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Message from Mr. McConnell

We've had another great year at Ashleigh and December has been especially great because we've had the joy of getting ready for Christmas!

The children have been a complete delight to work with and they absolutely deserve to go to a wonderful school. It is a joy to work here and, as a staff, we're really proud of another successful term. I'm proud of the staff because they work so hard to make sure that Ashleigh is a brilliant place to come to school and I'm proud of the children because they really make the most of our fantastic school.

I want to say a huge thanks to our staff who go the extra mile every day to keep our school an amazing place for our families. One very special member of staff I want to mention is Mrs Greengrass. Today was her last day before a well-earned retirement. Many of you will know how lovely she is from our Treehouse provision but some of you will remember her from when you came to Ashleigh as children. She will be much missed!

But now, we are all ready for a holiday. So, on behalf of all of our staff, I'd like to wish every single one of you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – Leah and Skye; **Bat** – Dylan;
Birch – Otis and Connie; **Elm** – Shanley, Ruby and Maggie;
Maple – Anthony, Isabel, Darcie and Ivy; **Willow** – Bella and Emily;
Ash – Bradley.

Well done everyone!

Staff News

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Greengrass today, she has been a wonderful member of the team for so many years. Carol has worked with so many staff, children and families, unfailingly bringing smiles, kindness and sparkle to so many of our days, no matter what the time of day! Thank you Mrs Greengrass for such dedicated and brilliant service to

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our Ashleigh families over the years. We wish you so much happiness in your well-deserved retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Edmonds who has worked in Reception covering maternity leave over recent months. Mrs Edmonds has been brilliant and is going to be missed by staff, children and our families, and we hope to see her again.

Mr Walker will be working as Hedgehog teacher on Fridays for the first half of spring term.

Maple Close / Hawthorn Close / Local Parking

If you park anywhere near School during drop-off and pick-up times please can we ask that parents/carers:

- ✗ **Do not** park on street corners or double yellow lines;
- ✗ **Do not** block driveways;
- ✓ **Are considerate** of other road users, pedestrians and residents.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support to keep parking as safe as possible for everyone.

School Vacancies

Breakfast Club Playworker

- We are looking for a Playworker to join our Treehouse Breakfast Club team;
- Hours: 7:30-8:30am, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only;
- Salary: £12.65 per hour;
- Closing date: 9am Monday 13th January 2025;

Midday Supervisor Assistant (MSA)

- We are looking for an MSA to join our lunchtime team;
- Hours: 11:40am-1:00pm, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only;
- Salary: £12.26 per hour;
- Closing date: 9am Monday 13th January 2025;

- The successful applicant/s will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure;
- The successful applicant/s will also be required to complete a declaration form under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations.
- For more information and an application form please email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Ashleigh Friends

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the PTA over the past term, from donating and buying uniform, to buying Christmas cards and donating cakes. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas - and don't forget, if you're shopping online during the New Year sales, please use easyfundraising! It's at no cost to you and is simple to set up - just search "**Easy Fundraising Ashleigh Friends**". See you next term!

Birds of Dereham - Free to School Deliveries

Free to school deliveries will start again w/c 6th January.

Governor Nominations

We received three nominations for the role of Parent Governor at Ashleigh and will be organising a ballot when we return in the new year.

Nursery Open Day Information for September 2025



**OPEN DAYS
2025**

WHERE CHILDREN SHINE!

If your child was born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 and you are interested in Ashleigh Nursery from September 2025, we would love to meet you and show you our wonderful learning environment.

Why Choose Ashleigh Nursery?

- 'Exceptional' early years provision - Ofsted 2024
- A stimulating, inclusive learning environment
- Ideal preparation for the reception year
- A nurturing place where children feel happy
- A safe place where children can explore, play, investigate and use their imaginations!

Tour dates/times:

- **Monday 10th February**
10am to 11am
- **Tuesday 11th February**
1:45pm to 2:45pm
- **Monday 3rd March**
1:45pm to 2:45pm
- **Tuesday 4th March**
10am to 11am

Please call or email to book on the tour:

☎ 01953 602410

✉ nursery@ashleighprimary.net

📍 Sheffield Road, Wymondham NR18 0HL

🌐 www.ashleighprimary.com



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Now open for booking.

Free to families eligible for Free School Meals, details at:

<https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	Monday - Squirrels Tuesday - Hedgehogs
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Thursdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays Tuesday - Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

Free School Meals Information

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to March 2025 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
December	£45
January 2025	£15
February	£15
March	£15

* 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.

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	
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
Tues 14 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Tues 21 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming

Wed 22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15pm Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting regarding Year 6 residential November 2025
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Thurs 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 4 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Mon 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 3 Birch Visit to Wymondham Library 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Tues 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025
Wed 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 3 Hazel Visit to Wymondham Library
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
Tues 25 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Mon 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45-2:45pm Nursery Tour for September 2025
Tues 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming 10-11am Nursery Tour for September 2025
Thurs 6 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day
Mon 10 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Wed 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 13 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 18 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Fri 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
Tues 25 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming
Mon 31 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
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 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 17 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6

Tues 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Wed 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Fri 18 th Jul	• p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event
Tues 22 nd Jul	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays

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

Wymondham Cluster Ensemble – After-School Orchestra

Robert Kett Primary will be hosting an After-School Orchestra that is open to pupils from all Wymondham schools. The new ensemble is called the Wymondham Cluster Ensemble and is open to anyone of school age who is having lessons on a musical instrument.

Time: 3.25pm–4.15pm on Wednesdays

Venue: Robert Kett Primary School

Cost: £55 per term

(Discounts available for families, pupils on free school meals and looked after children)

Apply at: <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/ensemble-map/wymondham-cluster-ensemble/>

Kids Camp – Long Stratton Leisure Centre

23rd and 30th December, 2nd, 3rd and 6th January

Sessions available at Long Stratton Leisure Centre starting from just £22. Please note, Kids Camp *will not be running at Wymondham Leisure Centre* at Christmas due to the Main Hall being closed for maintenance.

Book at www.southnorfolkleisure.co.uk

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