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**23rd January
2026**

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Message from Mr. McConnell

This half term is flying by, we're half way through Spring 1 already and the children have been doing some fantastic learning. On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils were delighted to welcome two visitors to school for an engaging Shakespeare workshop. The children explored the characters from *The Tempest*, learning about the story in a fun and interactive way, and even had the opportunity to perform scenes from the play at the end of the session. It was a fantastic experience that allowed the children to discover and showcase their theatrical talents, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Deer – Harrison; **Fox** – Alice;
Hazel – Mary;
Elm – Lailan and Leroy; **Maple** – Taciya and William;
Mulberry – Oscar P; **Willow** – Anthony, Darcie, Ivy and Jonah;
Ash – Evie J and Charlie.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Tuesday 27th January, 2:00-3:00pm: Year 1 Phonics Workshop

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mrs Dowling on Tuesday 27th January at 2pm, (it will be finished in time for pick-up at 3pm). Please come along to find out more about fluency with Phonics, and Phonics screening.

Sign-up at: [Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop – Phonics \(27.01.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Friday 6th February, 8:45-9:30am: Maths Curriculum Café

Please drop into the staff room for a cup of tea and browse some ideas for supporting with Times Table practice at home.

Thursday 12th February, 2:00-3:00pm: Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children with SEND - Supporting Sensory Need

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mr Walker. Supporting sensory needs: how to use sensory circuits and other strategies in the home.

Sign-up at: [Workshop for Parents/Carers of children with SEND – Supporting Sensory Needs \(12.02.2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Current Years 4 and 5 - Residential Dates for 2026

Confirmed residential dates:

Current Year	Information Meeting	Residential Year	Dates
4	3:15pm Wednesday 4 th February	5	14 th to 16 th September 2026
5	3:15pm Tuesday 10 th February	6	9 th to 13 th November 2026

Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning - Saturday 14th March, 10am-12pm

If any parents/carers would like to help out on the Farm on Saturday 14th March, between 10am and 12pm, we would be very grateful.

There is lots of work to be done, please come in gardening clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

Children are welcome to come with you but will need to have a parent/carer with them.

Please let us know if you plan to come along and help:

Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March - Fill in form

(this is to give us an idea of numbers and doesn't commit you to attending). Thank you 🧑

Free School Meals - Changes from September 2026

Because of the Universal Credit changes coming into effect from September 2026, from what we understand from current government information:

a) Current Free School Meal eligible parents/carer **will have to reapply to continue to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium;**


b) All families that receive Universal Credit from September 2026 are eligible but **will have to apply to receive Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.**

When we know more, including how and when to apply, we will let families know.

Ashleigh Friends

🟢 **Community Matters - Please Keep Voting!**

A friendly reminder that **Ashleigh Friends** are taking part in the **Community Matters scheme** at **Waitrose Wymondham** this quarter. When shopping in store, customers receive a green token at the checkout which can be used to vote for a local cause. Please pop your token into

the **Ashleigh Friends** tube to help us secure vital funding for the school.
 **Voting closes on 31 March** — thank you for your continued support, and please spread the word to friends and family who shop there.

 **World Book Day – Pre-Loved Costume Collection**

With **World Book Day on Thursday 5 March**, we are now collecting **pre-loved book character costumes**.

 **How to donate:**

- Please place costumes **bagged** into the **green wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms**
- Donations will be available to buy in the **Uniform Shop soon**, offering an affordable and sustainable option for families

 **Easy Fundraising – A Simple Way to Support the School**

Please remember to use **Easy Fundraising** when shopping online. Many retailers donate a percentage of what you spend to the school — **at no extra cost to you**. It’s an easy way to help raise funds during everyday shopping.

 **School Lottery – Weekly Support That Adds Up**

A reminder that by playing the **Your School Lottery**, you’re supporting the school every week while being in with a chance to win. Even a single ticket helps provide regular funding that benefits all pupils. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community!

PE Days

Children should wear PE kit to school on their PE days.

Year	Days
Reception	Mondays – Squirrel Tuesdays – Hedgehog
1	Mondays and Wednesdays
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday – Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Friday

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Dates	Pick-Up Time
Monday	Creation Station	1-6	12 th Jan – 23 rd Mar	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3		4:00pm
Tuesday	Nerf Games	3-6	13 th Jan – 24 th Mar	4:00pm
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	14 th Jan – 25 th Mar	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1-6	15 th Jan – 26 th Mar	4:00pm

	Gymnastics	1-6		
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	16 th Jan – 27 th Mar	4:00pm
	Singing Club	3-6		3:45pm

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

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.

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
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.

To check if you are eligible for **free school meals**, please click [here](#).

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Mon 26 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 27 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments • a.m. Elm class swimming • 2pm Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop: Phonics
Wed 28 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 29 th Jan	• a.m. Year 6 assessments
Fri 30 th Jan	• a.m. Year 4 Bikeability
Tues 3 rd Feb	• a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Feb	• 3:15pm Year 4 Parent Information Meeting: Year 5 Residential in September 2026
Fri 6 th Feb	• 8:45-9:30am Parent/Carer Maths Curriculum Café • a.m. Year 4 Bikeability
Tues 10 th Feb	• a.m. Elm class swimming • p.m. Year 5 Mental Health Support Team class workshops • 3:15pm Year 5 Parent Information Meeting: Year 6 Residential in November 2026
Thurs 12 th Feb	• 2pm SEND Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting sensory needs
Fri 13 th Feb	• a.m. Year 4 Bikeability • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	• 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 24 th Feb	• a.m. Elm class swimming

Fri 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow
Tues 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm – Ketts' Books – Book Fair (using World Book Day tokens)
Thurs 5 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – dress as favourite book character
Mon 9 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 10 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 11 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Sat 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning
Tues 17 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Tues 24 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 27 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 trip to Norwich Castle 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Easter holiday
Tues 14 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 16 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Times Tables (information to follow)
Tues 21 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Mon 27 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Tues 28 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision screening
Thurs 30 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision screening 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 1 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery closed – Bank Holiday
Thurs 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 2 of 4 (information to follow)
Mon 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Tues 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Wed 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 3 of 4 (information to follow)
Thurs 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 4 of 4 (information to follow)
Fri 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 1 st Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 9 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-11:30am Years 3-6 11:45am-12:45pm Picnic Lunch 1-2:30pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thurs 11 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Bar Modelling and Part-Part Whole (information to follow)
Tues 16 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception to Year 6 Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)

Thurs 18 th Jun	• Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	• Transition ‘move-up’ morning • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	• 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Summer holiday

Community Events

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

* 9.15am–10.30am every Tuesday

* 2:00-3:30pm and 6:30-7:30pm every Thursday

The vision of Steps is to provide a safe place where those who are struggling financially can come and access free/discounted food (frozen, fresh & long life), recipes and meal planning ideas.

There is a membership scheme and members are able to benefit from free birthday cakes for children, access to grant funding (subject to availability and qualifying conditions) and will be on our priority list for a free Christmas lunch hamper.

On Tuesday mornings advice is available from practitioners from Norfolk County Council and Your Own Place in our coffee shop where free drinks and snacks are available.

Steps is open 9.15am – 10.30am on Tuesday mornings and 2pm – 3.30pm and 6.30pm-7.30pm on Thursdays at The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QJ.

For more information telephone 07736 725708

Email info@hubproject.org.uk



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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