



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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22<sup>nd</sup> September  
2023

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

- ★ First of all I want to say a huge well done to our Year 6s who were brilliant on their residential to Thorpe Woodlands this week and massive thank you to all of the staff that made it possible.
- ★ I'd also like to say a huge thank you and well done to last year's Year 6 and everyone who worked with them through their time with us as I've been told (unofficially) a couple of times that our SATs results are the best in Norfolk this year. That's a massive achievement for Ashleigh and something we're really proud of.
- ★ Lastly, I'd like to ask all of our parents and carers to join with us in talking to the children about road safety. We've had some near misses in the streets around the school involving cars and Ashleigh children, mainly involving children stepping out between parked cars and not looking both ways before they cross the road. Please take a few minutes at dinner time to talk about this.

Have a lovely weekend!

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## Golden Ticket Winners

### Golden Ticket winners

**Bat** – Lyra; **Deer** – Alfie; **Fox** – Riley D and Leila;  
**Birch** – Poppy; **Hazel** – Noah; **Elm** – Joel; **Maple** – Carsten;  
**Mulberry** – Brooke and Sophia; **Willow** – Lennon;  
**Sycamore** – Camilo, Dexter, Tobias and Niamh.

A huge well done to everyone!

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## Menu Swap - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

The menu has swapped on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October so fish fingers with chips is being served on Thursday and the chow mein on Friday.

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## Cycles and Scooters

Please remind children to dismount cycles and scooters before entering the school site, and be careful of pedestrians and road users off-site.

**Contact Us**  
**John McConnell**  
**Headteacher**

**01953 602410**  
**@PrimaryAshleigh**

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## Road Safety

We emailed a Road Safety Guide for Parents on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September which has lots of useful information, including:

### **Key messages for Toddlers:**

- Difference between footpath and the road;
- How to walk with a grown-up who they know and hold hands near the road;
- Introduce Stop, Look, Listen and Think;
- Introduce safer crossing places;
- Be bright be seen.

### **Key messages for Children Aged 5-7:**

- How pedestrians walk safely on the pavement and vehicles use the road;
- How to walk with an adult who they know and hold hands when walking near the road;
- Safer crossing places and how to use them;
- The Stop, Look, Listen and THINK sequence;
- How pedestrians walk on the pavement and vehicles travel on the road;
- Places where it is not safe to cross the road;

### **Key messages for Children aged 7-11:**

- The Green Cross Code and how to put it into practice, recognising safe crossing places on the road;
- Road signs and pedestrian crossings;
- The Highway Code and the rules of the road.

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## Ashleigh Friends

- Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning on Thursday - it was great to see such enthusiasm and we hope you managed to grab some uniform bargains too!
- We have a **committee meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** at the school. If you'd like to know more about our plans for Christmas and beyond then do come along.
- And don't forget, you can support the school and raise money in other ways too! 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 - they will have fundraising events throughout the year, plus a book table with proceeds going to Ashleigh Friends.

- If you haven't joined our mailing list yet then please email [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk) - and don't forget to follow us on Facebook too.

## Talk Homework

***This week's questions are:***

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Understanding the World: Past and Present</b> What were you like as a baby/toddler? How have you grown? What could you do then? What can you do now?
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Science</b> Can you name any of the body parts and their functions?
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Geography</b> What 4 countries make up the UK?
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>History</b> Why was Stonehenge built?
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>RE</b> What are the similarities and differences between the three Christian denominations: Methodism, Catholicism and Anglicanism?
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>English</b> Who is the most interesting Greek god or goddess and why?
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Residential Follow-Up</b> What was the biggest challenge you overcame at Thorpe Woodlands?

## Advert for Midday Supervisory Assistant

- Salary – £10.60 per hour;
- Monday – Friday: 1 hour twenty minutes per day (11:55am-1:15pm);
- Term time only;
- We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly, enthusiastic team;
- Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games;
- You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required.
- Application forms are available from our website or the school office.

## Reception Admissions Information for September 2024 Places

Please click on: [Applying for Reception](#) for lots of useful information about when and how to apply for a Reception place for September 2024.

**Important dates for reception class applications for the 2024-25 school year:**

- Applications open – 25 September 2023;
- Applications close – 15 January 2024;
- National offer day (when you get your school offer) – 16 April 2024;
- Appeals closing date – 14 May 2024;
- Mini admission round starts (when Admissions consider changes parents have made to their applications since the closing date) – 20 May 2024;
- Appeals hearings take place – June/July 2024;
- Admissions maintain waiting lists for oversubscribed schools until 31 December 2024.

## Reception Tours for September 2024

- Is your child due to start school in September 2024?
- If you would like to look round our amazing school, please call or email the office to book a tour:  
**01953 602410** or [office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk)
- Tours will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the following times:
  - 4:15pm
  - 5:15pm
  - 6:15pm
- Children are welcome to attend with you.

## Diary Dates New or updated events

<b>2023-2024</b>	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hethersett Academy Open Evening for <b>Year 6</b> Pupils</li> <li>• 3.15pm Years 5 &amp; 6 Girls' Football v Robert Kett (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wymondham High Academy Open Evening for <b>Year 6</b> Pupils</li> </ul>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30pm PTA Committee Meeting</li> </ul>
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:00-4:00pm <b>Reception</b> Open Classroom</li> </ul>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6</b> NCMP</li> <li>• 3.15pm Years 5 &amp; 6 Girls' Football v Avenues (Home)</li> </ul>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3.15pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Cringleford (Home)</b></li> </ul>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:15am <b>Reception</b> Curriculum Meeting</li> </ul>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.15pm Years 5 &amp; 6 Girls' Football v Colman (Home)</li> <li>• <b>3.15pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Queen's Hills (Home)</b></li> </ul>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3.15pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Drayton (Home)</b></li> </ul>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evening News edition containing First Class supplement (Reception class photos)</li> <li>• School &amp; Nursery close for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopen</li> </ul>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3.15pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Avenues (Away)</b></li> </ul>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:15pm, 5:15pm; 6:15pm <b>Reception Tours for September 2024</b></li> </ul>
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Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reception to Year 6</b> Flu Vaccinations</li> </ul>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery close for Christmas holiday</li> </ul>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopen</li> </ul>

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	• School & Nursery reopen
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• School & Nursery close for Easter holiday
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	• INSET Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	• School & Nursery reopen
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	• <b>Reception</b> Vision & Hearing Screening

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## Free School Meals Application

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

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## Community Events

### Ketts Books

- Ketts Books is moving!
- On **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** they will open in Market Place in Wymondham, in the old vets building.
- The bigger space means they will be able to stock lots more books for children, in a specially-designed space.
- The bookshop will also be able to resume story time and start baby and toddler groups and better collaboration with schools, as well as offering a space that can be hired for parties.
- A new website will soon have all the details.
- Grand opening is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9:30, with a drinks reception at 16:00.

### Steps Community Food Store

- 9.15am – 10.30am every Tuesday
- Thursday morning by appointment
- The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ. Tel: 07709 786618  
E:info@hubproject.org.uk



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