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Message from Mr. McConnell

We're really excited to confirm a few changes to the autumn/winter menu that will take effect from Monday 25th November, the biggest being the return of the school packed lunch!

We frequently review the school meals offer with Aspens, with parent feedback always in mind and we know from previous surveys that lunchtime sandwiches was a popular request. It was put to the children and as a result from next Monday, there will be a daily filled roll option (ham, cheese or tuna mayo), served in a basket with fruit/veggie sticks and choice of dessert.

This is in addition to the main, vegetarian, pasta and jacket potato options, plus the daily salad bar, already on offer!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – James and Elijah; **Deer** – Bonny-Blue;
Fox – Freddie and Jacob C; **Birch** – Oliver J and Emma;
Hazel – Bjorn and Rudhav; **Elm** – Madeline; **Mulberry** – Harry;
Ash – Jack, Aflie and Harry; **Sycamore** – Tenuli.

Well done everyone!

Year 6 Girls' Football Team

We're really proud of the Year 6 girls' football team, who have made it through to the Norfolk Schools County Cup finals. The match should have taken place tomorrow but has been postponed, as soon as we know the rescheduled date we will let you know!

Winter Weather

- Now that it's turning colder, the school site will be gritted on icy days. Please do keep to the gritted paths, and don't cut across the field or ungritted playgrounds.
- Please remember to send children in with named coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc. so they can keep warm at playtimes, and we can return any lost items to their owners.



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Year 1 Christmas Performance Costumes

For our Year 1 Christmas performance, your child can choose what they would like to dress up as. The options are:

- Mary
- Joseph
- Angel
- Star
- Shepherd
- King
- Camel
- Sheep
- Donkey

The costumes should be really simple, we don't want families to feel they have to spend money unnecessarily. If you need any ideas about costumes please speak to the Year 1 staff team.

Mental Health Parent/Carer Workshop - 27th November at 9am

- We have organised a Mental Health workshop for parents/carers on Wednesday 27th November at 9am.
- The workshop will be led by the NHS Mental Health Support Team and will cover the following themes:
 - Defining anxiety;
 - Why do we experience anxiety?;
 - Recognising signs and symptoms;
 - What can maintain anxiety;
 - How to respond and support your child;
 - Strategies to support anxiety;
 - The importance of self-care and managing your own anxiety;
 - Further resources.
- You can sign up by clicking on [this link](#).

Sibling Photos - Tuesday 19th November

- Sibling photos were taken in school on Tuesday, and proof cards were sent home.
- Individual photos were taken of children absent on 8th October.
- ***If you need details of the proof card for your child/ren please email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk.***

Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6

The Vaccination Team are returning to school on **Friday 29th November** to vaccinate children outstanding from the previous session or absent on 7th November (in all cases with parent consent only).

Ashleigh Friends

We'll let you know the winners of the **Advent Calendar raffle** next week, when all the calendars have been collected!

1. **The Uniform Shop** has had a great first week! Lots of you have already bagged bargains, and from now until mid-December there will be Christmas jumpers and pyjamas for sale too, so come along and have a look! If you have uniform or Christmas clothing to donate, please wash and bag it and add it to the green wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms. The Uniform Shop will be open each day after school and all items are £1 each.
2. The **Asda Cashpot for schools** finishes on Saturday 30th November. Download the app, register and choose Ashleigh as your school to start earning. This has already raised a good amount for the school, so thank you to everyone who has registered up to now.
3. We will be holding a **Christmas Bake Sale** on the playground on Thursday 12th December, selling Christmas bakes, sweet cones and other festive goodies! We would welcome any cake or biscuit donations to sell, so if you're a keen baker these can be dropped to the school office on the morning of the sale. Please keep any donations nut-free and include a list of allergens if you're able to.



4. The **Christmas card and gift online shop** is currently open again for any last-minute purchases. It will close on Monday 25th November. Your child's shop can be found at approve.myfundraisinghub.com - if you've misplaced the codes, please email ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk or contact the school office.
5. **Black Friday** is fast approaching! If you plan to take advantage of the online deals, sign up for **Easy Fundraising** to raise money for the school as you shop. You can download the app or visit

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

Parent/Carer Access to Pupil Asset

- Pupil Asset have removed the Parent App from both Apple and Google Play Stores, with Parent App functionality now being provided by an improved and mobile compatible version of the **Parent Portal**.
- If you have already downloaded the App to your mobile device, this **App is no longer accessible and will need to be uninstalled**. Instead, navigate to the Parent Portal via <https://secure.pupilasset.com> on your mobile device's browser where you can login using your existing login credentials. The Portal can also be accessed via a browser on a Laptop, PC or Mac.
- The Parent Portal has a similar menu structure to the App where you will be able to view your pupil's profile and access the features that your school has enabled.
- For quick access, the Portal can be added to the home screen of your mobile device.
- A guide to creating such shortcuts on **Apple** devices can be found here: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph42ab2f3a7/ios>
- For **Android** devices, click on the three-dot menu in the top right corner of Chrome, select 'Add to Home screen' and edit the shortcut title if required and select 'Add'.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Free to families eligible for Free School Meals, details at: <https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	PE starts after Christmas
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Fox: Fridays (Forest School on Wednesdays) Deer: Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

Free School Meals Information

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been extended to March 2025 and the following payments will be made to eligible families:

Month	Amount Per Eligible Child*
November	£15
December	£45

January 2025	£15
February	£15
March	£15

- * 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** (Reception through to Year 6) please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

2024-2025	
Wed 27 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:30am Mental Health Parent/Carer Workshop
Fri 29 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations ('mop-up' session) 2pm Childminders' Meeting
Tues 3 rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Reception Christmas DVD being filmed (no audience)
Wed 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Reception Christmas Performance 2:00pm Reception Christmas Performance
Thurs 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Fri 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Year 6 Christmas Carols
Tues 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event 2:30pm Year 4 Christmas Carols
Wed 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Year 5 Christmas Carols
Thurs 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event 2:30pm Year 3 Christmas Carols 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Bake Sale & Carols
Mon 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event
Tues 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event
Wed 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Fri 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holidays
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holidays
Wed 8 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm Tour for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term

Mon 24 th Feb	• School & Nursery reopen after half term
Thurs 6 th Mar	• World Book Day
Mon 10 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 11 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Wed 12 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 13 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 21 st Mar	• Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 31 st Mar	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Fri 4 th Apr	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays
Wed 23 rd Apr	• School & Nursery reopen after Easter holidays
Mon 5 th May	• Bank Holiday – School & Nursery closed
Mon 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 15 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 22 nd May	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Fri 23 rd May	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	• School & Nursery reopen after half term • Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 3 rd Jun	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 17 th Jun	• NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6
Tues 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Wed 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Fri 18 th Jul	• p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event
Tues 22 nd Jul	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays

Community Events

Steps Community Food Store: The Hub, Ayton Road, NR18 0QJ

- 9.15am–10.45am every Tuesday
- 2:00-4:00pm every Thursday

Pantomime at North Wymondham Community Centre – Thursday 28th November 2024 at 4pm



Messy Church – Thursday 7th December, 10:30am-12:30pm



Wymondham Methodist Church Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 7th December for this **FREE** event

10:30-12:30 (including lunch)

For age 4-11yrs. Children need to bring a parent or guardian.

For further details contact Sarah at:

emmens.cfw@gmail.com

Wymondham Heritage Museum – Saturday 7th December, 12-6pm

Father Christmas will be there, courtesy of Wymondham Lions - he'll be making himself comfortable in one of our cells which has been transformed for the day.

We will be focusing on traditional decorations, gifts and games and there will be a 12 days of Christmas trail.

Free entry - £6 to meet Father Christmas.

Further information can be found here:

[Christmases Past at the Museum](#)

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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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