



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

What a great week! We're welcoming lots of leaders from other schools at the moment because there's a lot of interest in why [children at Ashleigh achieve so highly](#). It has been an absolute delight to show them around and talk about what makes our school so special.

We're proud of all of the children, all of the time but sometimes something happens which gives us an extra bit of delight. This week, our under-11 girls football team became **Champions of Norfolk**. They represented South Norfolk with distinction and battled their way through to the regional finals, where they will face the best of the South-East of England. Congratulations to them!

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

**Hedgehog** – Emily, Frankie and Isla; **Squirrel** – Sophia;  
**Barn Owl** – Eve; **Deer** – Isla and May; **Fox** – Ella and Rupert;  
**Birch** – Rabia and Bethan; **Elm** – Abel;  
**Mulberry** – Jack; **Willow** – Beth and Lula.

Well done everyone!

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## Parent Governor Election Result

Congratulations to Becs Fletcher-Dungay who has been re-elected as Parent Governor. Many thanks to all of the candidates for their commitment to helping our school. We cannot function without our Governors and, as a community, we are extremely lucky to have such a committed and talented group, as well as another committed and talented group of future governors waiting in the wings.

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## School Trip Costs

Everyone is feeling the current cost of living crisis, and with the government cuts to school budgets, so are schools.

Parents/carers will be aware that we ask for a voluntary contribution towards school trips. This contribution covers the cost of admission/activities/travel etc.

The school does not make money from school trips, and parents/carers pay for their child/children only. Where parents/carers are unable to pay the school has historically paid the difference.

We are facing the same difficulties as every other school in Norfolk and we are having to make difficult decisions going forward to ensure that we can continue to provide the best experience possible for Ashleigh children.

We believe that school trips play an important role in broadening children's horizons and experiences and we hope that we will continue to be able to offer these activities.

If you have any money concerns or worries you can contact our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Bramley, via the office. You can also check whether you would be eligible for free school meals/pupil premium funding [here](#).

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## Ashleigh Friends

A reminder that our AGM is due to be on **Monday 17th March**, when we will be electing new trustees. The charity needs at least 3 trustees to continue to run, and, at the moment, we do not have enough interest.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the PTA, please do get in touch and we can give you some further information. Full training and support will be given!

Being part of the PTA is a great way to become involved with the school community, and of course the PTA helps to raise essential funds for the school. Please do let us know if you'd like more information – we'd be happy to chat to you about what's involved.

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## PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	Monday – Squirrels Tuesday – Hedgehogs
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays Tuesday – Maple class swimming a.m.
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

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## 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*
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

<b>2024-2025</b>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• 2pm <b>Reception</b> Family Learning</li> </ul>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm <b>Reception</b> Family Learning</li> </ul>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> </ul>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> </ul>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Ash class</b> visit to London</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Birch</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li> <li>• 10-11am <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Sycamore class</b> visit to London</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>• 1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Hazel</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
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Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day</li> </ul>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Falcon Junior (Away)</li> </ul>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> </ul>
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Firside (Home)</li> </ul>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:30pm Ashleigh Friends AGM</li> </ul>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>• 3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day</b></li> </ul>

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Queen's Hill (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming <b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 5</b> trip to Overstrand</li> </ul>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday – School &amp; Nursery closed</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS Dental check-ups <b>Reception to Year 6</b></li> </ul>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>p.m. <b>Year 6</b> Crucial Crew event</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays</li> </ul>

## 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

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# Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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