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Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a great year at Ashleigh, now have a wonderful summer everyone!

We said goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 today, we wish them all the very best for high school and beyond!

We'll look forward to seeing everyone else, and welcoming new starters, back on Wednesday 3rd September.

Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/40279/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2025>

Join the **free** Summer Reading Challenge!

Children can grow their imaginations with this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors.

This year's theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. **They can also join in with free Story Garden activities at their local library.**

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Developed by the Reading Agency, the Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4-11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy - all books count!

Why should children sign up?

One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11 and many will struggle to keep up at secondary school, despite reading for pleasure being one of the single biggest indicators of children's development.

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Boosts children's confidence and self-esteem;
- Helps prepare children to return to school in the autumn;
- Supports the move into a new year group.

The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.

How can children take part?

At the library:

- Visit your local library to sign up;
- Set a summer reading goal and choose from books, eBooks, or audiobooks;
- Receive a special sticker booklet and collect rewards for reading.

Or online:

- Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk;
- Sign up, set a reading goal, and get book recommendations;
- Unlock digital badges and earn a printable certificate.

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.

The amount paid is per eligible child so, for example, a family of 3 children in receipt of free school meals would receive a payment of £90 in April.

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
August	£30	08/08/2025
September	£15	05/09/2025
October	£15	10/10/2025
November	£15	07/11/2025
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.

* 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** please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

<i>Tues 22nd Jul</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays</i>
2025-2026	
Mon 1st Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day
Tues 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET Day
Wed 3rd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30am School reopens• Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:45-10:45am OR 1:00-3:00pm)
Thurs 4th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:45-10:45am OR 1:00-3:00pm)

Fri 5 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:45-10:45am OR 1:00-3:00pm)
Mon 8 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:30am-1pm)
Tues 9 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:30am-1pm)
Wed 10 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:30am-1pm)
Thurs 11 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:30am-1pm)
Fri 12 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time timetable for Reception classes (8:30am-1pm)
Mon 15 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception classes full-time Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Tues 16 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Wed 17 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Mon 22 nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Open Evening at Hethersett Academy
Tues 23 rd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 30 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception & Year 6 NCMP Screening
Tues 7 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery Individual Photos a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 14 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 24 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 3 rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Thurs 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6
Mon 10 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 11 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle a.m. Maple class swimming
Wed 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Thurs 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Fri 15 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle
Tues 18 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling Photos a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 25 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu Vaccinations; Reception to Year 6 ('Mop-up' session) a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Fri 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Fri 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Mon 27 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 June	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
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

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun – Summer Holidays

On Monday 23rd June, bookings opened for the summer programme, with activities running from Wednesday 23rd July to Tuesday 2nd September.

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

Children receiving benefits-related free school meals can claim up to 16 free spaces on the summer programme, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
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