EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

28st November 2025

Head of School

Mr Woodcraft's Movember update: Just a few days growing to go on my Movember fundraising challenge. I may well give out one or two moustache rewards to children this week for good work or for any further donations that come in!

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

This week in Science the children took part in an investigation- 'What shall we use to make a teabag?" As a class we used loose tea in different materials such as greaseproof paper, dishcloth, paper and foil and tested it water to see which material would make the best teabag. Whilst we were completing the investigation the children recorded the results in a table. After the investigation the children looked at their results and concluded that the dishcloth would make the best material and the writing paper would be the worst choice

Maple Class

This week Maple Class have continued to develop their team work and attacking and defending skills in Hockey. In maths, we have explored different ways of measuring, adding and subtracting length and have begun to investigate perimeter. In English we have begun to explore poetry, including features such as stanzas, alliteration and repetition. As part of our Science topic on light, we learnt all about the risks posed by prolonged exposure to the sun while our History lesson was focused on understanding how the Ancient Romans were able to sustain such a vast empire.

Silver Birch Class

In RE this week, Silver Birch have been learning about a famous lady called Harriet Tubman. We learnt that she was born into slavery in 1820 and she grew up working in the cotton fields. She witnessed another enslaved person escape and when she was older, escaped herself. When she reached the border with Pennsylvania, she realised she needed to help others escape too. As a result, she organised a network of helpers, known as 'The Underground Railroad', to help enslaved people on their way to freedom.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the dangers of smoking. We discovered that cigarette smoke contains over 4000 chemicals, including approximately 69 known cancer causing chemicals as well as over 400 other poisons. We learnt that smoking causes or can lead to leukaemia, heart disease, blood pressure problems, weak bones and serious breathing problems.

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

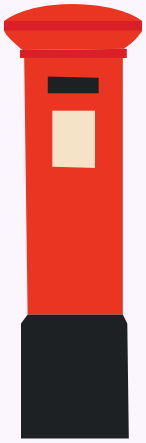
Music lessons

Exciting news! We are now able to offer piano lessons for children every Friday from January 2026. For further information please contact the office.



Christmas Post Box!

Our Christmas Post Boxes will be available from Monday for children to send cards to their friends. There is one in each class. Please ensure your child writes the name and class on the envelope.



Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.58%

Attendance Award

This week

Willow

Book Worm Winners

This week

Willow

Maths Monster Award

This week

Silver Birch

Governor News

Shine from the Inside Out!

At our school, we believe that everyone has a special light inside them. When we work together and show kindness, that light shines bright for all to see!

Our vision is: "**Working together with the light of compassion, respect and courage so that all can shine.**"

This means we help each other to grow, learn and be our very best. We want our school to be a happy, loving place where everyone feels valued and loved.

Our Bible verse reminds us:

"For the light brings every kind of goodness, right living and truth." – **Ephesians 5:9**

Just like the light in the bible verse, we can bring goodness, honesty and love wherever we go.

Our school motto is **"Shine from the Inside Out."** We want everyone to let their light shine through their actions, their smiles and their words.

Our school values help us do just that:

- **Compassion** – We care about others and show kindness every day.
- **Respect** – We listen, share and treat everyone and everything with care.
- **Courage** – We try new things, keep going when it's hard, and stand up for what's right.

When we show compassion, respect and courage, we 'shine from the inside out' — and together we make our school a place full of love and joy!

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
17 Dec 2025	**Panto (held in school)**
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

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

Earsham Church Christingle

Earsham Church are holding a Christingle Service, which families are warmly invited to. Please pop along to support if you can.:

- Earsham Church - Tuesday 2nd Dec, 6pm









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.



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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

Community











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