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**30th January
2026**

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**John McConnell
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Message from Mr. McConnell

We received a wonderful letter from the Secretary of State for Education this week:

“Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery, Wymondham achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school’s performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.”

It's lovely to receive some recognition for how we work to support every child have the best possible outcome during their time at Ashleigh, and I am very proud of the extremely dedicated staff that help to make Ashleigh so special.

Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

Hedgehog – Grace D, Dougie and Francis;
Barn Owl – Qader and Austin; **Bat** – Jaxson and Hazel;
Deer – Harrison; **Fox** – Alice and Olivia;
Birch – Aled and Bonny; **Hazel** – Alfie and Daisy S;
Maple – Ruby;
Mulberry – Harrison; **Willow** – Ivy.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Friday 6th February, 8:45-9:30am: Maths Curriculum Café

Please drop into the staff room for a cup of tea and browse some ideas for supporting with Times Table practice at home.

Thursday 12th February, 2:00-3:00pm: Workshop for Parents/Carers of Children with SEND - Supporting Sensory Need

We hope you can join this workshop being run by Mr Walker. Supporting sensory needs: how to use sensory circuits and other strategies in the home.

Ashleigh Friends

Hi all,
January is almost gone and the days are starting to get longer, yay!

Pencil in the date of our AGM (Annual General Meeting):

Date: Thursday 12th March 2026

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: School Staffroom

In the AGM the Trustee roles will be re-elected. If you think you'd like to be part of the PTA for 26/27 then look out for more details coming via email soon!

Thank you to our current chair, Abi, who is stepping down in March. Abi (along with our fabulous PTA) has done a fantastic job carrying the Ashleigh Friends torch, and we look forward to welcoming our new Chair to carry it on!
John McConnell

Community Matters – Please Keep Voting

Ashleigh Friends are part of the Waitrose Wymondham Community Matters scheme this quarter. When you shop in store, you'll receive a green token to vote for a local cause — please place yours in the Ashleigh Friends tube to help raise important funds for the school. Voting runs until 31 March, and shoppers are encouraged to spread the word.

World Book Day – Pre-Loved Costume Collection

Ahead of World Book Day on Thursday 5 March, the school is collecting pre-loved book character costumes.

How to donate:

- Place bagged costumes in the green wheelie bin by the Year 1 classrooms.
- Donated costumes will soon be available to buy in the Uniform Shop, offering a sustainable and affordable option for families.

Thanks for your support!

Have a great weekend,
Ashleigh Friends - PTA

PE Days

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

Year	Days
Reception	Mondays – Squirrel Tuesdays – Hedgehog
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

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Dates	Pick-Up Time
Monday	Creation Station	1-6	12 th Jan – 23 rd Mar	3:50pm
	Cheer Leading	1-3		4:00pm
Tuesday	Nerf Games	3-6	13 th Jan – 24 th Mar	4:00pm
Wednesday	Musical Theatre	1-6	14 th Jan – 25 th Mar	4:00pm
Thursday	Karate	1-6	15 th Jan – 26 th Mar	4:00pm
	Gymnastics	1-6		
Friday	Dodgeball	3-6	16 th Jan – 27 th Mar	4:00pm
	Singing Club	3-6		3:45pm

Treehouse is open every day during term time.

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
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.

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

2025-2026	
Tues 3 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15pm Year 4 Parent Information Meeting: Year 5 Residential in September 2026
Fri 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45-9:30am Parent/Carer Maths Curriculum Café a.m. Year 4 Bikeability
Tues 10 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming p.m. Year 5 Mental Health Support Team class workshops 2:00pm Reception Family Learning – Chinese New Year 3:15pm Year 5 Parent Information Meeting: Year 6 Residential in November 2026
Wed 11 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm Reception Family Learning – Chinese New Year
Thurs 12 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm SEND Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting sensory needs
Fri 13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am School & Nursery reopen 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Firside (Home)
Tues 24 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Thurs 26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Birch class Library visit
Fri 27 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 4 Bikeability – details to follow a.m. Hazel class Library visit
Mon 2 nd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Drayton Junior (Home)
Tues 3 rd Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Elm class swimming
Wed 4 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm – Ketts' Books – Book Fair (using World Book Day tokens)
Thurs 5 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – dress as favourite book character
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 3pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Falcon Junior (Away)
Thurs 12 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.m. Year 6 assessments
Sat 14 th Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12pm Ashleigh Farm Volunteer Morning <p>Ashleigh Farm - Saturday 14th March – Fill in form</p>
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 3:15pm 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
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 & 3:15pm 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
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-2:00pm Ashleigh Art Show (details to follow)
Tues 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Year 6 Leavers’ Performance (filming, no audience)
Wed 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers’ Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Year 6 Leavers’ Performance (letters to request tickets will follow nearer the time)
Thurs 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30-6:30pm Year 6 Leavers’ Disco
Fri 17 th Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm School & 3:15pm Nursery close for Summer holiday

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

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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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