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Message from Mr. McConnell

Another lovely week at Ashleigh! This week I really want to thank the staff who took the Year 6 children on the residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands. I'm so grateful that every year the staff here are enthusiastic and happy to spend three days and two nights giving the children a wonderful experience because they really believe in the benefits of adventures like these. Even though our school always gets brilliant SATs results in English and Maths, we think our school is special because we really care about and think about the children's social and emotional development just as much.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Bat – Harrison; **Deer** – Casper, Louie and Jack W;
Fox – Benjamin and Archie; **Birch** – Sebastian, Oliver J and Leila;
Maple – Jonah and Stefan; **Mulberry** – Harry;
Willow – Lula, Henrietta and Isaiah.

School Site

- Can we remind parents and carers that the **school layby** should **not** be used for drop-off and pick-up (unless you have a valid blue badge on display, or have advance permission from the school), or as a shortcut.
- The **Farm** and **Tingle Tangle play equipment** are not open before or after school, please do not allow children to play in these areas, they are for use during school hours and with staff supervision only.

Thank you for your support.

Ashleigh Friends

We've had a busy week! Firstly, thank you to those who popped in to the coffee afternoon yesterday - it was great to meet you and to welcome some new families to Ashleigh! And a second thanks to everyone who purchases uniform from today's preloved sale - we have been busy making plans for the preloved shed during the past week and are hoping to have this up and running by October half term, which will make bagging a bargain even easier! In the meantime, please consider donating any old uniform for us to sell. This can be placed in the green wheelie bin near the Year 1 classrooms - uniform should be washed, in a saleable condition and in bags please.

With less than 100 days 'til Christmas Day, we are excited to announce that our Christmas fundraising plans have started! The children are already working on super designs to be purchased as cards and gifts next month - more details to follow, but these will be available to order slightly earlier than last year. We will also be bringing back the advent calendar raffle in November, so watch this space for more information coming soon.

Lastly a reminder that our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm at the school.

Please email us at ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk to confirm your attendance or to find out more.

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	PE starts after Christmas
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Fox: Wednesdays and Fridays Deer: Fridays (Forest School on Wednesdays)
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 October 2024 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
September	£15
October	£15

Please note that you have to apply separately for individual children, younger siblings do **not** qualify automatically.

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 23 rd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3-5pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Taverham (Away)6-8:30pm Year 6 Open Evening at Hethersett Academy
Wed 25 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30pm Ashleigh Friends meeting at school
Thurs 26 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3-4pm Reception Open Classrooms
Fri 27 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3-5pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Girls' Football v Robert Kett (Home)
Tues 1 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4pm Reception Open Classrooms
Wed 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Cringleford (Home)
Fri 4 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am Reception Curriculum Meeting
Wed 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Drayton (Home)
Thurs 10 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Y6 Girls' Football re St Williams (Away)
Fri 11 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Colman Junior (Home)
Tues 15 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Wed 16 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Thurs 17 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:10-6:30pm School Parents' Evening
Mon 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-4:30pm Y3/4 Girls' Football (squad of 10), The Nest.
Tues 22 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-10am, WHA SENDCo meeting for Years 5 & 6 parents/carers (venue – Ashleigh)
Wed 23 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 trip to Gressenhall • Group of Y4-6 Cross-Country event • 3-5pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Firside (Away)
Thurs 24 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Y6 Girls' Football re Poringland (Home) • School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School & Nursery reopen after half term
Thurs 7 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 12 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm and 5:30pm Tours for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers
Mon 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 6 NCMP Screening
Fri 29 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations ('mop-up' session)
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
Mon 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-4:30pm Y3/4 Girls' Football (squad of 10), The Nest.
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
Fri 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
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 28 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30-4:30pm Y3/4 Girls' Football (squad of 10), The Nest.
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 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

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

Wymondham Magazine

[Read the E-Edition here](#)

Messy Church event for KS1 & 2 children on Saturday 5th October, 10:30 -12:30

The event is free, but children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Lunch is included.

For further details contact Sarah at: emmens.cfw@gmail.com

A Green Halloween – Thursday 31st October, 4:30-6:30pm at Wymondham Abbey

- Another nature-themed Halloween event for all ages in the Wymondham Abbey church and churchyard;
- Starts at 4.30 pm with a blessing of the churchyard;
- Craft activities inside the church;
- Bat, Moth and Bug-hunting with WyNG (Wymondham Nature Group);
- Homemade Pumpkin Soup to enjoy;
- Come in old clothes and bring a torch, waterproofs and wellies;
- Explore our amazing churchyard wildlife as darkness starts to fall...

To find out more, contact Hilary on 01953 605672

FREE event - no need to book – just come along and enjoy yourselves !

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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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