



Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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28th March 2025

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Contact Us
John McConnell
Headteacher

Message from Mr. McConnell

It's been a lovely week and what I've enjoyed most is seeing the children outside on the field again at lunchtimes. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful and big outdoor area.

We've had more visitors from other schools and it's been wonderful to be able to show them how great Ashleigh is as a place, and as a community of brilliant children and adults.

Have a lovely weekend and if you're helping on the farm tomorrow, see you in the morning!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Barn Owl – El-Roi; **Deer** – Penny and Jack W;
Hazel – Christine; Harrison, Archie, Alistair, Ini, Evan and Alfie;
Maple – Yusuf and Ibraheem;
Mulberry – Sebi, Carsten and Leila.

Well done everyone!

Saturday 29th March - 10am-12pm - Farm Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with some jobs on the Farm tomorrow.

Access will be via the staff car park gate next to Treehouse mobile, please walk across to the Farm from there.

End of School Day

Can we ask that parents/carers leave the school site as soon as children have been collected at the end of the day so that Treehouse and after-school clubs children can access the school field and playgrounds.

The Premises Manager will be locking the school gates when children have been dismissed from classes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Coats

We've got a really late Easter this year and it looks like the warm weather will be with us next week. We'll be relaxing the rules about coats outside but please do make sure your child brings a coat to school, we all know how changeable the English weather can be, and we like to be outside as much as we can.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residentials Autumn 2025

Just a reminder that if you would like your current Year 4/5 child/ren to attend the planned residentials for Year 5 and 6 in the autumn term, the deadline for the deposit to secure your child's place is due today.

Any children not attending the residential will go into a class in the year below whilst their own year group is away.

Class Photos

Just a reminder that if you would like to order class photos with free delivery to school, please place orders by Monday 31st March.

Ashleigh Friends

Hello, from the new Parent Teacher Association (PTA) 2025/26 team at Ashleigh Friends!

The PTA is a group of volunteer parents/carers and teachers who work together to support the Ashleigh school community. We raise extra funds for the school through a wide range of fundraising activities.

Everyone is welcome, from those willing to assist remotely from home, to those wanting to physically help with odd jobs at an event. Small tasks are available, you do not need to fully commit to anything to join us.

We'd really appreciate if it you could take a moment to click on <https://movementforgood.com/> and nominate Ashleigh school. This is a chance for a charity to win £1,000. If you are able to share on social media please that will really help!

The charity is called Ashleigh Friends and you can search by the charity number 800828.

If you are interested in helping to raise money for the school, or to simply join our mailing list, please email ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk

Keep an eye out for updates from us once we've had time to settle as a new team.

Lost Property

Lost property is stored on the playground near to Reception/Year 1 classrooms. We have lots of unnamed lost property, please check, or ask your child to check, if you're missing any items. Named lost property will be checked and returned to children's classes.

After School Clubs - Spring Term Final Dates

After School Clubs finish on 28th March, they will restart in the summer term.

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

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. (Elm after Easter)
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

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.

The amount paid is per eligible child so, for example, a family of 3 children in receipt of free school meals would receive a payment of £90 in April.

Month	Amount Per Child*
April	£30
May	£15
June	£15
July	£30
August	£30
September	£15
October	£15
November	£15
December	£30
January 2026	£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** please click [here](#).

Diary Dates **New or updated events**

2024-2025	
Sat 29 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashleigh Farm open 10am-12pm for parent/carer volunteers (Access via staff car park gate by Treehouse mobile).
Mon 31 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class to visit Wymondham Dementia Support Group 2-3pm Reception Easter Crafts Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Maple class swimming 2pm Fox class African Drumming performance 2:30pm Deer class African Drumming performance Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3pm Reception Easter Crafts Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Thurs 3 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Boys' Football v Eaton (Home) Year 6 Boys' Football v Eaton (Home) 3pm - Year 6 Girls' Football v Cringleford (Home)
Fri 4 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-School Uniform Day – supporting Comic Relief School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays
Wed 23 rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after Easter holidays
Thurs 24 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 trip to Norwich Castle
Tues 29 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Mon 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Holiday – School & Nursery closed
Tues 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 trip to Overstrand
Mon 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Tues 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Thurs 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATs
Mon 19 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 trip to High Altitude
Tues 20 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision Screening

Fri 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 3 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Hearing & Vision Screening a.m. Elm class swimming
Tues 10 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
Tues 17 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6
Wed 18 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 trip to Sandringham
Thurs 19 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserve Sports Day (if 10th June is cancelled)
Tues 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 transition day at WHA a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 transition day at WHA Year 1 trip to Banham Zoo
Tues 1 st Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 4 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 bowling trip
Tues 8 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 10 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 trip to Gressenhall
Fri 11 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After school: PTA Discos, (details will follow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:45-5:45pm Reception & Year 1 6:00-7:00pm Years 2 & 3 7:15-8:15pm Years 4 & 5
Tues 15 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 18 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event 4:30-6:30pm Year 6 Leavers' disco (details will follow)
Sat 19 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-2pm Open Studios at Ashleigh
Sun 20 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-2pm Open Studios at Ashleigh
Tues 22 nd Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Ashleigh Farm Produce

- Ashleigh Farm produce grown by the children will be on sale from outside the Treehouse mobile so please have a look.
- Items cost £1.50 each and there will be an honesty box for payments.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

- The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is in reception) in Norfolk.

- If you feel your child/ren could benefit from a free place but are NOT entitled to Free School Meals, please contact us to discuss applying for an Awarded Place. More info on this [HERE](#)
- Find out more about this in Active Norfolk's [FAQ section](#).


Wymondham Abbey Events:



**ABBEY DAYS
SPRING FAIR**


- MUSIC
- FAMILY FUN
- STREET FOOD
- LOCAL PRODUCE
- TREASURE HUNT
- SWEET TREATS
- LICENSED BAR
- CRAFTS
- GAMES

**11AM TO 4PM
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL
WYMONDHAM ABBEY**





Palm Sunday and Easter at Wymondham Abbey

Sunday 13th April
PALM SUNDAY
10.15 am
Procession and Sung Eucharist
We gather in the churchyard for the ceremony of palm crosses and branches, then process into church led by two donkeys.



Sunday 20th April
EASTER DAY
10.30 am
Sung Eucharist
One of our biggest services of the year, with singing, bells, incense, processions and much joy. Followed by an egg hunt for the children.



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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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