



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a happy day here but the last day is always one of mixed emotions. We're saying goodbye to children, families and staff who have meant so much to us all. I'd just like to thank everyone who we won't be seeing in September for making Ashleigh a part of their lives and for being a huge part of the story of our school. Our Year 6s who leave today have seen Ashleigh change a huge amount over the last seven years and become the school it is today. Not only have they seen it happen, they've played a huge part in making it happen with their wonderfulness. They are amazing young people, we are very confident that they're going to continue to make a difference throughout their lives and go beyond Ashleigh ready to shine their light in the wider world.

Everyone had an ice-pop today so thank you very much to Ashleigh Friends for bringing those in for the children. You will have seen an email earlier today showing how much Ashleigh Friends – and you all! – have raised this year, so another huge thanks to everyone involved!

For those of you who'll still be with us in September we can promise that we are gearing up to make Ashleigh's 50th birthday year very special. You'll notice a lot of improvements to the outdoors when you come back in the Autumn term including new playground surfaces for the younger children, new climbing equipment for the older children and new courtyard developments for Reception, Nursery and Y1 as well as a few other nice surprises.

It's been a year full of challenges but I'd like to thank all of the children, families and staff here at Ashleigh for working so hard together to make sure that this is still the most brilliant, magical and happy place to come to school. Have a lovely summer and see you in September!

And a massive well done to all the golden ticket winners this week!  
Laurence – Barn Owl; Bessie, Teddy, Daniel, Ella, Leila – Fox; Rose – Deer; Jayden & Bella – Birch; Ben – Hazel; Taylor – Elm; Camilo & Molly – Maple; Oliver G – Willow; Max – Ash.

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## Nursery & Reception Tapestry Account

Tapestry journals for Nursery and Reception children have been generated, and will be available to download from Tapestry until **31st August 2022**. Thank you.

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## Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

- Norfolk Libraries Service is encouraging people to sign up for its Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge to boost their reading skills during the school holidays.
- This year's theme for the challenge is science and innovation, which will spark children's curiosity and encourage them to see the science and innovation in everyday objects. It's all free and kids can earn themselves stickers, a medal and a certificate by meeting their reading goal.

- Families are invited to come along to their local libraries to **sign up to the free science themed Gadgeteers reading challenge during July**. With a whole programme of fun events taking place too at your local library, there's plenty to keep your kids busy and entertained during the holidays.

For more information visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

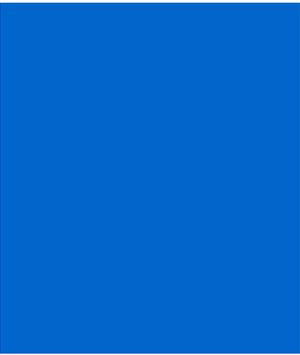
## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

- Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is a summer holiday activity scheme for 5-15 year olds.
- Activities run from 25 July until 2 September and include sport, drama, cooking, music, arts and crafts, dance, and much more.
- A free lunch is also offered.
- Activities are free to those that get means-tested free school meals.
- If you don't claim free school meals you could still get a place. These are for children needing extra support such as those with a social worker, looked after children, refugees and young carers. If you think this describes your child, please ask for an awarded place by emailing [bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk)
- Booking is now much easier and Big Norfolk Holiday Fun codes are no longer required. Parents will be asked to add their child's school when booking so we can check for eligibility.
- The programme is run by Active Norfolk in partnership with Norfolk County Council. To find out what activities are available near you, visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun)
- To sign up to get updates on the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme, please follow this link [here](#).
- For anything else, Frequently Asked Questions are [here](#).

## Diary Dates

New or updated events

<u>2022-2023 Dates</u>	
Summer Term	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	• Staff INSET Day
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	• Staff INSET Day
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• Staff INSET Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• School opens • 3:10pm <b>Year 6</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• 9:00am <b>Year 4</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting • 2:30pm <b>Year 1</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• 9:00am <b>Year 2</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting • 3:10pm <b>Year 5</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• 9:00am <b>Year 3</b> Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	• Hethersett Academy Open Evening
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	• School closes for October half term
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	• School reopens after half term
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	• Flu Immunisation <b>Reception to Year 6</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	• School closes for Christmas holidays
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	• School reopens for Spring Term
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School closes for February half term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School reopens after half term
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	• School closes for Easter holidays
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	• Staff INSET Day



Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School reopens for Summer Term</li></ul>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School closed for Bank Holiday</li></ul>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School closes for half term</li></ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School reopens after half term</li></ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School closes for Summer holidays</li></ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff INSET Day</li></ul>