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2025

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Message from Mr. McConnell

When we come back on Monday it will be December and we'll be on the countdown for Christmas! Keep reading the Newsletter to keep up-to-date with what's going on over the festive season.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – George; **Fox** – Henry;
Hazel – Archie, Riley, Jacob R and Otilie;
Elm – Zac, Amelie, Harrison and Lailan; **Maple** – Oliver J and Toby;
Mulberry – Sid and Hector; **Willow** – William.

Upcoming Parent/Carer Workshops

- 🕒 **2pm Monday 1st December: Mindfulness Drop In Session**
[Parent/Carer Mindfulness Drop-in Session – Fill in form](#)
- 🕒 **2pm Tuesday 2nd December: Years 5 & 6 Parents/Carers – SEN Transition to Wymondham High**
[Years 5 & 6 Parent/Carer Workshop - SEND Transition to Wymondham High – Fill in form](#)
- 🕒 **1:00-2:30pm Thursday 4th December: Parent/Carer PINS Information Session**
The poster containing more information was emailed yesterday.
[Parent/Carer Workshop - PINS Information Session – Fill in form](#)
- 🕒 **2pm Thursday 11th December: Parents/Carers of children with SEND**
[Workshop for Parents/Carers of children with SEND – SEND Provision at Ashleigh – Fill in form](#)

Unfortunately we will be rescheduling this morning's planned Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Café and we'll let you know the new date as soon as possible.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £235 for Children in Need this year!

John McConnell
Headteacher
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Ashleigh
Instagram

Ashleigh on X

Year 4 Swimming - Spring Term

- **Maple** Class will continue swimming after Christmas for 2 weeks to make up for the lessons missed, on **Tuesday 13th and 20th January**.
- **Elm** Class will start on **Tuesday 27th January** and finish on Tuesday 21st April.

Dates are included in the Diary Dates section below.

Poppy Appeal



Ashleigh Friends

🎄 Festive Fundraising Update 🎄

🍰 Christmas Bake Sale – New Date!

Please note a **change of date** for our festive bake sale. Originally planned for Thursday 11th December, the event will now take place on **Thursday 4th December**, straight after school **on the playground**. Expect delicious treats, **sweet cones for sale**, and a **brass band** bringing plenty of Christmas cheer!

We're also asking for **cake donations** — these can be dropped at the **school office on the morning of the sale**.

👤 Volunteers Needed!

We would love a few extra hands to help set up, run the stalls, and tidy up afterwards. If you can spare a little time on the day, please let the school office know — your support makes these events possible!

🎁 Advent Calendar Raffle – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets for this year's advent calendar raffle — we had **over 350 payments made**, an amazing result! The winners were drawn on **Wednesday 26 November**, and the school office has contacted all prize winners to arrange collection.

🌟 Christmas Stock in the Uniform Shed

Don't forget that the **uniform shed is fully stocked with Christmas jumpers and festive items** ahead of Christmas Jumper Day. If your child needs something seasonal, it's a great opportunity to pick up a bargain while supporting the school. We have sizes from 2 years up to small adult so come and have a browse after school!



Thank you for helping to make this festive season such a success! 🎅 ✨

Christmas Collection for Finnbar's Force

Finnbar's Force is a charity who aim to "support children and families; by advocating; providing easy access to the best support and information; and by working with other services to improve the overall care package."

Finnbar's Force have provided support to Ashleigh families and we thought it would be a great way to show our appreciation by donating all the proceeds of the Christmas/festive colours jumper day on Wednesday 17th December.

An optional payment will be sent out via SchoolMoney next week for those who would like to support Finnbar's Force in this way.

After School Clubs - Autumn Term

Day	Club	Pick-Up Time	Final Dates
Monday	Creation Station	3:50pm	Mon 1 st Dec
	Cheerleading	4:00pm	
Tuesday	Nerf Games	4:00pm	Tues 2 nd Dec
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	4:00pm	Wed 3 rd Dec
Thursday	Gymnastics	4:00pm	Thurs 4 th Dec
	Karate		
Friday	Dodgeball	4:00pm	Fri 5 th Dec
	Singing Club	3:45pm	
	Ukulele	3:45pm	

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

PE Days

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

Year	Days
Reception	Not autumn term
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

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
December	£30	05/12/2025
January 2026	£15	09/01/2026
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.

Families eligible for Free School Meals can access the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme:



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

Diary Dates

New/Updated events

2025-2026	
Mon 1 st Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Parent/Carer Mindfulness Drop-In Session
Tues 2 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:00pm Years 5 & 6 Parent/Carer Workshop – SEND Transition to Wymondham High
Thurs 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Parent/Carer PINS Information Session (details emailed 27.11.2025) • 3pm Brass Band & PTA Cake Sale
Fri 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. KS2 Choir to visit Wymondham Dementia Group
Mon 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Reception Performance (filming session, no audience) • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Tues 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a.m. Maple class swimming • 2:15pm Nursery Family Christmas Crafts
Wed 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Reception Performance • 2:00pm Reception Performance
Thurs 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Year 1 Performance • 2:00pm SEND Parents/Carers Workshop • 2:30pm Year 1 Performance
Fri 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:45pm Year 2 Carols at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 2:45pm Year 6 Carols
Tues 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-10:00am Reception Family Christmas Crafts • 2:45pm Year 5 Carols
Wed 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper* Day (* festive top with school uniform) • 2:45pm Year 4 Carols
Thurs 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:45pm Year 3 Carols • 6:00-8:00pm KS2 Disco

Fri 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party morning 3pm School & Nursery close for Christmas holiday
Tues 6 th Jan 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 13 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Tues 20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Maple class swimming
Mon 26 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Thurs 29 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Tues 3 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Tues 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen
Tues 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Tues 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
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
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 & 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 & 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day – Reserve date
Tues 23 rd Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Wed 24 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition 'move-up' morning • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Thurs 25 th Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 transition day at Wymondham High
Fri 17 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & Nursery close for Summer holiday

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

FREE ENTRY

A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS
with
FATHER CHRISTMAS
AT WYMONDHAM HERITAGE MUSEUM

SAT 29TH & SUN 30TH NOV
12pm-5pm

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS, VICTORIAN EXPERIENCE, GAMES, CRAFTS, ESCAPE ROOM, VINTAGE TEAROOM, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, SCAVENGER HUNT, MINCEPIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE
Free entry, fee for Father Christmas

Your invitation to:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Games
- Stories
- Crafts

Messy Church

Wymondham Methodist Church

Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 6th December
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



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

Norfolk Model Calendar

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