EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

23rd January 2026

Head of School

One of my favourite parts of the week is our Celebration Collective Worship every Friday. In it, I get to hear about many of the amazing things children are doing in all of our classes. Sometimes we celebrate their achievements in their work, at other times we celebrate their compassion, courage or creativity - to name just a few of the values we often reward. If your child brings home a certificate on a Friday, please do celebrate with them too as it means they are living the values of our school and the values that will serve them well throughout their lives. As a school we continue to be extremely thankful for all support offered by parents, whether that be in homework, helping our PTA or simply celebrating your children's successes!

Mr Woodcraft

Willow Class

Willow- This week in Science the children learnt about what animals need to survive, food, air and water. The children then sorted pictures into what humans need to survive, what do they need to be comfortable and what do they want. In PSHE the children were talking about belonging and things they had in common with others. This term, until the Easter Holidays, we also have Miss Fisher joining us who is a PGCE student from UEA. 🙂

Maple Class

In Maple class this week we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxon discoveries at Sutton Hoo. We explored images of the finds and explored what they can teach us about life in Anglo Saxon England. In Computing children have been exploring how to build chains of commands using the coding software 'Scratch'. (This can be accessed for free from home if parents wished to extend their learning!) In maths, the children are really getting to grips with fractions and growing in confidence every day with what can be a tricky area of the curriculum! In PE the children seemed to particularly enjoy our game of 'Golf Battleships!'

Silver Birch Class

In Geography this week, we continued our study of Europe. For this week's session, we were given a blank European map. We then had find and label as many European countries on a map as well as finding out their capital cities. Afterwards we explored the Mediterranean Sea and countries that had coastlines that meet it.

In RE this week, we have been exploring the story of the Ten Plagues. We learnt that the Ten Plagues of Egypt, detailed in the biblical Book of Exodus, were a series of divine disasters sent to convince Pharaoh to free the enslaved Israelites, including Water to Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Livestock, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness and the Death of the Firstborn.

In Science we explored Moon phases. We discovered that there are eight main moon phases. These are a continuous cycle that describes how much of the Moon we see illuminated as it orbits Earth: New Moon, Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Third Quarter (or Last Quarter), and Waning Crescent, before repeating.

Willow Class

This half term children in Willow class are learning about belonging to a community.
On Friday 30th January we would like to invite Willow class to come to school wearing club uniform, for example rainbows uniform, football kit, dance or gymnastic kit. It they do not have a uniform to wear they can come to school in PE kit.

Bikeability

Bikeability have opened up their Level 2 cycling course to year 6 pupils, so all children in years 5 & 6 are now invited. The course will take place during the W/C 23rd February (dates TBC). Consent forms have been sent out, if you would like your child to take part please complete and return these to the office as soon as possible.

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

Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.71%

Attendance Award

This week

Maple

Maths Monster Award

This week

The Year 2's have been working very hard to multiply numbers using different methods and are starting to remember some their 2's 5's 10's and 3 times tables.

The Year 1's have been working hard to understand the place value of numbers and understand the tens and ones in a 2 digit number.

Book Worm Winners

This week

Maple

KINGFISHER FEDERATION

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

28 Jan 2026	**Menu change: Turkey rather than chicken**
30 Jan 2026	**Menu change: Salmon fish cake rather than salmon bites**
30 Jan 2026	**Willow Class - invited to come into school wearing club uniform**
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)
23 Feb 2026	**W/C 23rd Feb - Y5 & Y6 Bikeability DATE TBC**
27 Feb 2026	Maple Class Castle Trip - Information to follow
5 Mar 2026	**World Book Day Lunch Menu**
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
10am - noon
5-9 yrs £10
Art Evo
1pm - 3pm
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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Bungay Town F.C. are currently looking for players to join our Under 8's team for the 25 / 26 season.
Open to boys and girls, current year 3's.
Training Friday nights 17:45 to 19:00 at our Maltings Meadow ground, Ditchingham.
Contact
Andy Waterfield 07765 883960
Luke Collins 07748 452260


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Marston Moor, Church Road, Earsham, Suffolk, NR35 2TH
Contact - claire.maynard@suffolkscouts.org.uk


1ST EARSHAM
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be prepared
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THURSDAYS | 7:30 - 9PM
AGES 10½-14 YRS
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