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Message from Mr. McConnell

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone on the PTA! The work they do for our school is so important and very much appreciated. Their fundraising makes a huge difference to what we can offer the children and they bring a real sense of community to our school.

Also, a huge thank you to Abi for chairing the PTA over the past year, and another to Lorraine for agreeing to lead the PTA into the next year.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Kesa;

Deer – Alex; **Fox** – Marti and Anais;

Birch – Lucas;

Elm – Fabrice, Charlie and Ivy R; **Maple** – Josh;

Mulberry – Shanley, Elijah, Archie, Annabel and Chloe;

Willow – Beth.

Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning - Saturday 14th March, 10am-12pm

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on the farm tomorrow, we look forward to seeing you there!

Lunch Orders: Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 Monday 16th March & Year 6 Tuesday 17th March

Please send your child with a home packed lunch, or order a school packed lunch via SchoolMoney, for Monday (Year 5) and Tuesday (Year 6).

Information was emailed out on Monday 9th March.

Change to visit dates for Birch and Hazel classes

Birch and Hazel class visits to Windmill House have swapped dates.

New visit dates:

- Hazel – Monday 23rd March
- Birch – Thursday 26th March

School Site Safety

Please can we remind parents/carers to supervise children at the start and end of the day, children should not be playing on school equipment or climbing trees on site.

Workshops & Curriculum Café

Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics (17.03.2026)

Please come along to find out more about Storybook Phonics (just before children start Red storybooks).

This booking link will close at 9am on Monday 16th March:

[Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics \(17.03.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

PE Curriculum Café – Friday 27th March: 8:45-9:30am

Please come and find out more about our PE curriculum at our café on Friday 27th March. All parents/carers welcome! Access via the door between Year 2 classes on Sheffield Road.

Lost Property

The lost property box (outside Reception classrooms on the playground) is full of:

- Coats;
- School jumpers;
- Hats etc.

Named clothing is returned in school.

If your child has lost any uniform recently please have a look through the lost property, older children are also welcome to look themselves.

At the end of the term, all unclaimed lost property will be donated to Ashleigh Friends for the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed.

The Year of Reading: Evening News School Tokens

To celebrate the Year of Reading, Norwich Evening News is launching a campaign that will give all schools the chance to win a share of £12,000 worth of books.

Tokens will be printed each day in the paper from 7th March to 16th May 2026, ready for pupils, parents and carers to cut out and bring into school.

- 1st Place: £750 worth of books;
- 2nd Place: £400 worth of books;
- Bonus Draw: Any school collecting over 1,000 tokens will be entered into a draw to win one of 75 £100 book bundles.

We would be very grateful if any tokens could be handed in to the school office. Thank you!

New School Management Information System

The transfer to the new system has been delayed whilst further development and improvements are implemented.

Ashleigh Friends

The PTA met for the AGM meeting last night (12th March), and we are pleased to confirm a new group of trustees for the next calendar year. Thank you to everyone who took part in the meeting and allowed for elections to run successfully!

More information on trustees will be shared next week. For now join us in welcoming:

- Lorraine as the new PTA chair;
- Amy as the new PTA Vice-chair;
- Maria in her renewed commitment to the role of PTA treasurer;
- Mar in her renewed commitment to the role of co-secretary;
- Isotta as new co-secretary.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Abi for her dedication as PTA Chair over the last twelve months. Abi will remain a close friend to the PTA, offering her time as a volunteer member of the Ashleigh community.

Community Matters – Please keep voting

A reminder that Ashleigh Friends are part of the Waitrose Wymondham Community Matters scheme this quarter. When you shop in store, you will receive a green token to vote for a local cause – please place yours in the Ashleigh Friends tube to help raise funds for the school. Voting runs until 31st March, all shoppers are encouraged to spread the word as we aim to make the most of the next 2 and half weeks!

Please remember to join Ashleigh's **My School Lottery** and use **Easyfundraising** while shopping online or in person.

Thanks for the support!

Have a great weekend,
Ashleigh Friends – PTA

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	Mondays – Squirrel

	Tuesdays – Hedgehog
1	Mondays and Thursdays
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.**

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/carers **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	
Sat 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning
Mon 16 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 trip to Wymondham High Sound of Music Performance 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Firside (Home)
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming Year 6 trip to Wymondham High Sound of Music Performance 2:15pm Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Storybook Phonics 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Kinsale Junior (Away)
Wed 18 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v White Woman Lane (Home) – change of date
Fri 20 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Nose Day – wear something red to support Red Nose Day
Mon 23 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Hazel class visit to Windmill House – change of date 3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Horsford (Home)
Tues 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 26 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Birch class visit to Windmill House – change of date
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)
Fri 17 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Photos
Tues 21 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming a.m. Fox class visit to Windmill House
Thurs 23 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Deer class visit to Windmill House
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 3 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 6 trip
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 <u>House Colours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> • <i>Sports Day – Reserve date</i>
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"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition 'move-up' morning (changed from 24th June) • 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 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

Financial Support for Families

- There will be ongoing support for families at:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

- 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.

Wymondham Newsletter
Read your March edition!

Family Action NWAASS March 2026 Newsletter

March 2026 Newsletter we are thinking about those children and young people who are neurodivergent and feel a lot of anxiety around demands. How can you take a more 'low demand approach'?

The newsletter also contains details of courses, workshop and drop-ins happening in March.



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

[Welcome to our March newsletter.](#)

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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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