



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been great to welcome everyone back after the half-term break! It's always a great time of year at school as the days get lighter and warmer. Ashleigh is such a beautiful place to be in the springtime – make sure you keep track of what's going on in the Newsletter!

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

**Barn Owl** – Emily and Tallulah;  
**Deer** – Alyssa and Berat; **Fox** – Nina;  
**Hazel** – Wyatt;  
**Elm** – Leroy; **Maple** – Seb and Otis;  
**Mulberry** – Maggie, Hector and Reggie; **Willow** – Samuel and Arlo H;  
**Sycamore** – Logan.

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## World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We really enjoy celebrating World Book Day in school, but appreciate that asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character can be tricky for families, for various reasons.

This year children can come in appropriate non-school uniform (PE appropriate for those who have PE on Thursdays). Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character if they have an outfit they want to wear, but please don't feel you have to spend money on a new costume that potentially would only be worn once. You can always check out the PTA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop for low-cost options.

Children can also choose to bring their favourite book to school, and we are planning activities for children to share these favourites in school.

## **Book Fair – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Ketts' Books will be holding their annual book fair at Ashleigh after school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, in the small hall. Children will have been given their £1 vouchers to use at the book fair.

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## Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports have gone home with children today. Copies for separated parents will be emailed out next week.

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## PE Kit

As the weather hopefully continues to warm up, when children come to school in PE kit, PE shorts should be at least mid-thigh length please, with t-shirts (no crop tops).

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## Zones of Regulation and Using Scripts

Our RSHE curriculum focuses on teaching our pupils how our Guiding Stars can help them in the modern world. We aim to teach children important phrases and scripts to empower them. We help them find the words to inform their beliefs and share scripts which enable them to be assertive and kind at the same time. This week in assemblies we have shared this song which has a useful script about boundaries. This is a catchy song with an important message!

*Please Stop. I don't like that.  
I am feeling uncomfortable.  
I need more space.  
Not around me, don't take it personally.  
It is just a boundary.*

[https://youtu.be/ACXfO5dXe34?si=I\\_\\_vFCEsNbz7Xv6d](https://youtu.be/ACXfO5dXe34?si=I__vFCEsNbz7Xv6d)

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## Ashleigh Friends

### **PTA Weekly Newsletter**

With World Book Day just around the corner and our AGM fast approaching, this is an important week for reminders!

### **World Book Day – LAST CALL for Costumes!**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5 March, and this is the final reminder to donate any pre-loved book character costumes. If you have costumes tucked away at home that no longer fit, please consider donating them so another child can enjoy them.

#### **How to donate:**

- Place **bagged costumes** in the **green wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms**
  - Costumes will be available to purchase in the Uniform Shop, offering an affordable and sustainable option for families
- Thank you to everyone who has donated so far — it really helps make the day accessible and fun for all children.

### **PTA AGM – Trustee Roles – We Need You!**

Our **AGM is on Thursday 12 March at 7:30pm in the School Staffroom**, and all **trustee roles will be re-elected**.

The PTA plays a vital role in funding equipment, experiences and extras that benefit every child in the school — but we can only do this with enough volunteers. We really want to encourage more parents and carers to consider getting involved.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the time. Roles can be shared, and there's lots of support available. Even if you're unsure, please come along to the AGM to find out more - attending doesn't mean you're committing to anything ☺

You can:

- Stop one of us in the playground for a chat
- Email us at [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk)
- Come along to the AGM to see what it's all about

Without new trustees, the PTA cannot continue in its current form — so your support truly matters.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive school community ❤

## PE Days

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

Year	Days
Reception	Mondays – Squirrel Tuesdays – Hedgehog
1	<b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>
2	Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Tuesdays
4	Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday – Elm 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3		4:00pm
Tuesday	<a href="#">Nerf Games</a>	3-6	<a href="#">13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</a>	<a href="#">4:00pm</a>
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4:00pm
	Farm Club	5-6	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4:00pm
Thursday	<a href="#">Karate</a>	1-6	<a href="#">15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</a>	4:00pm
	<a href="#">Gymnastics</a>	1-6		
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4:00pm
	Singing Club	3-6		3:45pm

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

## Free School Meal - EdenRed Vouchers

The Free School Meal voucher scheme will **end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**.

If you have any unspent vouchers please **redeem these within three months of issue.**

Month	Amount Per Child*	Voucher Issue Date
March	£15	06/03/2026

## Free School Meals Information

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

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.

## Diary Dates

### New/Updated events

<b>2025-2026</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Drayton Junior (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Elm</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm – Ketts' Books – Book Fair (using World Book Day tokens)</li> </ul>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Book Day – dress as favourite book character</li> <li>3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Angel Road (Home)</li> </ul>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 1</b> trip to Banham Zoo</li> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> assessments</li> </ul>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> assessments</li> <li>a.m. <b>Elm</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> assessments</li> <li>3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Taverham (Home)</li> <li>3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)</li> </ul>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> assessments</li> </ul>
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning</li> </ul> <p><b>Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March – Fill in form</b></p>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Elm</b> class swimming</li> <li>3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v Kinsale Junior (Away)</li> </ul>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Year 6 Boys' Football v White Woman Lane (Home) – change of date</li> </ul>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Nose Day – wear something red to support Red Nose Day</li> </ul>

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Birch class</b> visit to Windmill House</li> <li>3pm Year 5 Boys' Football v Horsford (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Elm class</b> swimming</li> </ul>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Hazel class</b> visit to Windmill House</li> </ul>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 4</b> trip to Norwich Castle</li> <li><b>3pm School &amp; 3:15pm Nursery close for Easter holiday</b></li> </ul>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30am School &amp; Nursery reopen</b></li> <li>a.m. <b>Elm class</b> swimming</li> </ul>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Times Tables (information to follow)</li> </ul>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Elm class</b> swimming</li> <li>a.m. <b>Fox class</b> visit to Windmill House</li> </ul>
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Deer class</b> visit to Windmill House</li> </ul>
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision screening</li> </ul>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision screening</li> </ul>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision screening</li> <li>1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 1 of 4 (information to follow)</li> </ul>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>School &amp; Nursery closed - Bank Holiday</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 2 of 4 (information to follow)</li> </ul>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> </ul>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6 SATs</b></li> <li>a.m. <b>Reception:</b> Furry Friends Petting Farm Visit</li> </ul>
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Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> trip</li> </ul>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:25-2:55pm Parent/Carer Online Safety Course Week 4 of 4 (information to follow)</li> </ul>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3pm School &amp; 3:15pm Nursery close for half term</b></li> </ul>
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8:30am School &amp; Nursery reopen</b></li> </ul>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sports Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:15-11:30am <b>Years 3-6</b></li> <li>11:45am-12:45pm <b>Picnic Lunch</b></li> <li>1-2:30pm <b>Reception, Years 1 &amp; 2</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>House Colours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquila (The Eagle)</li> <li>Delphinus (The Dolphin)</li> <li>Draco (The Dragon)</li> <li>Firebird (The Phoenix)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00-3:00pm Parent/Carer Maths Skills Builder Workshop: Bar Modelling and Part-Part Whole (information to follow)</li> </ul>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception to Year 6</b> Dental Screening visits (information will follow nearer the time)</li> </ul>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sports Day - Reserve date</b></li> </ul>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 3</b> trip to Sandringham</li> </ul>

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	• <b>Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High</b>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• <b>Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High</b>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	• <b>Transition 'move-up' morning (changed from 24<sup>th</sup> June)</b> • <b>Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High</b>
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> July	• 10:00am-2:00pm Ashleigh Art Show (details to follow)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	• 9:00am <b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Performance (filming, no audience)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	• 1:30pm <b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	• 6:30pm <b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	• 4:30-6:30pm <b>Year 6</b> Leavers' Disco
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	• <b>3pm School &amp; 3:15pm Nursery close for Summer holiday</b>

## 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

For more information telephone 07736 725708

Email [info@hubproject.org.uk](mailto:info@hubproject.org.uk)

### **Financial Support for Families**

- There will be ongoing support for families at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving)
- Broader support on debt and welfare rights is available at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs).
- The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, and the Easter programme will launch in the coming weeks. Families can visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun) to sign up.

### **Messy Church – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

This event is for children (between four and eleven years old) and their parents/carers. **The event is lots of fun with: craft, games, stories, singing and a meal, and is entirely free.**



## Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
for this **FREE** event 10:30-12:30 (including lunch.)



For ages 4-11yrs.  
Children need to bring a parent or guardian.  
For more information contact: [emmens.cfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmens.cfw@gmail.com)





# 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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