EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

21st November 2025

Head of School

This week I reached my target of raising £300! Thank you to anyone who has donated so far. To celebrate, this week in Maple class, we have carried out some moustache themed activities. This included some moustache maths, some Salvador Dali inspired mustachioed self-portraits and a quick game of pin the moustache on the face!

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

This week in Willow Class the children took part in a Science investigation- "What material would be best for a toddlers dungarees?" The children tested different fabrics and took part in rubbing the fabrics against concrete and see how many rubs it would take before the fabric broke and made a hole. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the investigation and worked hard to record their results in the table. Well done Willow Class.

Maple Class

In Maple Class this week we have continued to learn about Boudicca including developing our understanding of how we know about this period of the past. In Science we have investigated opaque, translucent and transparent materials. In PE we have been developing stamina, balance and coordination in our fitness lessons and working on attacking and defending skills in Hockey. In English we have completed our reports all about our mythical creatures while our maths lessons have begun investigating measurement.

Silver Birch Class

For week 3, Silver Birch Class have been learning about non-chronological reports in English. We discovered that a non-chronological report is
a piece of non-fiction writing that organises information by topic, not by time order. This means it doesn't follow a "what happened next" structure, but instead presents facts and details on a subject using headings and subheadings to group related information. Examples include fact files, leaflets, and informational articles.
On Tuesday, we continued with our key question in RE, 'Can One Person Change the World?' For this session, we focussed on a lady named Rosa Parks. Rosa Parks was a brave African American civil rights activist known for her role in the civil rights movement, sparked by her refusal to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955.
In PSHE, we learnt about illegal and legal substances. For this session, we focussed solely on alcohol and its dangers. For this session, we began by exploring a range of different drinks. Some alcoholic and others not. We then had to split the selection of drinks into alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks and identify which we recognised.

Parent Invites

- 02/12 - Christmas Craft Workshop
- 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

PTA Plea for Christmas Hamper

Our PTA are collecting items for their annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! Please can any donations be brought into the office by Friday 5th December - Thank you.

Earsham Christmas Fayre 2025

You are invited to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 13th December, from 11am - 2pm.

Our PTA are running this event so please come along to support them and enjoy cake, drinks, hot food a raffle, santas grotto and much more!

Weather

As we enter the winter months, please make sure your child is dressed suitably for the cold weather, particularly on PE days when we aim to take advantage of dry conditions for outdoor activities.

If you need to verify whether the school has closed for any emergency reasons, you can use the following link:
http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/nccclosures_schools.html

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

96.6%

Attendance Award

This week

Silver Birch

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

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

2 Dec 2025	**Christingle at Earsham Church, 6pm**
2 Dec 2025	**Christmas Craft, 9.05 - 9.35. All Parents Welcome**
5 Dec 2025	**Non Uniform Day in Exchange for Chocolate Tombola**
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, 2.15pm
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

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E-mail address	office@earsham.norfolk.sch.uk
Term Dates 2025-2026	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

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**

Norfolk 3

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







KINGFISHER
FEDERATION

Community


lightwave
soul children
bungay
Calling all KS2!
Come & join our Christmas Choir 2025!
Free!
Fridays 4pm - 5pm
@ The Hub, 12 Broad St, Bungay
To sign up scan QR code or email
admin.bungay@lightwave.community


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
Find out more on Facebook


St Mary's Church, Ditchingham
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
December 6th-7th 11 am-3pm
FREE ADMISSION
Come and enjoy
• Music
• Refreshments
• Children's Christmas Craft
• Tombola
• Hand Bell Ringing
DONATIONS WELCOME


Saturday 22nd November
earthwake
ART Club
10am - noon
5 - 9 yrs £10
ART Evo
1pm - 3pm
10 - 16 yrs £10
Spontaneous
Print making
Time for art, air, fun & creative freedom. Inc art materials & snacks.
PRE-BOOK PLACES PLEASE
CLAIRE 07551 888354 Claire.kerrison48@gmail.com
Venue: Riverside Centre Off Staithe Road, Bungay NR35 1BF car park open
Dec 20: Festive Crafts, Outdoor Play & Gift Making


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Approved Training Centre
• 13th & 20th December At Harleston Pool
30 minute lessons every half hour between 2-4pm
To book email: treacle@waterliliesswim.co.uk