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Ashleigh
Instagram

Ashleigh on X

Message from Mr. McConnell

The icy months are upon us a bit earlier this year! Thanks to everyone for keeping to the gritted paths in the morning. Ashleigh is a big site and our caretaking staff do a brilliant job of getting the school ready in the morning. They can't get the whole of the outside done by 8.30am so we're really grateful to you all for supporting the children to stick to the paths and making sure we don't start the day with bumps and bruises!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Fox – Isabelle and Beth; **Birch** – Brody; **Hazel** – John; **Maple** – Riley; **Mulberry** – Ralph, Sophie, Annabel, Abel, Archie and Maddie; **Willow** – Ivy and William; **Ash** – Beth; **Sycamore** – Bella.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Curriculum Café for Parents/Carers - Friday 28th November at 8:45am

Would you like to find out more about our curriculum? Please join us for our second curriculum café drop in on **Friday 28th November from 8:45-9:30am.**

We will be displaying information about Modern Foreign Languages across the school and Miss Eyre, our MFL lead will be available. Please sign in at the school office and come and enjoy a hot drink with us.

Winter Clothing

- * Please remember to send your child in with warm clothes so they can make the most of break and lunch times when they go outside.
- * Classrooms will have windows open for ventilation, even in the cold weather, so your child may want to wear an extra layer of clothing in class.
- * Please name all clothing, including hats, gloves, scarves etc., so we can return lost property in school.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Christmas Holidays

Families eligible for Free School Meals can access the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme:



The graphic features logos for the UK Government, active norfolk, BEST START IN LIFE, and Norfolk County Council. It includes the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun logo and the text 'Launch into action-packed activities! Join us this school holiday'. A list of bullet points describes the activities, eligibility, and contact information. A QR code is provided for more information, and three circular images show children participating in activities.

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BEST START IN LIFE

Norfolk County Council

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Launch into action-packed activities!

Join us this school holiday

- Fantastic sport, creative and outdoor activities with a free healthy meal
- **FREE** for all children receiving benefits-related free school meals
- To share your memorable experiences of the scheme so far, email: bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk

We want activities to be inclusive. To ensure the right support is in place, please notify the activity provider if your child has special educational needs or a disability.

Choose your activities today!
Scan to find out more

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

Ashleigh Friends

The **Brass Band and our Cake Sale** will now take place after school on **Thursday 4th December** (previously arranged for the 11th).

✦ Advent Calendar Raffle – Tickets on Sale Now!

You've got until **Tuesday 25th November** to grab your tickets via the **SchoolMoney** app (£1 per ticket – buy as many as you like!). The draw will take place on **Wednesday 26 November**, just in time for the countdown to Christmas.

🎁 This year's prizes:

- Minecraft LEGO Advent Calendar
- Hotel Chocolat 'The Everything' Advent Calendar
- Grow Your Own Crystals Advent Calendar
- Smiggle Advent Calendar

👕 Christmas Jumper Collection & Sale

We're collecting **pre-loved Christmas jumpers** for the Uniform Shop in the run-up to the school's **Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December**. If your child has outgrown theirs, please consider donating it – and pick up a new-to-you jumper for just £1!

After School Clubs - Autumn Term

Day	Club	Pick-Up Time	Final Dates
Monday	Creation Station	3:50pm	Mon 1 st Dec
	Cheerleading	4:00pm	
Tuesday	Nerf Games	4:00pm	Tues 2 nd Dec
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	4:00pm	Wed 3 rd Dec
Thursday	Gymnastics	4:00pm	Thurs 4 th Dec
	Karate		
Friday	Dodgeball	4:00pm	Fri 5 th Dec
	Singing Club	3:45pm	
	Ukulele	3:45pm	

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

PE Days

Children should wear PE kit to school on their PE days.

Year	Days
Reception	Not autumn term
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
6	Friday

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
December	£30	05/12/2025
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	
Mon 24 th Nov	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 25 th Nov	• a.m. Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) • a.m. Year 6 assessments • a.m. Maple class swimming
Wed 26 th Nov	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 27 th Nov	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 28 th Nov	• 8:45-9:30am Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Café for parents/carers
Tues 2 nd Dec	• a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:00pm Years 5 & 6 Parent/Carer Workshop – SEND Transition to Wymondham High
Thurs 4 th Dec	• 3pm Brass Band & PTA Cake Sale (Change of date)
Mon 8 th Dec	• a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience) • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Tues 9 th Dec	• a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Wed 10 th Dec	• 9:30am Reception Performance • 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 11 th Dec	• 9:30am Year 1 Performance • 2:00pm SEND Parents/Carers Workshop • 2:30pm Year 1 Performance •
Fri 12 th Dec	• 1:45pm Year 2 Carols at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 15 th Dec	• 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 2:45pm Year 6 Carols
Tues 16 th Dec	• 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 2:45pm Year 5 Carols
Wed 17 th Dec	• Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper* Day (* festive top with school uniform) • 2:45pm Year 4 Carols
Thurs 18 th Dec	• 2:45pm Year 3 Carols • 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco
Fri 19 th Dec	• a.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party morning • 3pm School & Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 26 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 27 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Wed 28 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 29 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 13 th Feb	• 3pm School & Nursery close for half term

Mon 23 rd Feb	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 9 th Mar	• Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo • a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 10 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Wed 11 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 12 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 27 th Mar	• 3pm School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 27 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Tues 28 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	• Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Mon 4 th May	• School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Fri 22 nd May	• 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 1 st Jun	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 9 th Jun	• 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
Tues 16 th Jun	• Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 18 th Jun	• Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	• Transition 'move-up' morning • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	• 3pm School & Nursery close for Summer holiday

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

FREE ENTRY

A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS

with
FATHER CHRISTMAS

AT WYMONDHAM HERITAGE MUSEUM



SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH NOV
12pm-5pm

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS, VICTORIAN EXPERIENCE, GAMES, CRAFTS, ESCAPE ROOM
VINTAGE TEAROOM, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, SCAVENGER HUNT, MINCE PIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE
Free entry. Fee for Father Christmas



Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Games
- Crafts
- Stories

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 6th December
for this **FREE** event 10:30-12:30 (including lunch.)

For ages 4-11yrs.

Children need to bring a parent or guardian.

For more information contact:

emmens.cfw@gmail.com



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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