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Message from Mr. McConnell

When we come back on Monday it will be December and we will be on the countdown to Christmas! We have lots going on this year and it has been a joy to see some of the children beginning to get ready for their performances this week. Make sure you check the newsletter to keep up-to-date with what's going on over the festive season!

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Squirrel – Jaiden; **Deer** – Eevie, Aled, Jack W, Frankie and Olivia;
Fox – Wyatt; **Birch** – Oscar; **Hazel** – Bjorn; **Maple** – Lily;
Mulberry – Harry, Bessie and Ivy;
Sycamore – Gregor and Tenuli.

Well done everyone!

Year 1 African Drumming Performances - 17th December

Year 1 have been enjoying African Drumming lessons this term, and would like to invite their parents/carers to come into see what they have learned!

Tuesday 17th December – 2:00pm Bat Class

Tuesday 17th December – 2:30pm Barn Owl class

Access will be via the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Activities - Thursday 19th December

We're really excited to let you know about our plans for Thursday 19th December when we'll be holding a party afternoon for Reception, Years 1 and 2 children with a mix of activities including a mini-disco, magician and festive games.

For KS2 children (Years 3-6) there will be an evening Disco from 6-8pm! The disco will cost £5 per child and include a drink, crisps and unlimited water. Please look out for a booking link for the KS2 Disco which will be sent out at the start of next week. Once we have received a completed form we will issue the payment link via SchoolMoney.



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Year 1 and 2 - Wellies & Change of Clothes

There may be days when Year 1 and 2 children are on the field rather than the playground at break/lunchtime. Can you please send your child with a pair of named wellies and a change of clothes to keep on their peg in school.

Wymondham Cluster Ensemble - After-School Orchestra

Robert Kett Primary will be hosting an After-School Orchestra that is open to pupils from all Wymondham schools. The new ensemble is called the Wymondham Cluster Ensemble and is open to anyone of school age who is having lessons on a musical instrument.

Time: 3.25pm-4.15pm on Wednesdays

Venue: Robert Kett Primary School

Cost: £55 per term

(Discounts available for families, pupils on free school meals and looked after children)

Apply at: <https://www.nmhub.co.uk/site/ensemble-map/wymondham-cluster-ensemble/>

Playworker Vacancy at Ashleigh Treehouse Breakfast Club

We are looking for a Playworker to join our Treehouse Breakfast Club team from January 2025.

Hours: 7:30-8:30am, Monday to Friday, Term Time Only

Salary: £12.65 per hour

The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

The successful applicant will also be required to complete a declaration form under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations.

For more information and an application form please email office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

RSHE Lessons

We write to parents/carers when year groups are planning to teach RSHE lessons so you are aware of what children have been learning in class. RSHE lessons are statutory until Year 6 when there is a non-statutory element and parents/carers are then given the information separately and the options available.

Poppy Appeal



Thank You!

Ashleigh School

For raising £169.85

Towards the Poppy Appeal 2024

Which stands at £30,478.98



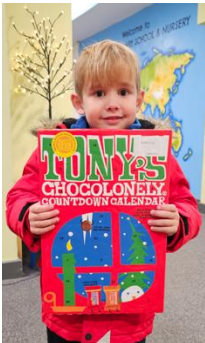

Ann Rogerson - Poppy Appeal Organiser

Wymondham EGF37

Ashleigh Friends

- ★ Thank you for all of your uniform and Christmas jumper/PJ donations to the green wheelie bin near Year 1. **The Uniform Shop** has been really successful! It's open every day after school; £1 per item, and you can pay using cash or the QR codes (poster inside shed). All money raised goes back into buying things for the school and our children.
- ★ Get ready for Christmas jumper day! From now until mid-December **Christmas Jumpers & PJs** will be on sale in the Uniform Shop; £1 each.
- ★ The **Asda Cashpot for schools** finishes on Saturday 30th November. Download the app, register and choose Ashleigh as your school for any last minute purchases. This has already raised over £200 for the school, so thank you to everyone who has registered up to now.
- ★ We will be holding a **Christmas Bake Sale** on the playground on Thursday 12th December, selling Christmas bakes, sweet cones and other festive goodies! Cash and card will be taken. [We would welcome any cake or biscuit donations to sell, so if you're a keen baker these can be dropped to the school office on the morning of the sale.](#) Please keep any donations nut-free and include a list of allergens if you're able to.
- ★ The **Christmas card and gifts shop** is now closed. Thank you to everyone who purchased items; we raised over £500, which is a great amount for the school.
- ★ If you plan to take advantage of the online Black Friday deals, sign up for **Easy Fundraising** to raise money for the school as you shop. You can download the app or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashleigh-friends> to register.

- ★ Well done to all of our advent calendar winners, who were contacted and given their prize last week. It raised over £282, so thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. The winners were

Bluey	M&S	Tony's	Smiggle
Brody 	Tobias 	Hamish 	Jasper 

James in Ash class won the Science calendar, congratulations to them all!

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Free to families eligible for Free School Meals, details at:
<https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

PE Days

Year	Days
Reception	PE starts after Christmas
1	Tuesdays and Fridays
2	Fox: Fridays (Forest School on Wednesdays) Deer: Wednesdays and Fridays
3	Mondays and Thursdays
4	Mondays and Wednesdays
5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
6	Wednesday mornings

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*
December	£45
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**

2024-2025	
Tues 3 rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Reception Christmas DVD being filmed (no audience)
Wed 4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Reception Christmas Performance 2:00pm Reception Christmas Performance
Thurs 5 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:30pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Fri 6 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:45pm Year 2 Christmas Performance at Wymondham Abbey
Mon 9 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Year 6 Christmas Carols 3:45pm After School Dance Club Performance
Tues 10 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event 2:30pm Year 4 Christmas Carols
Wed 11 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Year 5 Christmas Carols
Thurs 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15pm Nursery Family Craft Event 2:30pm Year 3 Christmas Carols 3:00pm Ashleigh Friends Bake Sale & Carols
Mon 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event
Tues 17 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15-10:15am Reception Family Craft Event 2:00pm Year 1 Bat class African Drumming performance 2:30pm Year 1 Barn Owl class African Drumming performance
Wed 18 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.m. Reception, Years 1 and 2 Party Afternoon 6:00-8:00pm Years 3-6 Disco
Fri 20 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Christmas holidays
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after Christmas holidays
Wed 8 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm Tour for Reception September 2025 Intake Parents/Carers
Wed 22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15pm Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting – details to follow
Mon 27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 28 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 30 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 31 st Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School & Nursery reopen after half term
Thurs 6 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day

Mon 10 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Tues 11 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Wed 12 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Thurs 13 th Mar	• a.m. Year 6 Assessments
Fri 21 st Mar	• Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 31 st Mar	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Tues 1 st Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Wed 2 nd Apr	• Year 6 Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)
Fri 4 th Apr	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays
Wed 23 rd Apr	• School & Nursery reopen after Easter holidays
Mon 5 th May	• Bank Holiday – School & Nursery closed
Mon 12 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Tues 13 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Wed 14 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 15 th May	• Year 6 SATs
Thurs 22 nd May	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Fri 23 rd May	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	• School & Nursery reopen after half term • Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 3 rd Jun	• Reception Hearing & Vision Screening
Tues 17 th Jun	• NHS Dental check-ups Reception to Year 6
Tues 24 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Wed 25 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Thurs 26 th Jun	• Year 6 transition day at WHA
Fri 18 th Jul	• p.m. Year 6 Crucial Crew event
Tues 22 nd Jul	• School & Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays

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

Messy Church – Saturday 7th December, 10:30am-12:30pm

Your invitation to:



Wymondham Methodist Church Town Green Centre

Come and join us on Saturday 7th December for this **FREE** event

10:30-12:30 (including lunch)

For age 4-11yrs. **Children need to bring a parent or guardian.**

For further details contact Sarah at:

emmens.cfw@gmail.com

Wymondham Heritage Museum – Saturday 7th December, 12-6pm

Father Christmas will be there, courtesy of Wymondham Lions - he'll be making himself comfortable in one of our cells which has been transformed for the day.

We will be focusing on traditional decorations, gifts and games and there will be a 12 days of Christmas trail.

Free entry - £6 to meet Father Christmas.

Further information can be found here:

[Christmases Past at the Museum](#)

Kids Camp – Long Stratton Leisure Centre

23rd and 30th December, 2nd, 3rd and 6th January

Sessions available at Long Stratton Leisure Centre starting from just £22. Please note, Kids Camp *will not be running at Wymondham Leisure Centre* at Christmas due to the Main Hall being closed for maintenance.

Book at www.southnorfolkleisure.co.uk

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Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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