EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

14th November 2025

Head of School

The facial hair continues to grow and is now at an irritating and untamable length! Thank you for all donations so far. I am now just £30 away from my target so hope to beat it by the end of the month. I may well complete some moustache based tasks with the children soon!

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

This week in WIllow class we have been having great fun doing a variety of games and activities as part of our Fitness topic. We have also been learning all about Lois Braille and his early life in particular. As part of this we sequenced pictures from his life. In Maths, the Year 2 children in particular have been working on their addition skills. We have also enjoyed dressing up spotty for Children in Need!

Maple Class

In Maple Class this week the children have enjoyed continuing our learning about Roman Britain. This week we investigated the Roman invasion of Britain and the subsequent uprising led by Boudicca. In PE, the children have done very well in getting to grips with Hockey skills and in PSHE we have continued our exploration of communication and its importance. Maths has been largely focused on column subtraction this week and in English we have begun planning our Non-Chronological reports about mythical creatures.

Maple Class were awarded Maths Monster this week for their excellent work on column subtraction. It was the first time Year 3 children had been introduced to it and the Year 4 extended themselves well!

Silver Birch Class

For our Design and Technology unit this term, we are learning about electrical systems. Our project is to plan, design, create and evaluate our own version of the board game 'Operation'. In lesson 1, we had to think carefully about the appearance of our board game as well as how we would like it to look. Our task this week was to create our board game using polystyrene, card, tin foil, tweezers and elastic bands. After creating the structure of our board game, we then had to plan and create the electrical circuit to detect when the tweezers had touched the tin foil using batteries, crocodile clips and LED lights.

In RE this week, we explored how Sikhs believe that Guru Nanak changed the world. We learnt that Guru Nanak was born in India in 1469. We discovered that Guru Nanak's father wanted him to make money in the city but Guru wanted to help people in need instead. Instead of spending money on himself, Guru Nanak often preferred to help feed the hungry and look after the homeless. We learnt that Sikhs are inspired by the actions of Guru Nanak and try to follow in his footsteps today.

Parent Invites

- 10/12 - KS1 Nativity. There will be two performances, 9.30 and 2pm. Two adult tickets are available for each performance
- 18/12 - Christmas Church Service

Remembrance Day

Our Poppy Wreaths have been brought to Church in honour of Remembrance Day. Lest we forget.



Is my child too ill for school?

There are government guidelines for schools about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

Please follow this link to find out more

https://tinyurl.com/3skzace3

Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.7%

Attendance Award

This week

Maple Class

Maths Monster Award

This week

Maple Class

School Prayer

Sorry for not always telling the truth.

Sorry for the times we forget to be kind.

Thank you for all those who show compassion to us, and for the lovely things in the world that shine.

We will try to treat others how we would like to be treated, help us to respect and take care of others.

Please Lord, help us shine and show compassion, to the sick and the needy, to our sisters and brothers.

Amen

NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026

NOURISH GROW WITH US

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 3 Nov 24 Nov 15 Dec 19 Jan 9 Feb 9 March 30 March	Chicken Pie **1** Pesto Pasta **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots Strawberry Mousse **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Bean Biryani **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rainbow Pasta **1** Seasonal Vegetables Toffee Apple Pudding **1 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Gammon & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll **1 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread **1,3** Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Green Beans Grated Carrots Brownie **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** Vegetable Sausage **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Oaty Cookie **1,15 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK TWO 10 Nov 1 Dec 5 Jan 26 Jan 23 Feb 16 March	Chicken Curry Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice, Carrots, Peas Chocolate Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Cheesy Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread **1,3,7 V** BBQ Bean Wedges **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Seasonal Vegetables Plum Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff **1,3 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Crispy Cake **1,3,7,16** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Beef Stew & Dumpling **1** Pesto Pasta **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Cauliflower, Green Beans Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Salmon Bites **1,8** Cheese & Sweetcorn Pizza **1,3,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Mixed Salad Marble Cookie **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK THREE 17 Nov 8 Dec 12 Jan 2 Feb 2 March 23 March	Cheese Penne & Garlic Bread **1,3,7 V** Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad Peach Crumble **1 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Noodles **1** BBQ Vegetable Burrito **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Sweetcorn, Peppers Chocolate Rice Pudding **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding **1,7,9** Vegetable Sausage **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Drizzle Cake **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot Caramel Flapjack **1,7,15 V** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



Earsham CE VA Primary School

Enrichment

3r Nov — 19th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Club 8.00am– 8.45am £2.50 per day Open to all	Morning Club 8.00am– 8.45am £2.50 per day Open to all	Morning Club 8.00am– 8.45am £2.50 per day Open to all	Morning Club 8.00am– 8.45am £2.50 per day Open to all	Morning Club 8.00am– 8.45am £2.50 per day Open to all
No Club Currently Available	Brick Church After school club 3.15-4.15pm Not on Tuesday 16th December FREE Years 1-6 only (currently full)	Wednesday Club 3.15-4.15pm £17.50 Years 1-6 only	Art Club 3.15pm-4.15pm £35.00 Open to all	After school sports club 3.15pm-4.15pm £17.50 Open to all

About our Clubs; All clubs have restricted spaces and are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you require financial support please contact the school office or visit https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs Don't forget Pupil Premium Children can attend after school clubs for a 50% discount

Morning Club - CASH no longer accepted. You can book a guaranteed place via the school office or use on an ad-hoc basis. Your charge will be added to your Parentmail account

Tuesday Brick Church; Sign up via Parentmail

Wednesday—Staff run club—various fun activities and receive support with homework, spellings, reading etc—Sign up via Parentmail

Thursday Art Club, provided by Minimoons Creative—Sign up and pay here: https://minimoonsco.com/products/arts-crafts-club-all-years-ellingham-vc-primary-school

Friday Sports club—run by Premier Sports—sign up and pay via Parentmail

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

6 Dec 2025	**St Mary's Church, Ditchingham. Xmas Tree Festival**
8 Dec 2025	Reception & Y6 NCMP Screening
10 Dec 2025	KS1 Nativity. 9.30 and 2pm
11 Dec 2025	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
13 Dec 2025	Christmas Fair
18 Dec 2025	Christmas Church Service, 2.15
19 Dec 2025	Rudolph Run
19 Dec 2025	Last day of Autumn Term 2
6 Jan 2026	First Day of Spring Term 1
4 Feb 2026	Years 3/4/5 Olly Day Road Safety Show

Useful Information
8:45 Gates Open
9:00 Registration closes
3:15 End of Day

Please ensure your child arrives/ is collected promptly each day. If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ring the school office each day by 9am to advise. If your child has been absent due to diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please ensure they do not return until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. The School office is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Telephone Number	01986 892 557
E-mail address	office@earsham.norfolk.sch.uk
Term Dates 2025-2026	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

NOURISH

CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings 1,6

Winter Vegetable Wellington 1 V

Rustic Roast Potatoes

Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

Santa's Cookie 1 VG

Iced Chocolate Sponge 1 VG

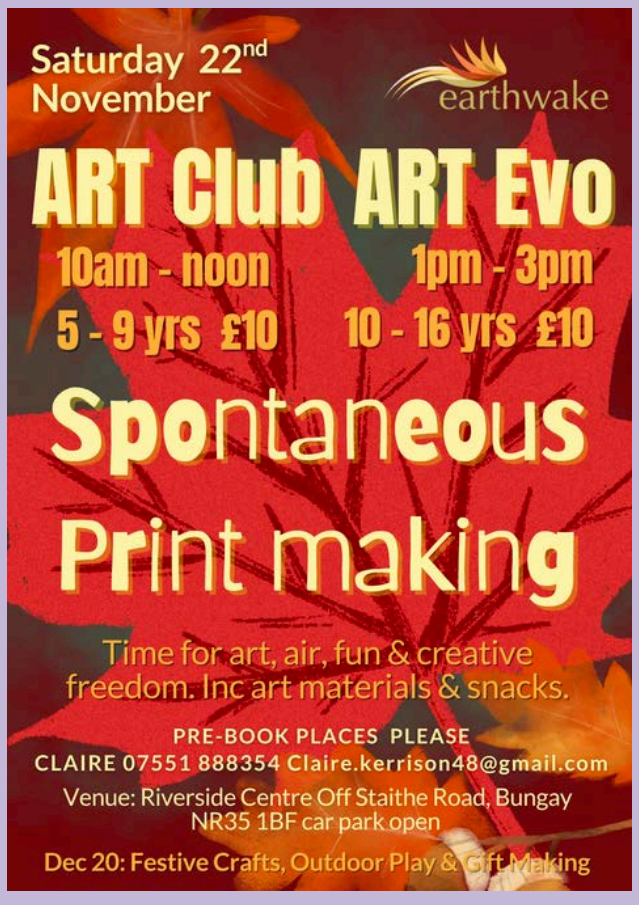
Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat Gluten **2** Crustaceans **3** Soybean **4** Mustard **5** Sesame **6** Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide **7** Milk **8** Fish **9** Egg **10** Peanuts **11** Molluscs **12** Celeriac/Celery **13** Nuts **14** Lupins **15** Oat Gluten **16** Barley Gluten **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan

Community













KINGFISHER FEDERATION

St Mary's Church, Ditchingham

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

December 6th-7th 11am-3pm

FREE ADMISSION



Come and enjoy

- Music
- Refreshments
- Children's Christmas Craft
- Tombola
- Hand Bell Ringing

DONATIONS WELCOME



Elf Trail & Christmas Fair

Trail 6&7th Fair Sunday 7th December

From 2pm

Maps available from Geldeston Village hall, The Wherry Inn & Three Rivers £2

Warm up at the Wherry with Mulled wine , hot choc and more

Mince pies, Home baked goodies, Amazing Raffle, local craft and Christmas stalls, Games and Gillingham school children singing carols

6.00 pm

Enjoy music performed by Maria Sax who will be switching on the lights at The Wherry Inn!

In aid of the Friends of Gillingham St Michael's Primary School

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