



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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**Headteacher**

## Message from Mr. McConnell

What a busy day we've had at Ashleigh! Our brilliant teachers have been sharpening their skills with the fantastic teaching expert, Mark Burns, and the rest of us have been enjoying a lovely Children in Need Friday. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed!

We're always trying to improve what we do here at Ashleigh because we really want the children to have the very best education and to really thrive here and enjoy primary school. We are constantly working to improve the school and we are hopeful that when we get our next Ofsted inspection we are going to be one of the very few primary schools that is rated 'Outstanding' under the most recent Ofsted criteria (only 5% of schools are getting 'Outstanding' these days).

I'd like to thank you all for everything that you do as parents and carers to support our school, whether it's fundraising through the PTA, reading at home with your child, doing the Talk Homework with them, coming to parents evenings and sports days, responding to surveys or supporting Children in Need your support is very much appreciated and is a vital part of what makes our school truly 'Outstanding'. Have a great weekend!

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

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**Bat** – Sophia; **Deer** – Hope; **Fox** – Oscar, Emma and George;  
**Birch** – Poppy and Ivy; **Hazel** – Noah; **Maple** – Harrison; **Mulberry** – Dan and Frankie; **Ash** – Jackson, Frankie and Osian; **Sycamore** – Tia.

A huge well done to everyone!

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## School Site Opening Times

Please can we remind parents/carers that children should not be on the school site unsupervised before 8:40am, unless they are attending Treehouse. School staff are on duty from 8:40am.

## Attendance

- If you have any concerns or questions about whether your child should be in school, please contact the office who will be happy to answer your question, or direct it to another member of staff who can help.
- Please bear in mind that every day at school really does count, for a multitude of reasons and we want your child to have the best possible experience to prepare them for life after Ashleigh.

Thank you.



If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, please complete a Leave of Absence request, which are available from the school office.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Headteachers are not obligated to reconsider authorising leave if an application was not made in advance.

## Ashleigh Friends

- Thank you to everyone who ordered **Christmas cards and gifts**. They are being delivered in batches over the next couple of weeks and will be sent home as and when they arrive, so please don't panic if you don't receive yours immediately.
- Congratulations to our **advent calendar winners!** Harrison in Hazel, Ralph in Birch, George H and Caitlin in Mulberry have all collected their prizes; we hope they enjoy them!
- **We are looking short of volunteers for the Christmas fayre**, particularly between 12 and 2pm. Could you help us spread a bit of Christmas magic? If so then please use the link to sign up:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/Rhn3u8xnS9>
- Please also keep the donations of chocolate and hamper gifts coming!

- And don't forget if you're doing online shopping then you can support the PTA by using easy fundraising whilst you shop. It's very simple to use and costs you nothing.



You spend, brands donate to Ashleigh Friends PTA - Wymondham.  
[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

## Talk Homework

*This week's questions are:*

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional Development – Managing Self</b> What jobs could you do if you wanted to help others? What would you do in your day? (e.g. nurse or police officer)
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Science</b> What are the four seasons? How do these change around the world?
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Science</b> How many everyday materials can you name? What material would be best suited to make wellies? Why?
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>English</b> What is a simile? Why would we use a simile in a setting description?
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>DT</b> Name three strengthening and stiffening techniques when making a structure?
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Science</b> What are the planets of the solar system and how can you remember them?
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>History</b> Why was it so important Britain won the Battle of Britain? What are some of the reasons they did win?

## Reception to Year 6 - Flu Vaccinations Consent

- To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine,

please click [here](#)

- Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that the Team can record your wishes. Thank you.

## Diary Dates New or updated events

<b>2023-2024</b>	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	• School & Nursery Sibling Photos
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	• <b>Ashleigh Christmas Fayre 10am-2pm</b>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9am <b>Reception</b> Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9am <b>Reception</b> Performance – DVD Filming
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9:30am <b>Reception</b> Performance • 2:00pm <b>Reception</b> Performance
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 9:30am <b>Year 1</b> Performance • 2:30pm <b>Year 1</b> Performance
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• p.m. <b>Year 2 Abbey Performance</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• <b>Reception to Year 6</b> Flu Vaccinations • 2:30pm <b>Year 6</b> Christmas Carols (Hall)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 2:30pm <b>Year 4</b> Christmas Carols (Hall)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• <b>School &amp; Nursery Christmas Lunch</b> • 2:30pm <b>Year 5</b> Christmas Carols (Hall)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 2:30pm <b>Year 3</b> Christmas Carols (Hall)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• <b>Year 5</b> to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• 2:15pm <b>Year 1</b> African Drumming Performance
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• Last day of Autumn Term: School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holiday
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• First day of Spring Term: School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holiday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• 4:15pm and 5:15pm <b>Reception Tours for</b> parents of children starting school in <b>September 2024.</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	• <b>Year 6 Assessments</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School & Nursery reopen after half term
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• <b>Year 6 Mocks</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• <b>Year 6 Mocks</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• <b>Year 6 Mocks</b>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• <b>Year 6 Mocks</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holiday
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• INSET Day

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of Summer Term: School &amp; Nursery reopen</li> </ul>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery closed for Bank Holiday</li> </ul>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reception</b> Vision &amp; Hearing Screening</li> </ul>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
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Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 5</b> trip to Harry Potter World Warner Bros. Studio</li> </ul>
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Save the Date!</b> <b>Ashleigh Colour Run – Details to follow</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> to Crucial Crew at City College</li> </ul>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of term: School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holiday</li> </ul>

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## Free School Meals Application

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

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## Community Events

### Steps Community Food Store

- 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
- 2:00–4:00pm every Thursday
- The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ. Tel: 07709 786618  
E:info@hubproject.org.uk



# Norfolk County Council 2023-2024

## Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
 Red dates - bank holiday

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