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Message from Mr. McConnell

This has been an incredible week for the Year 6 children who attended the Willersley Castle residential, they have had an amazing time and made us proud!

I would like to send a massive thank you to the staff who have volunteered their time to make the residential possible, and the staff in school who have made sure that Ashleigh has been the same safe and happy place for the children all week.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – Florence;
Deer – Lilly; **Fox** – Victoria;
Birch – Oscar H and Frankie; **Hazel** – Jacob C, Otilie and Conor;
Elm – Charlie;
Mulberry – Ruby, Eva, Hector and Penelope;
Sycamore – Logan and Ella.

Fidget Toys

We'd like to remind parent/carers that fidget toys can be used in school once agreed with Mr Walker, SENDCo, and provided by the school.

All other toys should be kept at home or stored in the children's lockers during the school day.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Curriculum Café for Parents/Carers - Friday 28th November at 8:45am

Would you like to find out more about our curriculum? Please join us for our second curriculum café drop in on **Friday 28th November from 8:45-9:30am.**

We will be displaying information about Modern Foreign Languages across the school and Miss Eyre, our MFL lead will be available. Please sign in at the school office and come and enjoy a hot drink with us.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to the Year 6 prefects who volunteered to sell Poppy Appeal items last week, and thank you to everyone who donated! We'll share the amount raised as soon as the Poppy Appeal let us know the details.

Christmas Collection for Finnbar's Force

Finnbar's Force is a charity who aim to "support children and families; by advocating; providing easy access to the best support and information; and by working with other services to improve the overall care package."

Finnbar's Force have provided support to Ashleigh families and we thought it would be a great way to show our appreciation by donating all the proceeds of the Christmas/festive colours jumper day on Wednesday 17th December.

An optional payment will be sent out via SchoolMoney at the start of December for those who would like to support Finnbar's Force in this way.

Christmas Cards

As always, we will be asking that children who choose to write cards for their friends, give these out on the playground before or after school.

There is no expectation that children write cards, and we do not provide class lists of names.


Ashleigh Friends

Festive Fundraising News!

The **online Christmas shop** has now closed, and orders are being processed — thank you so much for your amazing support! Gifts will be delivered to school and sent home with children in the coming weeks. We're thrilled to share that it looks like we've raised **over £600** this year — even more than last year! A huge **thank you** to everyone who made a purchase and helped make this another successful year.

Advent Calendar Raffle – Tickets on Sale Now!

Our ever-popular advent calendar raffle is *live*! You've got until **Tuesday 25th November** to grab your tickets via the **SchoolMoney** app (£1 per ticket — buy as many as you like!). The draw will take place on **Wednesday 26 November**, just in time for the countdown to Christmas.

 This year's prizes:

- Minecraft LEGO Advent Calendar
- Hotel Chocolat 'The Everything' Advent Calendar
- Grow Your Own Crystals Advent Calendar
- Smiggle Advent Calendar

Christmas Jumper Collection & Sale

We're collecting **pre-loved Christmas jumpers** for the Uniform Shop in

the run-up to the school's **Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December**. If your child has outgrown theirs, please consider donating it – and pick up a new-to-you jumper for just £1!

Let's make this festive season fun and affordable. 🎅 ✨

After School Clubs - Autumn Term

Day	Club	Pick-Up Time	Final Dates
Monday	Creation Station	3:50pm	Mon 1 st Dec
	Cheerleading	4:00pm	
Tuesday	Nerf Games	4:00pm	Tues 2 nd Dec
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	4:00pm	Wed 3 rd Dec
Thursday	Gymnastics	4:00pm	Thurs 4 th Dec
	Karate		
Friday	Dodgeball	4:00pm	Fri 5 th Dec
	Singing Club	3:45pm	
	Ukulele	3:45pm	

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

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	Tuesdays 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
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.

^ Newly eligible families will have the codes issued separately.

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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Tues 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming 2:00pm Reception Parent/Carer Workshop – Sound Blending & Fred Games
Thurs 20 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Photos (date changed from 18th Nov)
Tues 25 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 28 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45-9:30am Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Café for parents/carers
Tues 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming 2:00pm Years 5 & 6 Parent/Carer Workshop – SEND Transition to Wymondham High
Mon 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience) 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Wed 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Reception Performance 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Year 1 Performance 2:00pm SEND Parents/Carers Workshop 2:30pm Year 1 Performance 3pm Brass Band & PTA Cake Sale
Fri 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45pm Year 2 Carols at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts 2:45pm Year 6 Carols
Tues 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts 2:45pm Year 5 Carols
Wed 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper* Day (* festive top with school uniform) 2:45pm Year 4 Carols
Thurs 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:45pm Year 3 Carols 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco
Fri 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party morning 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	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 9 th Mar	• Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo
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 9 th Jun	• 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
Tues 16 th Jun	• Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 18 th Jun	• Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	• Transition 'move-up' morning • 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

FREE ENTRY

A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS

with
FATHER CHRISTMAS

AT WYMONDHAM HERITAGE MUSEUM



SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH NOV
12pm-5pm

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS, VICTORIAN EXPERIENCE, GAMES, CRAFTS, ESCAPE ROOM
VINTAGE TEAROOM, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, SCAVENGER HUNT, MINCE PIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE
Free entry. Fee for Father Christmas



Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Games
- Crafts
- Stories

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 6th December
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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