EARSHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

27th November 2026

Head of School

As we hurtle towards Christmas, just a reminder that the PTA will be holding our Christmas Fair on Sunday 29th November. PLease do come and show your support and bring along family and friends too. There will be refreshments, games and a special visitor!

Willow Class

This week in Willow Class, we have continued to work hard practicing our Nativity. Please continue to help children with practicing their lines at home. In Maths, Y1 & 2 have been working hard comparing and ordering numbers and Reception have been learning about 1 More and 1 Less. In PSHE we have been learning about how we can make other people happy and learning how what people need in certain situations can be different. Continuing our topic of Remembrance in History, we learnt about war memorials, the significance of their different features and why it is important to behave respectfully around them. In DT we have continued our work on bridges, looking particularly at reinforcing bridge structures. Please could parents start saving items such as cereal boxes, kitchen or toilet roll tubes, shoeboxes, tissue boxes or Pringle (or similar) tubes to be used to make our own bridges in a couple of weeks time.

PE Tuesday & Friday

Maple Class

This week, Maple Class have been learning about the different types of climates that can be found across South (and North) America and how this relates to the latitude of these places. We studied a range of climate graphs to compare the amounts of rainfall and temperature across the year at several different locations. In PE we have been exploring how to defend in Hockey as well as developing various skills in Basketball. In Computing we have begun exploring branching databases. This week we also had a NSPCC 'Stay Safe Speak Out' Collective Worship and completed a lesson activity relating to this. In Maths we have begun to examine the concept of Area and in English we have begun writing our own Persuasion texts for the world's most amazing Pet!

PE Wednesday & Thursday

Silver Birch Class

In science this week we have been learning about heart recovery times after exercise. For this session, we were placed into pairs and given a piece of equipment called an oximeter to record our pulses. We then had to do a burst of exercise for a short time period. We then measured our pulses and then continually recorded our heart rates for the next ten minutes until our heart rates returned to their normal resting levels.

In history this week, we have been learning about women's wartime jobs during the second world war. We looked at jobs such as, air raid precautions, the wrens, ambulance drivers, the land army and the WAFF.

PE Monday & Friday

Awards

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

94.39%

Attendance Award

Willow Class

Other information

Christmas Fayre

A reminder that our School Christmas Fayre is happening this Sunday! We would love for everyone to stop by and show your support if you can.
Please note that all stalls are cash only.

Free School Meals

You may qualify for free school meals (FSM) and other help if you receive certain benefits or support.
From September 2026, there are two types of entitlement:

- Targeted: you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school.
- Expanded: you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only.

Click here to find more about the changes from September 2026: Understand Free school meals eligibility changes from September 2026 (PDF, 154 KB)

Wednesday After School Club

Mrs Mitson will be running an After School Club every Wednesday, starting on Wednesday 2nd December. Pick up time will be 4.15pm.

The theme will be puzzles and games.

The club is open to all children. If you would like your child to attend, please sign them up via ParentMail. You can prebook on a week to week basis

Willow Christmas Nativity

We are delighted to share that Willow Class will be performing their Nativity on Wednesday 9th December.
There will be two performances on the day:

- Morning performance: 9.30am
- Afternoon performance: 2.30pm

We have allocated 4 tickets per family for each performance, so families will have the opportunity to attend either or both performances.
We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special occasion with you!

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

Date	Event
29 Nov 2026	PTA Christmas Fair
1 Dec 2026	Christingle at Earsham Church 6pm
7 Dec 2026	Reception & Y6 NCMP Screening - Consent forms sent via email
9 Dec 2026	Nativity - KS1 Play, 9.30am and 2.30pm
10 Dec 2026	9am Parent Share (parents welcome!)
10 Dec 2026	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day!
11 Dec 2026	Santa Dash!
14 Dec 2026	Bright Bites Oral Health - REBOOKED
15 Dec 2026	Willow Class - Carol Singing at The Moorings Residential Care Home - further details to follow.
16 Dec 2026	Whole School Panto
18 Dec 2026	Last Day of Autumn Term 2
5 Jan 2027	First Day of Spring Term 1

NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2027

NOURISH

THE NOURISH MENU

BANG IN SOME BEANS! DISHES WITH ME NEXT TO THEM CONTAIN BEANS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 2 November 23 November 14 December 18 January 8 February 8 March	Chicken Pie **1** Pesto Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Crushed Potatoes Peas Carrots Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake **1,3,7** Vegetable Chilli Skins **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Garlic Bread **1,3** Seasonal Vegetables Bananas & Chocolate Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Gammon & Gravy Cheese & Potato Pie **1,3,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Peas Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Vegetable Shepherds Pie **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Sweetcorn Broccoli Rainbow Pasta **1** Apple Crumble Bar **1,3 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Nuggets **1** Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips Peas Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Oaty Biscuit **1,3,15 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK TWO 9 November 30 November 4 January 25 January 22 February 15 March	BBQ Chicken Pesto Pasta Bake **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice, Carrots Peas Jam Tart **1,3 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Tomato & Broccoli Pasta **1 VG** Cheese & Bean Burrito with Wedges **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Seasonal Vegetables Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Cowboy Hotpot **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Crispy Cake **1,7,16** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Beef Stew & Dumpling **1,3** Herby Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Herby Bread **1,3** Seasonal Vegetables Beetroot Cake **1,3 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Salmon Fish Cake **1,8** Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips Peas Baked Beans Coleslaw **9** Banana Bread **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK THREE 16 November 7 December 11 January 1 February 1 March 22 March	Macaroni Cheese **1,3,7 V** BBQ Bean Loaded Wedges **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Garlic Bread **1,3** Sweetcorn Green Beans Apple Crumble **1,3 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Fajitas **1** Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Potato Wedges Carrots Peas Caramel Mousse **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Pork Sausage **1,3,6** Quorn Sausage **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Minced Beef Cobbler **1,3** Herby Tomato Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Herby Bread **1,3** Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Sponge Cake **1,3 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1,3 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** BBQ Wrap Stack **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas Baked Beans Cucumber sticks Crispy Cookie **1,3,7,16** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**

AVAILABLE DAILY

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

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.

NOURISH

CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey withFestive Trimmings
1,3,6
Yuletide VegetableWellington 1 VG

Peas &Carrots
BrusselSprouts
RoastPotatoes

Santa's Cookies 1,3 VG
Elf's Chocolate Cake 1,3 VG
Fruit Pot VG

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
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 **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan

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ACADAMY INVITES YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2026

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
FROM 11 AM TO 2PM

Santa's Grotto, Cake stall, Raffle, Games, Hot Food and Drinks and much more .....

School Road, Earsham, Bungay, NR35 2TF
EARSHAMPTA@YAHOO.COM
01986 892557

Registered charity number 1039729

Stalls cash only

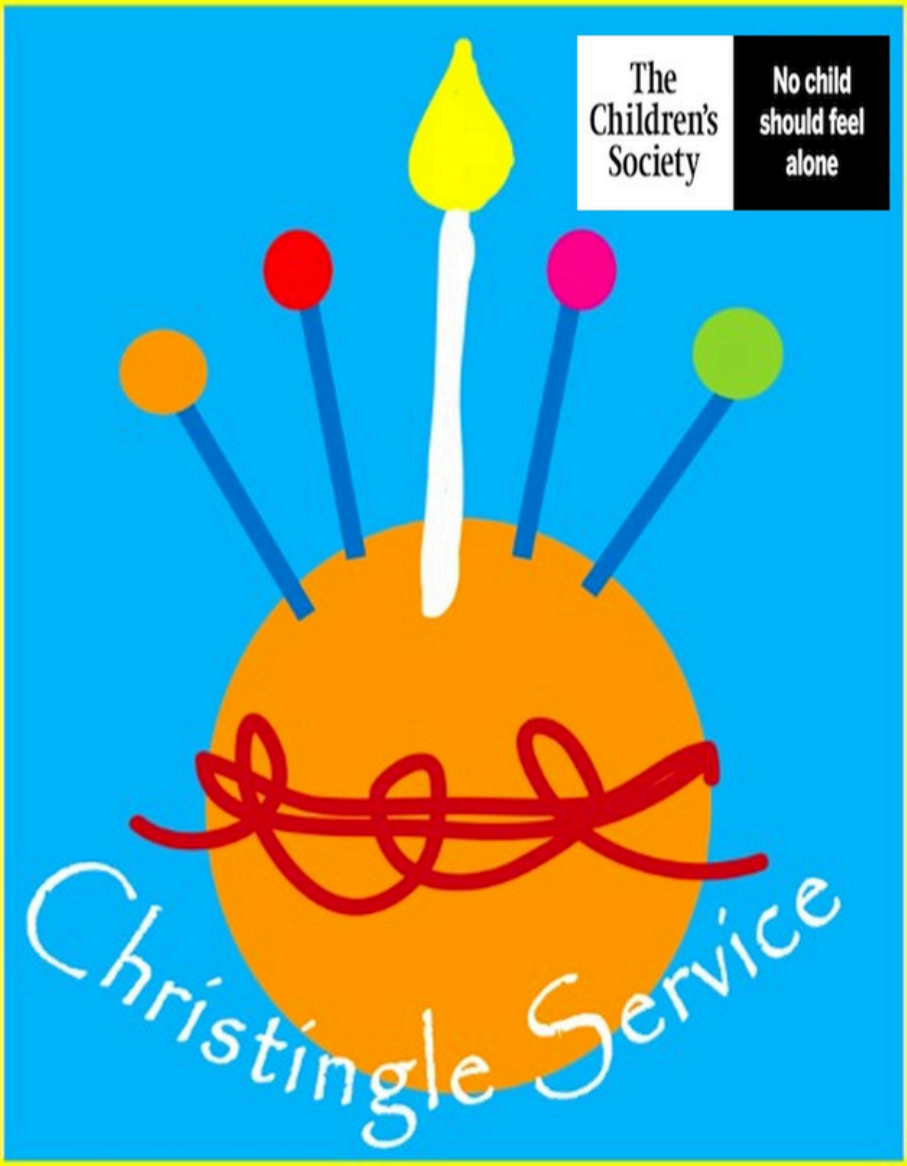
We warmly invite you to

Earsham Church for the annual Christingle Service

Tuesday 1st December 6pm

Get Ready for Christmas!

All donations will be for the Children's Society. A collection Candle can be collected from the church or school office

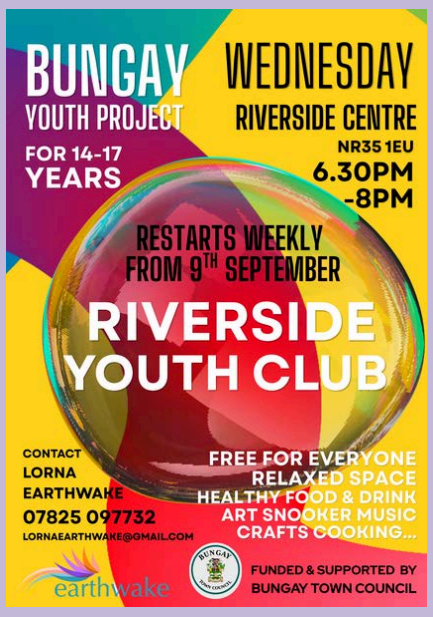


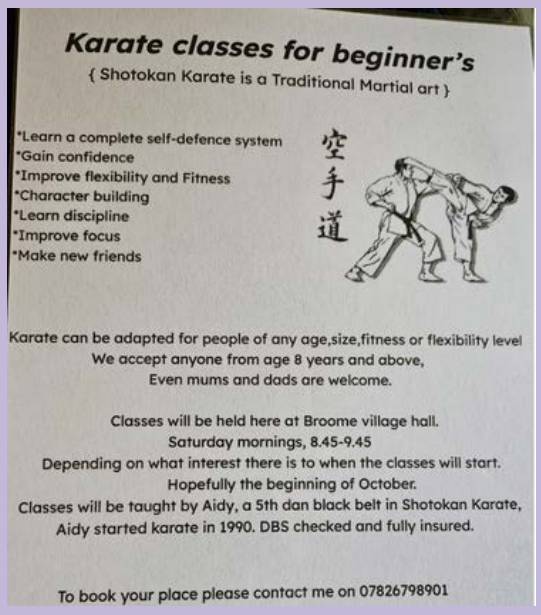
Community Events













Useful Information

Calendar	Click Here
Telephone Number	01986 892 557
E-mail address	office.earsham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-27	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

VACCINATION UK

Flu Vaccination Catch Up

Community Clinics



If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, they can still attend one of our community catch up clinics.

Two flu vaccine options for your child:

- Nasal spray vaccine (no needle)
- Porcine-free injectable vaccine (available on request)

Community Clinics in Norfolk

Click here to book

- Protects your child from serious illness
- Helps reduce the spread of flu to family and community
- A vaccine without porcine gelatine is available

01603 576320 | norfolk@vaccinationuk.co.uk

NHS

Hobart High School

PresentsourScienceCommunity Lecture



Matthew Tosh

"How do you decide when you're not sure?"

Science Lecture

Thursday 10 December 2026

Refreshments 6.00pm (Please bringchange)
Lecture 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Join former science teacher and pyrotechnician Matthew Tosh for a science lecture about "How do you decide when you're not sure? " This science lecture considers the risk, evidence and the science behind difficult decisions.

A large part of Matthew's life involves making decisions where there is not a neat textbook answer. Fireworks, TV shoots, live science shows and event safety all involve potentially serious hazards, incomplete information and decisions that sometimes have to be made under pressure. Although the situations can look spectacular, the skills behind those decisions are fundamentally STEM skills – understanding forces and energy, working with measurements and probability, interpreting evidence, using models, questioning assumptions and knowing when new information should make you change your mind.

He will take you behind the scenes of some of that work and explore a deceptively simple question: How do we work out what is actually dangerous? That opens up some quite interesting territory. Why can something that looks terrifying sometimes be very well controlled, while something familiar can catch us out? How much evidence is enough? What does probability actually tell us about what will happen to an individual? And what happens when professional ways of thinking about risk suddenly have to be applied to decisions in your own life?

To book seats please contact Hobart High School on
01508 520359 or email office@hobart.org.uk

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Norfolk County Council

Child Employment

This does not apply to work experience placements

Parents



Is your child keen to get a part time job? Maybe they already deliver newspapers, have a Saturday job, volunteer at a charity shop or work during the school holidays?

Employers



Are you keen to give an employment opportunity to a child? Do you already employ children aged 13-16 years?

Did you know?

It is illegal to employ children of compulsory school age without a **child work permit**. Without one the employer risks prosecution, and children may not be insured.



GOOD NEWS! Child work permits are free

Applying for a work permit is simple, apply using the form on our website **www.norfolk.gov.uk/childemployment** or scan the **website QR code** below.



Our website also has lots of information about the rules and regulations to be followed when employing children.

Feel free to email us at **childemployment.edu@norfolk.gov.uk.**