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**13th February
2026**

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**Ashleigh
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Message from Mr. McConnell

We've had a great afternoon in our mixed age house groups, creating some amazing art work which will be on display in the school soon. We are so proud of how all of the children adapted to a very different afternoon by being brave and kind.

Have a lovely half term and we'll see you all back on Monday 23rd February!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Hedgehog – Izzy; **Squirrel** – Maria;
Deer – Theo and Theia; **Fox** – Victoria;
Birch – Ophelia; **Hazel** – Jacob C;
Maple – Darcey, Scarlett and Charlotte;
Mulberry – Oscar and Rosa;
Ash – William W, Harrison and Tilly.

Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting

We're holding our Year 6 parent/carers SATs information meeting at 3:15pm on Wednesday 25th February. We hope you're able to join us but we do appreciate that this isn't always possible, we will share the information afterwards with all Year 6 parents/carers.

Young Carers

At Ashleigh, we are committed to supporting our Young Carers and aim to have a comprehensive list of all of the children in our school who are performing this role. We aim to support them and celebrate the part they play. You may have seen our 'Carersaurus' in the school foyer which celebrates the important role of these children.

We know we have lots of super siblings who help out at home with other children with additional needs who may not be on our list. If you think your child could be a young carer, please complete this form:

Young Carers at Ashleigh – Fill in form

What is a young carer? You are a young carer if you are under 18 and are looking after someone regularly because they're ill (physically or

mentally) or disabled. **You might be caring for mum or dad, looking after a friend, or you might be helping your parents care for a brother or sister or grandparent.**

Some people start giving care at a very young age and don't really realise they're carers. Other young people become carers overnight when someone in their family has an accident, or another carer becomes unavailable.

Carers help with:

- Washing, dressing or taking medicines;
- Shopping, cleaning and laundry;
- Paying bills and organising finances;
- Watching over someone if they can't be left alone.

For further advice and support, please use this fantastic website <https://www.youngcarersmatternorfolk.org/>

Nursery Sessions - September 2026

If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2026, and would like to request sessions, please contact nursery@ashleighprimary.net for more information.

Parking

Parking restrictions

Parking when these restrictions are in operation is illegal.

- Prohibited parking - this is where there are yellow lines or clearway restrictions in operation;
 - **Double yellow lines apply at all times and will be in place to protect the safety of all road users;**
 - Single yellow lines apply some of the time and control when you can and cannot park.
 - **Yellow zig zags mean you may not even stop to let passengers out of the vehicle.**
- If you encounter a vehicle parked in a location where not permitted, you can report this to Parking Operations who will alert the Civil Enforcement Officers managed by your local council.
Please report this to:
<https://www.parkingoperations.co.uk/enforcement/enforcement-requests/>
- If you believe that a vehicle is parked in such a way that it is causing a danger to other road users, then **please call 101 and report the matter to the Police.**

Vehicles should not cause obstruction to pavement users. Wheelchairs or pushchairs need to be able to pass without entering into the road. If you can still drive around a vehicle that is wider than average it is not an obstruction. **If you have encountered a vehicle causing a complete**

obstruction you can contact the Police on their non-emergency number (101) or using the [report online](#) facility.

If a vehicle has parked across a dropped kerb and this prevents the householder from accessing their driveway, **this can be reported to the Police using the 101 service or the [report online](#) facility.**


Ashleigh Friends


PTA End of Half Term Newsletter

As we reach the end of half term, thank you for your continued support of Ashleigh Friends. Here's a quick round-up of what's coming up next term and how you can get involved.

PTA AGM – Save the Date

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on:

 **Thursday 12th March 2026**

 **7:30pm**


 **School Staffroom**

All **trustee roles will be re-elected** at the AGM. If you're interested in joining the PTA for the 2026/27 school year, this is the perfect opportunity to find out more. The school has shared job descriptions by email, but you're also very welcome to chat to us at school or email ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk with any questions. We'd love to see some new faces!

Community Matters – Please Keep Voting

Ashleigh Friends are proud to be part of the **Community Matters scheme** at **Waitrose Wymondham** this quarter.

When shopping in store, you'll receive a green token to vote for a local cause — please pop yours into the **Ashleigh Friends** tube to help raise vital funds for the school.

 **Voting runs until 31st March**, so please keep spreading the word to friends and family who shop there.

World Book Day – Pre-Loved Costume Collection

With **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** fast approaching, we're continuing to collect **pre-loved book character costumes**.

How to donate:

- Place **bagged costumes** in the **green wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms**
 - Donated costumes will be available to buy in the **Uniform Shop soon**, offering an affordable and sustainable option for families.
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School Lottery Reminder

Don't forget you can support the school all year round by playing the **Your School Lottery**. Every ticket helps provide regular funding for the school while giving players the chance to win weekly prizes.

Easy Fundraising Reminder

Please remember to use **Easy Fundraising** whenever you shop online.

Many retailers donate a percentage of your spend to the school **at no extra cost to you** – a simple way to support us during everyday shopping.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all enjoy a lovely, restful half term break! ❤️

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 – Elm 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
	Farm Club	5-6	25 th Feb – 18 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 Meal - EdenRed Vouchers

The Free School Meal voucher scheme will **end on 31st March 2026**.

If you have any unspent vouchers please **redeem these within three months of issue.**

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
March	£15	06/03/2026

- Since 2021, the County Council has been providing monthly vouchers per child to families who have children who are eligible for free school meals. This has been possible because of funding provided by government called the HSF. This fund comes to an end on 31 March.
- Although HSF is coming to an end, there will be ongoing support for families at www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving which will be kept up to date with any help on offer.
- Broader support on debt and welfare rights is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs.
- The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, and the Easter programme will launch in the coming weeks. Families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

Free School Meals Information

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

Because of the Universal Credit changes coming into effect from September 2026, from what we understand from current government information:

a) Current Free School Meal eligible parents/carer **will have to reapply to continue to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium;**

b) All families that receive Universal Credit from September 2026 are eligible but **will have to apply to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.**

When we know more, including how and when to apply, we will let families know.

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am School & Nursery reopen • 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Firside (Home)
Tues 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming • 3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Eaton Primary (Away)
Wed 25 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:15pm Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting
Thurs 26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Birch class Library visit
Fri 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability • a.m. Hazel class Library visit
Mon 2 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Drayton Junior (Home)
Tues 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm – Ketts' Books – Book Fair (using World Book Day tokens)

Thurs 5 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – dress as favourite book character 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Angel Road (Home)
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 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v White Woman Lane (Home)
Sat 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning <p>Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March – Fill in form</p>
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Kinsale Junior (Away)
Fri 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Nose Day – wear something red to support Red Nose Day
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 a.m. Reception: Furry Friends Petting Farm Visit
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-2:30pm Reception, Years 1 & 2 House Colours Aquila (The Eagle) Delphinus (The Dolphin) Draco (The Dragon) Firebird (The Phoenix)
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
Fri 19 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 trip to Sandringham
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
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-2:00pm Ashleigh Art Show (details to follow)
Tues 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Year 6 Leavers' Performance (filming, no audience)
Wed 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30-6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Disco
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–10.30am every Tuesday

* 2:00-3:30pm and 6:30-7:30pm every Thursday

For more information telephone 07736 725708

Email info@hubproject.org.uk

Messy Church – Saturday 7th March

This event is for children (between four and eleven years old) and their parents/carers. **The event is lots of fun with: craft, games, stories, singing and a meal, and as before the event is entirely free.**



Your invitation to:

Activities

Songs

Food



Games

Crafts

Stories

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 7th March
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





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