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Message from Mr. McConnell

What a fantastic week we've had. It was a joy to see and hear about our Christmas singing this week and to welcome so many of you into the school. As a school, we know that many of our parents and carers simply can't get the time off work to attend events like this, so I'm going to use the newsletter to repeat what I've said at the end of the singing this week – it's always a privilege to work with your children but especially at Christmas. It was a special treat to have 5 brass players performing carols during yesterday's PTA bake sale, a massive thank you to them!

Next week is the last week of term, and we've got some really nice things organised so that we can end 2024 joyfully. See you soon!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Edward and Elijah; **Barn Owl** – Harry, Leon and Skye;
Deer – Lyra and Evie; **Fox** – Kira;
Hazel – Evan, Hattie, Ivy R and Finley; **Maple** – Poppie E and Isabel;
Ash – Bradley.

Well done everyone!

Maple Close / Local Parking

If you park on Maple Close, or anywhere near School during drop-off and pick-up times please can we ask that parents/carers:

- × **Do not** park on street corners or double yellow lines;
- × **Do not** block driveways;
- ✓ **Are considerate** of other road users, pedestrians and residents.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support to keep parking as safe as possible for everyone.

After-School Clubs (*Not Treehouse*)

After-school clubs have all finished this week. New clubs will start again in the Spring term and booking links have been sent out.

Treehouse is open every day that School is open, closing for Christmas holidays at 6pm on Friday 20th December.



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Parent Governor Vacancy

- We sent out two emails with regards to our current Parent Governor Vacancy, to seek nominations of parents/carers interested in taking up this role.
- An effective board has a range of skills and we would welcome nominations from parents with knowledge and experience of engaging children with physical activity and sport.
- All the details are contained in the letter and accompanying attachments.
- Paper copies can be collected from the office (or email us to request a paper copy to be sent home with your child).

Parent/Carer - Workshop Survey

We're hoping to organise various workshops to take place during the spring term, but would like to offer topics of most interest and benefit to parents/carers.

Please take a moment to complete **this form** so that we can plan accordingly, by **9am on Monday 16th December**.

School Vacancies

Breakfast Club Playworker

- We are looking for a Playworker to join our Treehouse Breakfast Club team;
- Hours: 7:30-8:30am, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only;
- Salary: £12.65 per hour;
- Closing date: 9am Monday 13th January 2025;

Midday Supervisor Assistant (MSA)

- We are looking for an MSA to join our lunchtime team;
- Hours: 11:40am-1:00pm, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only;
- Salary: £12.26 per hour;
- Closing date: 9am Monday 13th January 2025;
- The successful applicant/s will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure;
- The successful applicant/s will also be required to complete a declaration form under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations.
- For more information and an application form please email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Birds of Dereham - Free to School Deliveries

Orders placed by Saturday 7th December will be delivered to the school w/c 16th December.

Free to school deliveries will then start again w/c 6th January.

Ashleigh Friends

- ★ Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our bake sale yesterday. Also, thank you for purchasing cakes, sweet cones and lucky dip bags too. We are delighted that with your help we raised over £300 for the school!
- ★ We still have some sweet cones available, which make lovely stocking fillers or Secret Santa gifts. If you missed out, we will be selling these at the PTA Uniform Shop today and next week - £2 each with payment via cash or QR codes.



- ★ Don't forget you can still purchase Christmas jumpers in the Uniform Shop ready for Christmas Jumper Day next Wednesday 18th December.
- ★ Please continue to use the EasyFundraising on your Christmas shopping to raise funds for our school - signup using this QR code or this refer a friend link: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=314582&invite=z29og8&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral



December PSHE Theme of Safety - Emergency Services

This month in PSHE all children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe. This week in assembly the children have learned about how to call 999 in an emergency.

KS1 children have seen the following video:

<https://youtu.be/ZxzewVTDas0?si=Z45NHRs3A6xMqBnI>

Please could you check your child knows:

- The emergency number 999;
- Their own address;
- How to make an emergency call on a mobile phone;
- That it is important to stay on the line so you can be supported until help arrives.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Now open for booking.

Free to families eligible for Free School Meals, details at:

<https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

PE Days

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

Free School Meals Information

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to March 2025 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
December	£45
January 2025	£15
February	£15
March	£15

* 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** (Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

2024-2025	
Mon 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event
Tues 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event 2:00pm Year 1 Bat class African Drumming performance 2:30pm Year 1 Barn Owl class African Drumming performance
Wed 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Reception, Years 1 and 2 Party Afternoon 6:00-8:00pm Years 3-6 Disco
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
Tues 14 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Tues 21 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Wed 22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15pm Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting regarding Year 6 residential November 2025
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Thurs 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 4 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Mon 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 3 Birch Visit to Wymondham Library 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Tues 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025
Wed 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 3 Hazel Visit to Wymondham Library
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
Tues 25 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Mon 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025
Tues 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Thurs 6 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day
Mon 10 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Wed 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 13 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 18 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Fri 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
Tues 25 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming

Mon 31 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
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 17 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6
Tues 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at WHA
Wed 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at WHA
Fri 18 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event
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

1. 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
2. 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Wymondham Cluster Ensemble – After-School Orchestra

Robert Kett Primary will be hosting an After-School Orchestra that is open to pupils from all Wymondham schools. The new ensemble is called the Wymondham Cluster Ensemble and is open to anyone of school age who is having lessons on a musical instrument.

Time: 3.25pm-4.15pm on Wednesdays

Venue: Robert Kett Primary School


Cost: £55 per term

(Discounts available for families, pupils on free school meals and looked after children)

Apply at: <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/ensemble-map/wymondham-cluster-ensemble/>

Kids Camp – Long Stratton Leisure Centre

23rd and 30th December, 2nd, 3rd and 6th January



Sessions available at Long Stratton Leisure Centre starting from just £22.
Please note, Kids Camp *will not be running at Wymondham Leisure Centre*
at Christmas due to the Main Hall being closed for maintenance.
Book at www.southnorfolkleisure.co.uk

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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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