



# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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## Message from Mr. McConnell

As you will have seen in the newspapers and on the regional news, schools are facing some hard times around our funding. Like every school, we're going to have some tough choices to make about what we can and can't afford in the coming year and this may mean that some things that we've become used to at Ashleigh are going to be harder to afford. Even though this is going to be a challenge, I'm going to keep the school moving in the right direction with less money. Times are hard for everyone at the moment so your support for things like the PTA fundraising and trip contributions is even more appreciated, and even more valuable, than ever. Thank you!

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## Golden Ticket Raffle Winners

**Hedgehog** – Harriet W;  
**Barn Owl** – Bella; **Bat** – Kairi, Toby and Dylan;  
**Deer** – Summer, Felicity, Mustafa and Harry; **Fox** – Iveta;  
**Birch** – Ryan and Leila; **Hazel** – Evan; **Maple** – Caitlin;  
**Willow** – Kafia.

Well done everyone!

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## Parent Survey Link

We'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our Parent Survey, available [here](#).

The survey link will close at 9am on Monday 3rd February.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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## Mid-Year Reports: Years 1 to 6

Mid-year reports will be coming home with children in **Years 1 to 5** today.

**Year 6** reports will come home on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February and will include their scores from this week's assessments along with their test papers.



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## Parent/Carer Workshops for Reception, Years 1 & 2

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**

#### **Reception – 'Pure Sounds to Blending'**

Has your child learnt their sounds but you would like to know what happens next? Come along to our 'Pure Sounds to Blending' workshop as we show you how your child will progress from learning pure sounds to learning how to blend these sounds to read words. We will also show you ways you can support this skill at home.

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**

#### **Year 1 and Year 2 – 'Storybooks Phonics'**

Come along to our 'Storybook Phonics' workshop where you will find out how your child learns to read using our Read, Write Inc. Phonic Scheme. If your child brings a reading book home and you'd like to find out more about how to support them in reading this at home, then this workshop is just for you!

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**

#### **Year 2 – 'What happens after phonics?'**

Has your child finished the Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme? Come along to our 'What happens after phonics?' workshop to find out how you can support your child with their comprehension, fluency and reading speed.

Booking links will be emailed out a month before each workshop, we hope you're able to join us!

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## Clothing

### **Coats**

With the weather being so changeable, mostly between cold, wet and windy!, please make sure your child has a coat (not a gilet) with them so they can go out to play at break and lunchtimes.

### **PE Kit**

Please can children wear appropriate PE kit to school on their year group's PE days – black, navy or dark gray tracksuits/jogging bottoms/jumpers with a plain t-shirt.

Thank you.

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## Nursery Clothing Donation Appeal

If you have any spare pants or socks, aged 3 years, that you would be happy to donate to our Nursery, these would be very gratefully received! Please pass to a member of Nursery staff, or leave at the school office. Thank you.

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## Year 5 - Year 6 Residential November 2025

A letter has been emailed to Year 5 parents/carers today regarding the Year 6 residential for November 2025.

The presentation and website links were email separately to parents yesterday.

A non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to book a place.

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## Year 4 - Year 5 Residential September 2025

### Parent/Carer Meeting at 3:15pm on 5<sup>th</sup> February

A letter has been emailed to Year 4 parents/carers today regarding the planned Year 5 residential in September 2025; inviting you to an information meeting at **3:15pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

We hope you're able to join this meeting where we will share lots of useful information about the activities and venue but please don't worry if you can't make it, we will share the presentation with you afterwards.

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## Supporting your Child with Big Feelings

The Mental Health Team have shared details of this course for anyone interested: "As our children grow, they experience many changes in themselves and the world around them. During this time, our children and young people feel a variety of feelings such as anxiety, which they do not know how to manage. We break down what leads our children and young people to have these feelings and ways in which we can support them to manage if they become overwhelmed."

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 12:00pm - [Book Here](#)

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## Ashleigh Friends

A reminder that our AGM is due to be on **Monday 17th March**, when we will be electing new trustees. Being part of the PTA is a great way to become involved with the school community, and of course the PTA helps to raise essential funds for the school. Please do let us know if you'd like more information – we'd be happy to chat to you about what's involved. Please contact [ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleighfriendspta@hotmail.co.uk)

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## 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.
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*
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**

<b>2024-2025</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Ash class</b> visit to London</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 4 Parents/Carers'</b> meeting re <b>Year 5 Residential in September 2025</b></li> </ul>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Birch</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li> <li>• 10-11am <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 6 Sycamore class</b> visit to London</li> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>• 1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 3 Hazel</b> Visit to Wymondham Library</li> </ul>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> </ul>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:45-2:45pm <b>Nursery</b> Tour for September 2025</li> </ul>
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Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2pm Reception Parent/Carer Workshop - Pure Sounds to Blending</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day</li> <li>• <b>2:45-4:30pm Year 6 Girls' Football v Falcon Road (Away)</b></li> </ul>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• 3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Falcon Junior (Away)</li> </ul>
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Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>• <b>2pm Years 1 &amp; 2 Parent/Carer Workshop - Storybooks Phonics</b></li> </ul>

Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 6</b> Assessments</li> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Firside (Home)</li> </ul>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Ashleigh Friends AGM</li> </ul>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Parents' Evening Meetings</li> </ul>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Comic Relief – Non-School Uniform Day</b></li> </ul>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm – <b>Year 5 Boys' Football</b> v Queen's Hill (Home)</li> </ul>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming</li> <li><b>2pm Year 2 Parent/Carer Workshop - What happens after phonics?</b></li> </ul>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.m. <b>Year 4 Maple</b> class swimming <b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> Welcome Evening at WHA (invite will be for one date only)</li> </ul>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 5</b> trip to Overstrand</li> </ul>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after Easter holidays</li> </ul>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank Holiday – School &amp; Nursery closed</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> SATs</li> </ul>
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for half term</li> </ul>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery reopen after half term</li> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception</b> Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</li> </ul>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHS Dental check-ups <b>Reception to Year 6</b></li> </ul>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 3</b> trip to Sandringham</li> </ul>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 6</b> transition day at WHA</li> </ul>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>3-6pm Ashleigh Summer Fayre</b></li> </ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>p.m. <b>Year 6</b> Crucial Crew event</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School &amp; Nursery close at 3pm and 3:15pm for Summer holidays</li> </ul>

## 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

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# Norfolk County Council 2025-2026

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