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Message from Mr. McConnell

It has been wonderful to see so many parents/carers at this week's teacher appointments, thank you for all the fantastic feedback we received! If you were unable to attend for any reason, please speak to the school office to arrange a time to catch up with your child's teacher.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Aubrie; **Barn Owl** – Aled, Felicity and Wyatt; **Deer** – Archie; **Birch** – Lily and Reggie; **Maple** – Lily; **Mulberry** – Harry, Priya and Theo; **Ash** – Charlie, Jackson, Miya and Jared.

A huge well done to everyone!

Ashleigh Staff News

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Starling today but wish her all the very best for a well-earned retirement!

Government Change to School Attendance Legislation from September 2024

You may be aware from recent press coverage that the government is introducing new school attendance legislation from September 2024, to create a single national approach.

Amongst other changes, fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence are increasing the fine amounts to:

- £160 if paid within 28 days (reduced to £80 when paid within 21 days);
- A flat rate of £160 for a second penalty notice within a three-year period;
- Only 2 penalty notices within a three-year period, any additional occurrences will mean an alternative route (e.g. prosecution) will be considered instead;
- Schools will be required to report pupils who have 15 days of absence due to illness (consecutive or cumulative).

We are awaiting further guidance from Norfolk County Council and will share details once available.

School Layby & Parking Permissions

The school layby is for:

- ✓ Blue badge holders;
- ✓ Those with permission to park for a specified period/reason;
- ✓ Deliveries;
- ✓ Staff access to the car park.

Please do not use it to:

- ✗ Drop-off or Pick-up during school run times.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day last week, we raised £216!

Ashleigh Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM this week - but don't forget, you don't have to come to meetings to support the school!

You could:

Play the School Lottery:

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000! And from every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to Ashleigh Friends. Sign up here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ashleigh-primary-school-and-nursery>

Use Easy Fundraising when you shop online - register here and then get shopping:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashleigh-friends/>

Visit The Original Factory Shop in Wymondham as we are their current charity of the year - why not pop in this weekend? You just need to use your TOFS loyalty card.

Following Monday's AGM, the PTA committee members are:

Chair Mrs Suter
Vice-Chairs Mrs Leathersich and Miss Brooks
Treasurer Mrs Hutson
Secretaries Mrs Mouncer and Mrs Ruiz

Talk Homework

This week's questions are:

Reception	Understanding the World What do plants need to grow? How can you look after a plant?
Year 1	Maths

	Practice counting forwards and backwards within 40. Can you start at different numbers?
Year 2	Science Can you name 3 functions of an endoskeleton?
Year 3	DT What different types of switches can you name?
Year 4	DT What different types of switches can you name?
Year 5	Science What's the difference between insulators and conductors?
Year 6	What are the 2 types of conjunctions? Give an example of each.

Diary Dates New or updated events

2023-2024	
Mon 25 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Years 5 & 6 Girls' Football
Tues 26 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Year 2 African Drumming Performance Year 5 Boys' Football Match v Taverham (Home)
Wed 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-School Uniform Day – supporting Shelter School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holiday
Mon 15 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of Summer Term: School & Nursery reopen
Tues 16 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bat class & Elm class – Premier Education event
Wed 17 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barn Owl & Maple class – Premier Education event 9:15am Parent/Carer meeting regarding school starting time from September 2024
Thurs 25 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 theatre trip
Fri 26 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 3 – Premier Education event p.m. Year 6 – Premier Education event
Mon 29 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 4 Feelings & Emotions Workshop
Tues 30 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Year 6 Early Morning Revision Session
Tues 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Year 6 Early Morning Revision Session p.m. Year 2 – Premier Education event
Mon 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Tues 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Year 6 Early Morning Revision Session Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
Thurs 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Year 6 Early Morning Revision Session
Mon 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Tues 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Wed 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Fri 17 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30-4:30pm Year 6 High Altitude Trip
Mon 20 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 5 Wellbeing Workshop
Wed 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run Ashleigh event
Fri 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 5 – Premier Education event

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 3 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term
Tues 4 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plummers Dental Screening: Reception to Year 6 – rearranged from 13th February
Wed 12 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day (details to follow)
Wed 19 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserve Sports Day (details to follow)
Fri 21 st Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 trip to Harry Potter World Warner Bros. Studio
Mon 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 6 Transition Workshop
Fri 5 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discos – Reception to Year 5 (Details to follow)
Thurs 11 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 to Crucial Crew at City College Year 2 to Gressenhall
Fri 12 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers' Disco (Details to follow)
Fri 19 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-School Uniform Day – supporting Unicef Last day of term: School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holiday

Free School Meals Application

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

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 Baptist Church – Uniform Swap Events.

- Wymondham Baptist Church have planned two Uniform Swap events for the 12th/13th April and 12th /13th July.
- Parents/carers can take uniform that your child has grown out of on or before the event and perhaps swap it for uniform in the size to fit their children.
- There will be no charge for the uniform.



Norfolk County Council 2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
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