



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from Mr. McConnell

This week, I want to say a huge 'well done!' to everyone who has started at Ashleigh this term. It is so nice to welcome new people into our community and it makes me so happy to see how well our newest arrivals are settling in and how it already feels like they've been here for ages! Thank you all making Ashleigh such a welcoming place.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – Hamish and Albie; **Bat** – Christos and Darcy;
Deer – Skye; **Birch** – Harry; **Hazel** – Mary and John;
Mulberry – Maggie, Chloe and Abel; **Willow** – Serenity and Sammy;
Sycamore – Teddy and Frankie-Rose.

Reminders

Just a few reminders:

- Please can children remove nail polish for school;
- Jewellery should be plain stud earrings, and removed (or taped over), and long hair tied back on PE days;
- Please don't send children with valuable (emotional and/or financial) belongings; e.g. toys/playing cards/keyrings/jewellery;
- Children's mobile phones should be turned off when entering the school site, handed to the class teacher for storage during the school day, and collected again at 3pm. Children should not be using mobile phones in school during the school day.

Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Residential

Photos will be posted on our X account, <https://x.com/PrimaryAshleigh>

If you need to contact staff in the event of a family emergency please email the school office (email will be monitored out of hours during the residential) or Thorpe Woodlands on 01842 763564, admin@thorpewoodlands.co.uk

Treehouse Access Code

The new code for access for Treehouse Breakfast and After School Club parents/carers was resent yesterday.

Please can we ask that:

- The code is NOT shared with the children, or anyone other than the responsible adult/s dropping off at, or collecting from, Treehouse;
- The gate is closed behind you on entry and exit, and;
- Make sure no one else follows you through the gate.

School Height & Weight Check - Reception & Year 6

Letters were emailed out on Tuesday 9th September. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

The NHS team will be in school on Thursday 2nd October to carry out the measurements.

All Reception and Year 6 children will automatically be included in the programme.

Parents/carers need to opt out if they do not want their child to participate - details of how to do this were in the emailed letter.

The deadline to opt out is **Thursday 25th September**.

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Ashleigh Friend's pre-loved uniform shop is bursting with a fantastic choice of clothes, up to 14 years in size, and many are brand new still with labels. All items are £1 which is a fantastic bargain and a great way to replace uniform as children grow! There are shoes, wellies, hats, polo shirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers, fleeces, dresses and the shop is open every day after school. Please have a look when you're passing and don't forget to name anything you buy!

Ashleigh Friends

We hope the first full week of school has gone well. Our Frozen Fridays are back, so bring some cash to have a well-deserved ice-lolly at the end of week.

Thanks a lot for all the uniform donations. They will be added to our stocks as soon as possible. Remember the Uniform Shop is open each afternoon during pick up for you to bag some bargains! Items are £1 each.

Also, please come along to our first meeting of the year, it is on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm, at the school's staff room. An online link will also be available. This meeting is open to all - if you are new to the school and want to come and see what

we do then you'll be very welcomed! Please let us know via ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to join, or want the remote link sent to you.

See you all on Wednesday! Have a good weekend!

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	Mondays 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
September	£15	12/09/2025
October	£15	10/10/2025
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.

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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Mon 15 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception classes full-time• Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Tues 16 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Wed 17 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands • 3:10pm Year 2 Transition meeting • 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends Meeting (at Ashleigh)
Mon 22 nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-3:30pm Reception open classrooms • Year 6 Open Evening at Hethersett Academy
Tues 23 rd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 24 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-3:30pm Reception open classrooms
Thurs 25 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-3:30pm Reception open classrooms • 5:00-7:30pm Year 6 Open Evening at Wymondham High Academy
Tues 30 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception & Year 6 NCMP Screening • 3:10pm Reception Curriculum meeting (in Squirrel classroom)
Tues 7 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery Individual Photos • a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-6pm tour for Reception Intake September 2026
Fri 10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-11am tour for Reception Intake September 2026 • 1:30-2:30pm tour for Reception Intake September 2026
Tues 14 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • Parents' Evening appointments (details to follow)
Wed 15 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening appointments (details to follow)
Thurs 16 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening appointments (details to follow)
Tues 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 24 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 3 rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6
Mon 10 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 11 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle • a.m. Maple class swimming
Wed 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Thurs 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Fri 15 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling Photos • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 25 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Fri 27 th Mar	• 3pm School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 27 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Tues 28 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Mon 4 th May	• School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Fri 22 nd May	• 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 1 st Jun	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 16 th Jun	• Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)
Tues 23 rd Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	• 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 Newsletter

Messy Church – Saturday 20th September

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 20th September

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

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