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Message from Mr. McConnell

It was a joy to do our first Golden Ticket assembly in the hall today! Every week for the last five years we have celebrated Friday afternoons by drawing golden tickets out of the tombola and giving away beautiful books from Kett's Books to our lucky winners. Our hall is too small to hold all the children but next week the classes that attended online will be celebrating in the hall with us. Well done to everyone who got a golden ticket this week and congratulations to everyone who won a prize!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Due to internet issues last Friday, there are twice as many raffle winners this week:

Fox – Finley; **Deer** – Clark, Layla, Anabelle, William and Ivy;
Birch – Isabel, Ciaran, Summer, Ophelia and Harry;
Hazel – Jasper, Rupert and Riley;
Elm – Christine, Finley, Lailan, Faye, Leroy and Ini;
Maple – Taciya, Olley and Evie;
Mulberry – Maddie and Joel; **Willow** – Elliot and Cooper;
Ash – Daniel and Evie J; **Sycamore** – Benjamin.

100% Attendance Raffle Winners

Well done to:

Hedgehog – Francis; **Squirrel** – Maria;
Hazel – Otilie;
Elm – Harrison; **Maple** – Christabel;
Mulberry – Archie, Harrison and Marnie; **Willow** – Darcie and Nasri;
Ash – Zumra, Jaxon and Jack.

Residentials Autumn 2026

Current Year 4 – Thorpe Woodland residential in September 2026, and
Current Year 5 – Willersley Castle residential in November 2026.

The payment schedules have gone out via SchoolMoney, and consent and medical information forms have been sent home this week.



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Ashleigh on X

Thank you 😊

- * Thank you to the wonderful group from Aviva who came into do some work on the school farm over the holiday, in preparation for a new fence to go around the pond. It was very much appreciated!
- * We raised £225 for Comic Relief, thank you to everyone who donated via the school.
- * We're thrilled to have received £1,000 from Waitrose's Community Matters scheme, thanks to everyone who donated their tokens to Ashleigh!

Contact Details

Please take a moment to email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk to confirm any changes of contact details, including:

- Name change;
- New address/es;
- New mobile/work/home phone numbers;
- New email address.

The confirmation needs to be made by the person the change relates to.

Thank you in advance.

Run Ashleigh is coming back!

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation are pleased to announce that Run Norwich 50/50 School Fundraiser will be coming to Ashleigh **on Friday 22nd May 2026**, and we will be asking each year group to take part in a specific distance using the school field; bringing the Run Norwich atmosphere to our school. Children will have assemblies and we will send out further information about fundraising opportunities.

Half of the funds raised will go directly to the PTA, who work hard to provide additional resources, experiences and improvements that enrich school life for every child. The funds will be carefully used to support projects and opportunities within Ashleigh Primary School, helping to enhance learning environments and create memorable experiences for our pupils. We're planning on improving outside play equipment to make playtimes and lunchtimes more fun for everyone.

The other half of the funds raised will support the work of the Foundation. Norwich City Football Club's official charity helps thousands of people every year achieve their goals through sport, supporting some of the most disadvantaged, disabled and talented people across Norfolk. Their vision is to support, inspire, and improve our community.

Parent/Carer After-School Appointments - Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd April

We will be offering parent/carers appointments after school on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April. Booking links were sent out at the end of March.

Where possible, we ask that parents attend the same appointment for their child/ren.

If you are unable to make any of the available times please speak to your child's teacher or email the school office.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Zones of Regulation – Thursday 23rd April: 2:00-2:45pm

The Zones of Regulation is used to teach children self-regulation and emotional control as well as problem-solving skills. If you are interested in learning more about Zones of Regulation strategies and problem solving, please book a place at this workshop:

[Parent/Carer Workshops – Protecting Kids Online – Fill in form](#)

Protecting Kids Online: Thursday 30th April – 21st May (weekly)

Are you concerned about your child's online habits?

Would you like to know more about possible dangers on the internet?

NCC Family Learning are delighted to invite you to Ashleigh Primary School over April and May for a FREE 4-week workshop on understanding and protecting young people online.

You don't have to be able to attend all 4 weeks, but it's better if you can.

**** Due to some of the content, this is for parents/carers only ****

The course will run on Thursday afternoons for 90 minutes: 1:25pm to 2:55pm, on:

- April 30th - Identifying risks to children's safety;
- May 7th - Building Digital resilience;
- May 14th - Safeguarding with parental controls and monitoring tools;
- May 21st - Preparing and adapting for future risks.

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E-Scooter Safety Information

To support safe, informed choices, e-scooter information on Just One Norfolk has been updated by Norfolk County Councils Road Safety team and offers clear, consistent, and legal guidance for young people and families.

Key points:

- Privately owned e-scooters are currently illegal to use on roads, pavements and in public spaces. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.
- Rental e-scooters can only be used as part of approved trials (such as Beryl in Norwich).
- Riders must be 16 or over and hold at least a provisional driving licence.
- Rental e-scooters must not be used on pavements, helping to protect pedestrians.
- Wearing a helmet is strongly advised to offer protection.

E-scooter safety video:

This [You Tube video](#) explains:

- Where e-scooters can and cannot be used.
- The difference between private and rental e-scooters.
- How to reduce risk and avoid injuries, and fines or penalty points.
- Everyday riding behaviours that help keep people safe, such as riding at appropriate speeds, staying alert, avoiding distractions and being clearly visible to others.

Evening News School Tokens

The 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.

We would be very grateful if any tokens could be handed in to the school office, or given to your child's class teacher to pass on. Thank you!

Ashleigh Friends

We hope you are all well and had a great Easter Break.

PTA meeting

We look forward to our PTA meeting next week. We hope to see many of you there 😊

Date: Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: School Staffroom



Preloved shed

The shed is now summer-ready! Thank you so much for all the generous donations. It’s currently fully stocked, so please do come along to browse and snap up a bargain. We have a great selection of clothes and shoes available for children aged 3 to 14.

Community Matters – Thanks for your support!

Ashleigh Friends took part in the Waitrose Wymondham Community Matters scheme last quarter. We are delighted to announce that we came second in the token vote and will be receiving £1,000 from Waitrose. Thank you to Waitrose and to the entire Ashleigh Primary School community for your wonderful support!

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

Thanks for your 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	Tuesdays
1	Mondays and Thursdays
2	Deer: Mondays and Fridays (Summer 1) Fox: Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday – Elm class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Dates	Pick-Up Time
Monday	Art Club Group 1	3-6	9 th Mar – 11 th May	4:00pm
	Art Club Group 2	3-6	18 th May – 22 nd Jun	4:00pm
	Creation Station	1-6	20 th Apr – 29 th Jun	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3		4:00pm
Tuesday	Nerf Games	3-6	22 nd Apr – 30 th Jun	4:00pm
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	23 rd Apr – 1 st Jul	4:00pm
	Farm Club		TBC	
Thursday	Karate	1-6	23 rd Apr – 25 th Jun	4:00pm
	Gymnastics	1-6	23 rd Apr – 2 nd Jul	
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	24 th Apr – 3 rd Jul	4:00pm
	Singing Club	3-6		3:45pm

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

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/carer **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	
Tues 21 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked) • a.m. Elm class swimming • 3:00-6:00pm Parent/Carer Evening
Wed 22 nd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00-6:00pm Parent/Carer Evening • 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends Meeting
Thurs 23 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked) • 3:00-5:00pm Parent/Carer Evening

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00-7:00pm KS2 Choir, CASMA at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich
Mon 27 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision screening a.m. Elm class to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group
Tues 28 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked) Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked) 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
Tues 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked)
Thurs 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:10am Year 6 Early Morning session (place needs to have been pre-booked) 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 2:30pm Year 2 parent/carers classroom poetry performance
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 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"> Run Ashleigh! 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 House Colours <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"> Reception trip to Pensthorpe 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"> Sports Day – Reserve date

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 • KS1 Choir to perform at the Royal Norfolk Show • Year 4 to visit the Royal Norfolk Show
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
Fri 26 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception to Year 5 PTA Discos – details to follow
Mon 29 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Hethersett Academy
Tues 30 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Hethersett Academy
Wed 1 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Hethersett Academy
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-2:00pm Ashleigh Art Show (details to follow)
Mon 6 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham College
Tues 7 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham College
Wed 8 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Year 6 Leavers' Performance (filming, no audience) – change of date • 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 9 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Mon 13 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 trip to Gressenhall
Thurs 16 th Jul	<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

The Free School Meal voucher scheme ended on 31st March 2026.

If you have any unspent vouchers please **redeem these within three months of issue.**

- 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.

Junior Parkrun Information

Junior parkrun is a fun, free 2k event for young people aged four to 14, and their families, every Sunday at 9am.

Wymondham's nearest junior parkrun events are currently at Watton Sports Centre and in Norwich at Eaton Park and Lea Bridges Park. But soon young people and their families will be able to come along to Wymondham High Academy and walk, jog, run or volunteer at a brand new junior parkrun.

In order that Wymondham High Academy junior parkrun can take place safely each Sunday, we need a team of volunteers who can help out on Sundays with marshalling, setting up the course, handing out tokens, scanning barcodes – and being “run directors” on the day. If you'd like to be part of a community event, or you're the parent or guardian of a young person who wants to get involved, volunteering could be a great way to spend your Sunday mornings.

To find out a bit more about junior parkrun, and how to get involved at Wymondham High Academy junior parkrun, please come along to a free community meeting on Tuesday 21 April at 6.30pm at Wymondham High Academy. There'll be a presentation about junior parkrun, and a chance for you to ask questions and find out more.


For more information, or if you're unable to attend the meeting, you can email wymondhamjuniors@gmail.com

Wymondham Rugby



Climate Change Community Screening at Rothbury Community Hall in Wymondham on Thursday 23 April, 7pm.

Community screenings like ours are being held in places from the Highlands of Scotland to the south coast of Cornwall, and politicians from across the spectrum will be in attendance. At the Wymondham screening, MP Ben Goldsborough will be present and will be joining in with the discussion and Q&A after the film.



At Sustainable Wymondham we're aware that the climate is just one of several challenges that people are facing: the cost-of-living crisis, mental or physical health issues, access to education and job opportunities to name just a few. Contrary to popular belief however, tackling the climate crisis can actually help with all these things!

There are things we can all do, together, locally, which can make our town and the surrounding areas more resilient, more socially connected and just better places to live.

The event is free to attend and anyone age 16 and above is welcome to attend.

Due to the hall being of limited capacity, we are asking people to register on Eventbrite [here](#).



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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