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Contact Us
John McConnell
Headteacher

Message from Mr. McConnell

At Ashleigh we want all of the children to develop a love of reading. That's why we're so grateful for the support of the PTA and for all of the support we get from you, the families. Your generosity is helping us to restock our library this year. Our aim is to fill it with beautiful books that the children really want to borrow and share with you at home. To make this easier, our plan is to open the library after school at some point this year. Watch this space for more details!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – Clark, Layla, Annalese and Olivia;
Deer – Casper; **Fox** – Daisy and Noah;
Birch – Taciya; **Hazel** – Eden;
Elm – Maddison and Annabel; **Mulberry** – Henley and Bessie;
Ash – Sophia; **Sycamore** – Seb.

Looked After and/or Adopted Children

If you look after a child in care, are fostering, or planning to adopt your child/ren, please let us know because there are additional levels of support we can offer you in school. You can contact Mrs Clarke, or Mrs Bramley, who are based in the school office.

Operation Encompass

Our school takes part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, called Operation Encompass. Please read the separate letter sent home today with more information about this process.

Diary Dates

Please check out additions to our Diary Dates section of the Newsletter every week. **New events will be highlighted in yellow.**

Reception Classes Information

Reception parents/carers are invited to pop into Reception classrooms between 3 and 4pm on Thursday 26th September or Tuesday 1st October.

Reception parent evening appointments will be offered as slightly different times to the rest of school, all details will be included in the booking system when invites to book are sent out early October.

Ashleigh Friends

We are thrilled to share that Ashleigh Friends was able to make a substantial donation of **£6,000** to the school at the end of the last school year! This donation will be put towards the new school library and we can't wait to see it once finished! As well as this donation, Ashleigh Friends was also able to fund the Y6 leavers' disco and t-shirts, and provided ice pops for every child at sports day. This has all come from the money raised at events in 2023/24 - a huge thank you to everyone who supported us, whether by volunteering time, attending events, donating items or spending money. Let's get ready to do it all again in 2024/25!

Next week we have a **coffee afternoon from 2-3pm on Thursday 19th September**. This is a great chance for new parents to meet other Ashleigh families and find out more about the PTA. If you are attending, please sign in at the office. Younger children are welcome to join too!

There is also a **pre-loved uniform sale at 3pm on Friday 20th September**, on the school playground.

Our next **Ashleigh Friends meeting is on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm at the school**. Here, we will look at plans for 2024/25, so if you're interested to find out more then come along! Email ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to attend.

Have a lovely weekend!

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	PE starts after Christmas
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Fox: Wednesdays and Fridays Deer: Fridays (Forest School on Wednesdays)
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

Free School Meals Payments

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to October 2024 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
September	£15
October	£15

Please note that you have to apply separately for individual children, younger siblings do **not** qualify automatically.

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals** (Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

2024-2025	
Mon 16 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential • Year 4 Bikeability Sessions
Tues 17 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential
Wed 18 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential
Thurs 19 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3pm Ashleigh Friends Coffee Afternoon • From 5pm Year 6 Open Evening at Wymondham High Academy
Fri 20 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Pre-loved Uniform Sale (playground)
Mon 23 rd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Taverham (Away) • 6-8:30pm Year 6 Open Evening at Hethersett Academy
Thurs 26 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4pm Reception Open Classrooms
Fri 27 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)
Tues 1 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4pm Reception Open Classrooms
Wed 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Cringleford (Home)
Fri 4 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am Reception Curriculum Meeting
Thurs 10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Y6 Girls' Football re St Williams (Away)
Tues 15 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Wed 16 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Thurs 17 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Wed 23 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 trip to Gressenhall
Thurs 24 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Y6 Girls' Football re Poringland (Home) • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery reopen after half term
Thurs 7 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 12 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm and 5:30pm Tours for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers
Mon 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening
Fri 29 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations ('mop-up' session)
Fri 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holidays
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holidays
Wed 8 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm Tour for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers

Fri 14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term
Fri 4 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays
Wed 23 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after Easter holidays
Mon 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Holiday – School & Nursery closed
Mon 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Tues 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Wed 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Fri 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 3 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 22 nd Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays

Community Events

Steps Community Food Store: The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

- 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
- 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Wymondham Magazine

[Read the E-Edition here](#)

Messy Church event for KS1 & 2 children on Saturday 5th October, 10:30 -12:30

The event is free, but children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Lunch is included.

For further details contact Sarah at: emmens.cfw@gmail.com

A Green Halloween – Thursday 31st October, 4:30-6:30pm at Wymondham Abbey

- Another nature-themed Halloween event for all ages in the Wymondham Abbey church and churchyard;
- Starts at 4.30 pm with a blessing of the churchyard;
- Craft activities inside the church;
- Bat, Moth and Bug-hunting with WyNG (Wymondham Nature Group);
- Homemade Pumpkin Soup to enjoy;
- Come in old clothes and bring a torch, waterproofs and wellies;
- Explore our amazing churchyard wildlife as darkness starts to fall...

To find out more, contact Hilary on 01953 605672

FREE event - no need to book – just come along and enjoy yourselves !

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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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