EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

16th January 2026

Head of School

Children have continued to readjust to life back at school after the Christmas break this week! This term we have also welcomed new children to our school who have also quickly settled into life at Earsham. We will be revisiting our core values of Compassion, Respect and Courage with the children this half term. These are values I see lived out everyday by children and adults in school but they are important concepts to explore with the children further to ensure they really are lived out day to day as often as possible.

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

This week in Art, Willow class were using different objects such as sponges and blocks to print with. They used the three primary colours when printing their shapes. The children have been working hard in their Phonics lessons learning lots of new sounds and using them to write words. The Year 2 children have been working hard to practise their spellings and spelling them correctly when writing sentences. Well done Willow class for all of your hard work! 🙂

Maple Class

In Maple Class this week we have continued our learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We learnt that many local villages have Anglo-Saxon names - including Earsham! As well as this we have begun our PE unit on Golf which the children were very engaged in. In Computing we have continued to learn about coding using 'Scratch'. We have made a start on planning our own 'warning' stories in English and have continued our work on fractions in maths including adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have been exploring the distances between different planets in our Solar System, starting from the Sun. We discovered that Mercury's average distance from the Sun is around 36 million miles whereas Neptune's average distance from the Sun is around 2.8 billion miles. We discovered that as you go further out from the Sun, the distances between adjacent planets generally increase significantly. The inner solar system is much more densely packed than the outer solar system, where there are vast expanses of space between the giant planets.

In RE this week, we have been exploring the story of Moses. We had to investigate how Moses found freedom and justice through believing in God. We started by learning about his early life from when he was left in a basket and set adrift on the River Nile as well as Moses' life growing up.

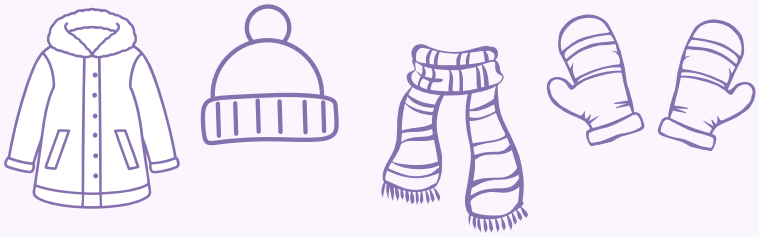
Lost Property

We have a very large number of items in our lost property cupboard - this is located in the reception foyer opposite the office hatch. Please feel free to pop in and have a rummage to claim any missing items.



Cold Weather

A reminder that as the weather continues to remain colder please make sure that your child is dressed suitably, particularly on PE days when we aim to take advantage of dry conditions for outdoor activities.



Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.55%

Attendance Award

This week

Willow Class

Maths Monster Award

This week

Silver Birch

Book Worm Winners

This week

Willow Class

Kingfisher Partnership

The Kingfisher Governors are looking for one enthusiastic parent to join our experienced Local Governing Committee. If you would like to support our schools, cheer them on, support the Christian ethos and encourage them please get in touch.

You can register interest with the school office to request an information/application pack and arrange an informal chat with Caroline Hutton the Chair of Governors before the Wednesday 21st January.

In the event of two parents coming forward for this role we will be required to hold parent governor elections. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

The Kingfisher Governors

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Out of School Achievements

Has your child done something amazing in sports/clubs outside of school? We'd love to hear all about it and celebrate their fantastic news! Please email a photo and brief description of their achievement to office@earsham.norfolk.sch.uk



Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

19 Jan 2026	**Menu Change - Lemon cake replaces strawberry mousse**
21 Jan 2026	Road Safety Sessions (Reception, Year 2 & Year 4)
4 Feb 2026	Years 3/4/5 Olly Day Road Safety Show
6 Feb 2026	NSPCC Number Day - Number Related Non-Uniform - **Donate Here**
11 Feb 2026	Parents Evening - Information to follow
16 Feb 2026	**Half Term Break (16th - 20th Feb)**
27 Feb 2026	Maple Class Castle Trip - Information to follow
20 Mar 2026	Willow Class - Time and Tide Museum - Information to follow
27 Mar 2026	**Last Day of Spring Term**
14 Apr 2026	**First Day of Summer Term**

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**

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

"Light brings every kind of goodness, right living and truth." Ephesians 5:9

Our Values: Compassion Respect and Truth

Our Vision: Learning together, with the light of compassion, respect and truth, so that all can shine.

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 Year 2 upwards	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


Saturday
24th January
Depth of Winter
Animal tracks, hibernation
& life under the earth.
ART Club Art Evo
10am - noon
1pm - 3pm
5-9 yrs £10
10-16 yrs £10
Wax resist paintings, plaster
prints & winter drawings
PRE-BOOK PLACES/INFO - 07551 888354
CLAIRE.KERRISON48@GMAIL.COM
earthwake
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