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Message from Mr. McConnell

It's that time of year again! Every year we send out our parent survey and every year it helps us to make plans for how we are going to improve the school. Your feedback is so important to us so it would be much appreciated if you would take five minutes to fill in **this form** to share your feedback with us.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Edie;
Barn Owl – Heidi;
Deer – Lottie; **Fox** – Hugo;
Birch – Iylah; **Hazel** – Emily and Kira;
Maple – Rabia and Olley;
Mulberry – Laurence and Annabel; **Willow** – Anthony;
Ash – Tilly; **Sycamore** – Ella and Ruby.

Nursery Spare Clothes

If you have any Nursery age clothes that you no longer need, we'd really appreciate it if you could hand these in to Nursery staff, or the office. In particular, girls' pants, boys' and girls' socks, leggings, jogging bottoms.
Thank you!

Lime Tree Avenue - Road Closure 19th & 20th January

Lime Tree Avenue/Sheffield Road (near the Co-op) is closed for roadworks on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January.

If you can, please consider setting off a few minutes earlier those days and walking. If everyone arrives by car on those days it's clear that the area outside of school is going to be gridlocked. We will keep the registers open a few minutes later on those days because we don't want anyone to feel rushed when they are dealing with the inevitable delays that these roadworks will cause.

Thank you for your support.

Safer Parking and Journeys to School

If you're looking for any ideas about how to make your journeys to and from school, and in general, safer then Norfolk County Council has some excellent resources:

- [Norfolk County Council Road Safety Website](#) offers [learning resources](#), a [Parking Information Leaflet](#), and a Calendar of [National Road Safety Events](#), including active travel initiatives for families.
 - Cycle Route Planner [Better by Bike](#) to find the safest cycling routes. Visit [Travel Norfolk for Schools](#) for tips on actively travelling to school.
 - [Stay Focused Campaign & Toolkit](#) – Aimed at drivers, this toolkit offers practical advice to reduce distractions and stay alert during school journeys.
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Parent/Carer Workshops

Tuesday 21st January, 2:00-3:00pm: Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mrs Dowling on Tuesday 27th January at 2pm, (it will be finished in time for pick-up at 3pm). Please come along to find out more about fluency with Phonics, and Phonics screening.

Sign-up at:

[Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop – Phonics \(27.01.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Thursday 12th February, 2:00-3:00pm: Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children with SEND - Supporting Sensory Need

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mr Walker on Thursday 12th February at 2pm, (it will be finished in time for pick-up at 3pm). Supporting sensory needs: how to use sensory circuits and other strategies in the home.

Sign-up at:

[Workshop for Parents/Carers of children with SEND – Supporting Sensory Needs \(12.02.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

It's World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book/character.

If you're interested, there are some ideas at <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

We're not asking parents/carers to go to any additional expense, and children don't have to dress up if they don't want to.

Dressing Up Donations

If you have any costumes that your child has grown out of, and you would be happy to donate to the PTA, please pop them in a bag and drop off at the school office, or add them to the PTA green donation bin (outside Reception classrooms on the playground). Thank you!

Book Fair – Wednesday 4th March 2026

Ketts' Books will be holding their annual book fair at Ashleigh after school on Wednesday 4th March, in the small hall. Children will have been given their £1 vouchers to use at the book fair.

Current Years 4 and 5 - Residential Dates for 2026

More information will follow but to make you aware of confirmed residential dates:

Current Year	Information Meeting	Residential Year	Dates
4	3:15pm Wednesday 4 th February	5	14 th to 16 th September 2026
5	TBC	6	9 th to 13 th November 2026

Ashleigh Friends

Hello everyone!

We hope you've had a great week. Here are a few updates from us:

- **World Book Day Costumes:** We're now accepting donations of preloved World Book Day costumes for our Uniform Shed! Drop them in the preloved uniform bin and give them a new life.
- **Waitrose Community Matters:** When you shop at Waitrose, please remember to place your green token in our donation box – every token makes a difference!
- **Easyfundraising:** Don't forget to use Easyfundraising when shopping online or in person. You shop, big brands donate – it's that simple!
- **Thank You:** A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our first meeting of the year. Your ideas and support mean so much to us!

Have a fantastic weekend,

The PTA Team

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 – Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays

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
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 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
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.

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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Tues 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming 3:10-5:00pm All About Me Parent Teacher Meetings
Wed 21 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:10-5:00pm All About Me Parent Teacher Meetings (Fox class)
Mon 26 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments a.m. Elm class swimming 2pm Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop: Phonics
Wed 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments

Thurs 29 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability
Tues 3 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15pm Year 4 Parent Information Meeting: Year 5 Residential in September 2026
Fri 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability
Tues 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming p.m. Year 5 Mental Health Support Team class workshops
Thurs 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm SEND Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting sensory needs
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow
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
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
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
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
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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
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>
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
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–10.45am every Tuesday
- * 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

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

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year in which we are thinking about neurodivergence and girls.

[Family Action Newsletter](#)



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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