EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

5th December 2025

Head of School

Mr Woodcraft's Movember update. Well, it has come to an end. I've grown quite attached to the moustache so may keep it a while longer! So far just over £350 has been raised so thank you once again to all who contributed! You may have noticed that Mrs Mitson has begun a gradual return to school life, beginning with morning club this week. We are delighted to see her (gradually) returning to work!

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

This week in Willow class has seen us preparing and practicing for our upcoming nativity! We have practiced our lines, practiced our songs and even had a full dress rehearsal! We are all very excited to share it with you! As well as this we have also squeezed in lots of learning about subtraction and statistics in our maths lessons as well as our other usual lessons such as PSHE and Computing.

Maple Class

In Maple class this week we very much enjoyed having so many adult visitors for our Christmas craft parent drop-in. Hopefully it was a really enjoyable experience for all that visited! As well as this we have been busily practicing songs for our upcoming Christmas service and creating decorations for our classroom - anyone would think it was December! We have also continued our learning about Roman Britain by exploring Roman towns. We even designed our own Roman town in our maths lesson using our knowledge of perimeter! Our English continues to focus on poetry and in music we had the chance to compose our own melodies!
Maths Monster goes to Maple class for their well designed Roman Towns where they had to use their knowledge of perimeter.

Silver Birch Class

It has been a busy week in Silver Birch Class. On Monday, a group of children from Year 5 & 6 began preparation for the Christingle service at Earsham Church. We started by cutting a cross into the oranges and putting together all the equipment needed to construct a Christingle orange. This included a candle, tin foil, 4 cocktail sticks, 4 raisins and 4 sweets. We also had to decorate our orange with a large red stripe that went around the centre of the orange. We discovered that the red stripe around the orange typically represents the blood of Christ in the Christingle service, which is a symbolic Christian tradition.
On Tuesday we held our annual Christmas parent drop in. Thank you for all the parents, grandparents and helpers who came to support their children with the making of their Christmas Countdown to Christmas Craft Kit.
In DT this week, we have been continuing with our board game designs. So far we have cut out the sections of our board game, added tin foil to the edges of our polystyrene and began to assemble the game. Next we will be creating the electrical circuit for our operation game so that our LED lights flash bright every time we touch the tin foil.

Parent Invites

- 10/12 - KS1 Nativity -9.30am and 2pm.
- 18/12 - Christmas Church Service 2:15pm

Carol Service

We look forward to your presence at our Carol Service, taking place at Earsham Church on Thursday 18th December 2025, at .2:15pm.

Afterschool Clubs

Bookings for the first half of Spring Term are now available on ParentMail.

We are really pleased to announce the return of Street Dance on a Monday, this will start on Monday 12th January.

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



Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.43%

Attendance Award

This week

Maple

Book Worm Winners

This week

Willow

Maths Monster Award

This week

Maple Class

KS1 Nativity

We would like to invite families to our KS1 Nativity on Wednesday 10th December. There will be two performances of the nativity, 9:30am and 2pm.

PTA

Thank you so much to everyone that has donated prizes so far for our Christmas hamper raffle, they are very much appreciated. If you would still like to donate something, then there is still time.

We are also asking if anyone has any unwanted teddies or cuddly toys you would like to donate for our teddy tombola stall, please drop them off at reception.

Thank you for your continued support, your help goes a long way to raising the funds used to support the school.

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 Fayre
17 Dec 2025	Panto (held in school)
18 Dec 2025	Christmas Church Service, 2.15pm
19 Dec 2025	**Rudolph Run - CLICK HERE TO DONATE**
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

Telephone Number	01986 892 557
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**

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

7th January—13th Feb 2026

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
Street Dance 3.15-4.15pm £20.00 Open to all	Brick Church After school club 3.15-4.15pm FREE Years 1-6 only (currently full) Starting back on 13th Jan.	Wednesday Club 3.15-4.15pm £15.00 Years 1-6 only	Art Club 3.15pm-4.15pm £35.00 Open to all	After school sports club 3.15pm-4.15pm £20.00 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

Monday Street Dance, provided by KO Entertainment Sign up via Parentmail

Tuesday Brick Church; Sign up via Parentmail. No club on Tuesday 6th Jan, starts back on Tuesday 13th January. Currently full.

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

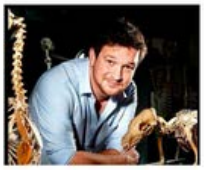
Thursday Art Club, provided by Minimoons Creative—Sign up and pay here: https://minimoonsco.com/products/arts-crafts-club-all-years-ellingham-vc-primary-school

Friday Sports Club—run by Premier Sports—sign up on Parentmail

Community

Hobart High School
Presents our Science Community Lecture

Science — HOBART HIGH SCHOOL



Ben Garrod
'Now we must redefine man'
Science Lecture
Thursday 4 December 2025

Refreshments, Raffle and Cake sale from 6.30pm
(Please bring change)
Lecture 7.00pm to 8.00pm

We all like to think we're special, but according to science, and biologist, broadcaster and author Professor Ben Garrod, it's quite difficult to pin down exactly what it is that makes humans unique. After living and working with gorillas, chimps, sharks and even polar bears for many years, Ben reveals in this light-hearted, scientific talk there's actually very little that separates you from the rest of nature.

For free entry to this event please complete this form and return it to the school office, call or email office@hobart.org.uk. Seats will be limited and strictly on a first come first served basis.
I wish to reserve seats to the "Now we must redefine man" Lecture on **Thursday 4 December 2025**

Number of seats for lecture requested ☐

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

TRY OUR MULLED WINE, FESTIVE SAUSAGE ROLLS & MINCE PIES

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FUN DAY

SELL YOUR PRELOVED ITEMS HERE

EVENT 9.00-1.30

Lots of preloved ski and snowboard items ready to find a new home.
Plus Christmas gifts for sale

NON MEMBER £10 PER TABLE

MEMBERS £7.50 PER TABLE

DON'T MISS OUT!

PLUS
£5 SKI & SNOWBOARD TASTERS
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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

LOOKING FOR A FUN FILLED ADVENTURE FOR THIS WINTER?

SNOW EXPLORER DAY

5TH JANUARY 9AM - 3PM

£65 PER PERSON

DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGED 8-14, THIS ACTION-PACKED DAY FEATURES SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, AND TUBING SESSIONS, PLUS LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 9:00AM

WHETHER YOUR CHILD DREAMS OF CONQUERING THE SLOPES OR JUST WANTS A FUN DAY OUT, SNOW EXPLORER DAY IS THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO SNOWSPORTS.

BONUS: IT'S A GREAT HOLIDAY TREAT FOR KIDS AND A CHANCE FOR PARENTS TO RELAX!

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LOOKING FOR A FUN FILLED ADVENTURE FOR THIS FESTIVE SEASON?

SNOW EXPLORER DAY

22ND DECEMBER 9AM - 3PM

£65 PER PERSON

DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGED 8-14, THIS ACTION-PACKED DAY FEATURES SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, AND TUBING SESSIONS, PLUS LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

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SPRING INTO BOARDING

A FUN INTRODUCTION TO SNOWBOARDING WITH A TUBING SESSION

AGE 8-14 COST £40
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2025
15.30 ARRIVAL FOR A 17.45 FINISH

TO BOOK VISIT WWW.NORFOLKSNOWSPORTS.COM OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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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

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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

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- 13th & 20th December At Harleston Pool

30 minute lessons every half hour between 2-4pm

water lilies swimming school — Approved Training Centre

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