Christmas Market. Please share the event with **friends, family, local groups and businesses** so we can make it a brilliant day for the whole school community.

🎟️ **Raffle Prizes Wanted!**
We're also looking for **raffle prizes** for our Christmas Market. If you have a business that could donate a prize, or you have a suitable item or voucher you think could make a great raffle prize, please contact us via **ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk**.

Every donation, sponsorship and share helps us make the Christmas Market a success and raise funds for our children. **Thank you for your support!** 🎅✨

Ashleigh Friends PTA

School Uniform Options

- Birds of Dereham: for free delivery to the school; **use code ASH15**.
- Visit Ashleigh Friend's **Pre-Loved Uniform Shed**, open every day after school, the shed is just along from Year 6 Ash classroom (towards the car park and Sheffield Road gate).
  - All items are £1, and can be paid by card (QR code) or cash (cash box inside the shed).

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-thigh length please, with t-shirts (no crop tops).

Year	Days
Reception	Not autumn term
1	Mondays & Thursdays
2	Wednesdays & Fridays
3	Mondays & Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays & Thursdays
5	Tuesdays & Thursdays
6	Friday afternoons

After School Clubs

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

Day	Club	Years	Dates	Pick-Up Time
Monday	Creation Station	1-6	21st Sep – 30th Nov	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3	21st Sep – 30th Nov	4:00pm
Tuesday	Badminton	3-6	22nd Sep – 1st Dec	4:00pm
	Singing Club	1-6	22nd Sep – 1st Dec	3:45pm
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	23rd Sep – 2nd Dec	4:00pm
Thursday	Gymnastics	1-6	24th Sep – 3rd Dec	4:00pm
	Karate	1-6	24th Sep – 3rd Dec	4:00pm
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	25th Sep – 4th Dec	4:00pm

FSM Information

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals,** please click **here.**

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2026-2027 Dates	
Mon 12th Oct	• 3:30pm – **Year 6 Girls' Football** v Eaton (Home) • 5:00pm Reception September 2027 Intake Tour
Tues 13th Oct	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming • **Reception** class photos in the Evening News • 3:30pm – **Year 6 Boys' Football** v Eaton (Away)
Thurs 15th Oct	• School & Nursery Individual Photos
Fri 16th Oct	• p.m. School Community Afternoon • 4:45-5:45pm Years 1 and 2 PTA Disco • 6:00-7:00pm Years 3 and 4 PTA Disco • 7:15-8:15pm Years 5 and 6 PTA Disco
Tues 20th Oct	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming
Wed 21st Oct	• 3:05-3:30pm **Reception** Curriculum Meeting
Thurs 22nd Oct	• **Year 3** to Gressenhall

	• 3:30pm – **Year 6 Girls' Football** v Cringleford (Home) • **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**
Mon 2nd Nov	• **8:30am School & Nursery reopen**
Tues 3rd Nov	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming • 10:30-11:15am Nursery Open Classroom • 3:10-5:30pm School Parents/Carers Evening
Wed 4th Nov	• 3:10-6:00pm School Parents/Carers Evening
Thurs 5th Nov	• 3:10-5:30pm School Parents/Carers Evening
Fri 6th Nov	• Non-school uniform day – donations of chocolate/biscuits for the Christmas Fayre please!
Mon 9th Nov	• **Year 6** Willersley Castle Residential
Tues 10th Nov	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming • **Year 6** Willersley Castle Residential
Wed 11th Nov	• **Year 6** Willersley Castle Residential
Thurs 12th Nov	• **Year 6** Willersley Castle Residential
Fri 13th Nov	• **Year 6** Willersley Castle Residential • **Reception to Year 5** Flu Vaccinations
Mon 16th Nov	• 3:30pm – **Year 6 Girls' Football** v Norwich High (Home)
Tues 17th Nov	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming
Thurs 19th Nov	• Sibling Photos
Tues 24th Nov	• **Year 6** and 'mop-up' Flu Vaccinations • a.m. **Elm** class swimming
Fri 27th Nov	• p.m. School Community Afternoon
Sat 28th Nov	• 🎄 **11am-2pm Ashleigh Christmas Fayre!** 🎄
Mon 30th Nov	• **Year 6** Assessments
Tues 1st Dec	• **Year 6** Assessments • a.m. **Elm** class swimming
Wed 2nd Dec	• **Year 6** Assessments
Thurs 3rd Dec	• **Year 6** Assessments
Mon 7th Dec	• 9:30am **Reception** Christmas performance DVD filming (no audience)
Tues 8th Dec	• a.m. **Elm** class swimming • Young Carers' pantomime trip
Wed 9th Dec	• 9:30am **Reception** Christmas performance • 2:00pm **Reception** Christmas performance
Thurs 10th Dec	• 9:30am **Year 1** Christmas performance • 2:30pm **Year 1** Christmas performance
Fri 11th Dec	• 1:45pm **Year 2** performance at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 14th Dec	• 2:45pm **Year 6** Carols
Tues 15th Dec	• 2:45m **Year 5** Carols
Wed 16th Dec	• Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day • 2:45pm **Year 4** Carols
Thurs 17th Dec	• 2:45pm **Year 3** Carols
Fri 18th Dec	• **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**
Tues 5th Jan	• **8:30am School & Nursery reopen**

Tues 19th Jan	• 3:10-5:00pm ISP Parents Evening (invites will be sent to participants)
Thurs 21st Jan	• School Community Day
Fri 22nd Jan	• **Year 4** Bikeability (details to follow)
Mon 25th Jan	• **Year 6** Assessments
Tues 26th Jan	• **Year 6** Assessments
Wed 27th Jan	• **Year 6** Assessments
Thurs 28th Jan	• **Year 6** Assessments
Fri 29th Jan	• **Year 4** Bikeability (details to follow)
Fri 5th Feb	• **Year 4** Bikeability (details to follow) • 7:30pm **Ashleigh Friends** event (details to follow)
Fri 12th Feb	• **Year 4** Bikeability (details to follow) • **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**
Mon 22nd Feb	• **8:30am School & Nursery reopen**
Thurs 4th Mar	• World Book Day • p.m. School Community Afternoon
Mon 8th Mar	• **Year 6** Assessments
Tues 9th Mar	• **Year 6** Assessments
Wed 10th Mar	• **Year 6** Assessments
Thurs 11th Mar	• **Year 6** Assessments
Thurs 25th Mar	• **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**
Mon 12th Apr	• INSET Day
Tues 13th Apr	• **8:30am School & Nursery reopen**
Thurs 29th Apr	• **Reception** Hearing & Vision Screening
Mon 3rd May	• **School & Nursery closed for May Bank Holiday**
Tues 4th May	• **Reception** Hearing & Vision Screening
Thurs 6th May	• **Reception** Hearing & Vision Screening
Mon 10th May	• **Year 6** SATS
Tues 11th May	• **Year 6** SATS
Wed 12th May	• **Year 6** SATS
Thurs 13th May	• **Year 6** SATS
Wed 19th May	• 3:10-5:00pm ISP Parents Evening (invites will be sent to participants)
Fri 28th May	• **Sports Day -** School Community Day • **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**
Fri 25th Jun	• **Sports Day (Reserve if 28th May cancelled)**
Tues 20th Jul	• p.m. School Community Afternoon
Wed 21st Jul	• **3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term**

Community News

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

Foodbank and Community Café – Wymondham Community Outreach Project CIO

- Foodbank and Community Café sessions are held in the Parish Hall at Wymondham's RC Church, 1 Norwich Road, NR18 0QE.
- 10:00am-12:30pm on Saturdays on the following dates:
  - 17th October; 21st November; 19th December.

Financial Support for Families

- There is ongoing support for families at:
  www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving
  www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs.

Wymondham Magazine
Read your October edition!

Family Voice Norfolk September 2026 Newsletter
Family Voice Newsletter

Family Action NWAASS October 2026 newsletter
In this month's newsletter we are taking a look at Tourette's Syndrome, with an interesting article, an overview of the condition and some useful links for support. You can also find details on all our drop-in support groups around the region, our upcoming courses and workshop for the month.

Please click on: Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

Banham Zoo – October Half Term Offer
This October half-term, children can visit Banham Zoo for just £1 when accompanied by a full-paying adult, giving families the opportunity to enjoy another day of wildlife, learning and adventure together.

From Friday 23rd October to Sunday 1st November, families can explore the zoo and take part in a range of educational half-term activities, including:

- Investigating real animal bones;
- Getting up close with fascinating minibeasts;
- Discovering incredible animal adaptations;
- Taking part in special educational talks and activities throughout the zoo.

Families can access the £1 child ticket offer by booking online by 25th October, for visits throughout the October half-term period.

More details here: https://www.banhamzoo.co.uk/october-half-term

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