



Ashill VC Primary School Newsletter



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From the Desk of Mr Creasey...

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last few weeks it has been great to see, and celebrate, so many children participating, competing and (most importantly) enjoying activities outside of the classroom. From dance shows to fishing competitions, the variety of activities that your children do is incredible.

A couple of weeks ago, I had heard on the grapevine that a group of children in Badger class were playing for Bradenham Cricket Club; a match over at Great Melton cricket ground. On a gorgeous summer evening, my son and I took a short, but gentle, bike ride from our house just up the road, to watch them play. I have to say, it was a pleasure to watch! And they won, which always helps ;-)



This week I had the pleasure of presenting the Micro, Mini and Junior Dukes to children who have achieved the different levels of awards. It's been amazing to see just how much they have achieved this year. We look forward to seeing them all, with their parents/carers/ at the celebration event next week.

With best wishes,

Steve Creasey
Headteacher

"For I know the plans I have for you," declared the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

(Jeremiah 29:11)

Our vision, guided by our Christian ethos, is to create an inclusive school family where every child is nurtured to grow and thrive, be confident in showing their strengths and achieve their ambitions in the world.

We aim to achieve this through our values of:

Resilience, Kindness, Respect, Aspiration, Curiosity and Independence

Dates for the Diary

(please note that events marked in **blue** are new events and those in **bold** are where parent/carers are invited)

Summer

Sat 5 th July	Friends of Ashill – Summer Funday – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tues 8 th July	2pm Squirrel Class Curriculum Café
Wed 9th July	Dukes Celebration 2pm to 2.30pm invitation only (new time)
Wed 9 th July	Friends of Ashill School Disco
8th/9th/10th July	Wayland High School Transition days
Fri 11 th July	Badger Class – Ashill Fest overnight
14-17 th July	Wayland High Transition Days
16 th – 22 nd July	Whole School Transition Week (starts Wednesday)
Mon 14 th July	Reading Reward Trip
Wed 16 th July	Pleasurewood Hills for Year 6
Thurs 17th July	9:30am Leavers Service at St. Nicholas Church
18 th /21 st /22 nd July	Northgate and Neatherd High School Transition days – children are invited back to us for the last day of term
Mon 21 st July	3:15pm to 4:15pm Parent/Carer drop in (with new class teachers)
Tues 22 nd July	9:30am Leavers Service and Prize Giving at St. Nicholas Church
Tues 22 nd July	Last day of school

2025 ICS Summer Holiday Dates:

Mondays:	28 th July, 4 th August, 11 th August, 18 th August
Wednesday:	30 th July, 6 th August, 13 th August, 20 th August

2025-2026 Term dates

Autumn term:	Wed 3 rd Sept	to	Fri 24 th Oct
	Mon 3 rd Nov	to	Fri 19 th Dec
Spring term:	Tues 6 th Jan	to	Fri 13 th Feb
	Mon 23 rd Feb	to	Fri 27 th Mar
Summer term:	Tues 14 th Apr	to	Fri 22 nd May
	Mon 1 st Jun	to	Fri 17 th July

It's getting close...

One of the biggest motivators in the school is house points. This year, throughout the different terms, we've been experiencing some close results and the scores last Friday were no exception.

Level on points with just three weeks to go! Good luck to all three houses as we approach the end of the school year.



Books, Books, Books

Just a gentle reminder to look high and low at home for any books that belong to school. We're missing quite a few library books and books from our reading schemes, so if you have any hiding at home, please return these by Monday 14th July, along with any library books, so that we can take stock ready for next academic year.



Thanks for your co-operation.



Friends of Ashill School



Easy Fundraising

We are using a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money for Ashill School PTA - Thetford - simply by shopping online. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 7,000 brands such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com. Brands then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.



Please register using this link – just click sign up - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=27981&invite=wt04dy&referral-campaign=s2s>

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! There's no catch or hidden charges and Ashill School PTA - Thetford will be really grateful for your donations.

Celebration Assembly
20th June 2025

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Headteacher Award



The attendance winners are:

Hedgehog Class 98.3%

2nd
Badger Class
97.8%

3rd
Squirrel Class
92.8%

4th
Bumblebee Class
89.5%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

94.8%

Celebration Assembly
27th June 2025

Well done to the following children:

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Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Headteacher Award



The attendance winners are:

Hedgehog Class 98.9%

2nd
Squirrel Class 97.2%

3rd
Bumblebee Class 95.7 %

4th
Badger Class 94.3%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

96.6%

What's Been Happening?







Bake Sale!

As a result of Badgers hard work in maths where they had to work out the prices of ingredients and how much to sell the cupcakes for, as well as baking and decorating them, we raised a total of £190.50 towards our Ashill Fest!

Mini COP 2025

Let's talk about climate change!



The Mini COP 2025 initiative is a pioneering programme launched by RWE in association with the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association (RNAA), designed to empower primary school students in Norfolk to engage with and address climate change.

It aims to reduce the carbon footprint of our communities and instill a sense of environmental responsibility and leadership in young learners by:

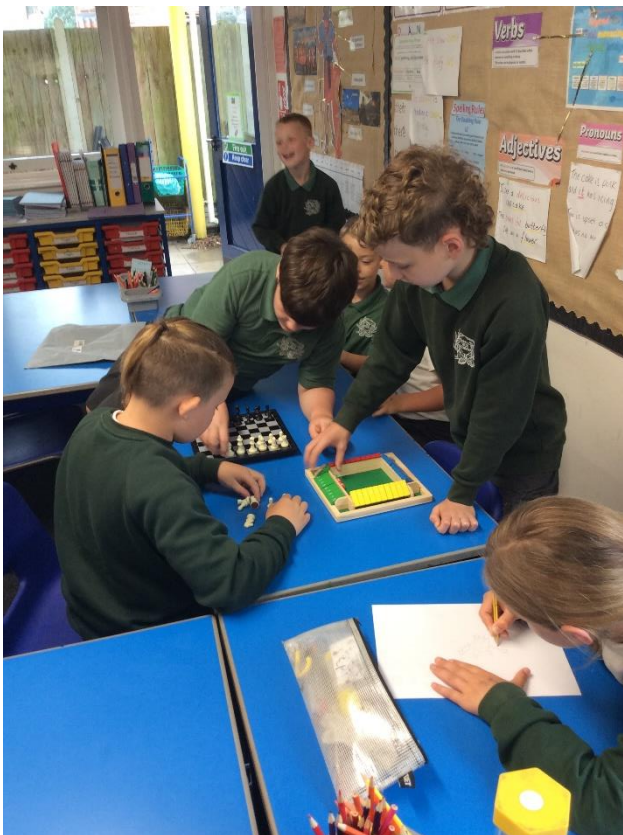
- Establishing a forum for discussion with 50 selected primary schools
- Setting tangible and achievable targets for the reduction of carbon footprint
- Promoting sustainability as a core value in local communities

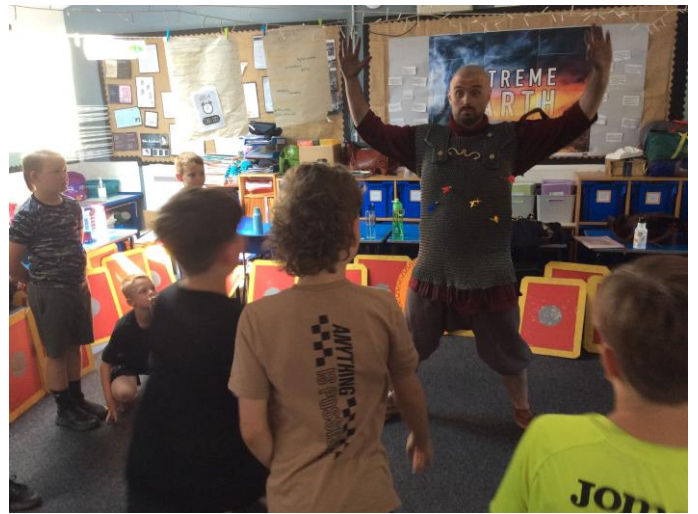
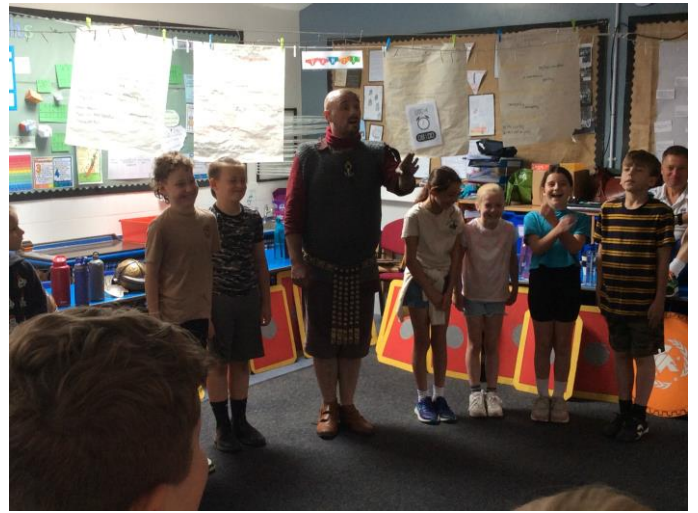
We had to provide two representatives and attend the event at the Royal Norfolk Show. The event involved presentations painting the picture of the current and future situation. This was a launch event and therefore there will be further engagement in the future to ensure children's voices are heard in the development of actions to be more sustainable. Our reps were Madeleine Hedley and Tayler Norman.

RWE

from KS2 to design a logo Show on June 26th. RWE was presented to us at the by climate change experts







CHARITY NO: 1153552

DEEP SEA DIVERS

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB FOR 5 – 11 YEAR OLDS!
DIVE BELOW THE WAVES AS WE EXPLORE THE MIRACLES OF JESUS!

GAMES • CRAFT • SONGS • PRIZES

26TH – 29TH AUGUST • 10 TILL 12
FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH, ASHILL
£5 FOR THE WEEK



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FREE PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG CARERS

**YOUNG CARERS MATTER NORFOLK AND THE BENJAMIN FOUNDATION WARMLY
INVITE YOUNG CARERS TO JOIN THEM FOR A FUN AND ENGAGING
PERFORMING ARTS AND DRAMA SESSION.**

**LED BY EXPERIENCED TUTORS, THESE WORKSHOPS ARE ALL ABOUT
CREATIVITY, CONFIDENCE, AND SELF-EXPRESSION — A CHANCE TO STEP
INTO THE SPOTLIGHT, TRY SOMETHING NEW, AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS
WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A YOUNG CARER.**



THE WORKSHOP
38 NEW CONDUIT STREET
VANCOUVER QUARTER
KING'S LYNN
PE30 1DL



THE GARAGE
14 CHAPEL FIELD NORTH
NORWICH
NORFOLK
NR2 1NY

 **10AM – 11AM: AGES 5–9**
 **11.30AM – 12.30PM: AGES 10–16**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!
SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO DON'T MISS OUT!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:**

 **SIGN UP FORM**





UPCOMING

EVENTS



The **Benjamin** Foundation



Carers Matter Norfolk

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES

FREE YOUNG CARER EVENTS

Join us for a packed programme of exciting summer events just for Young Carers!

Take a break, meet new friends, and enjoy fun activities in a relaxed and supportive space. From outdoor adventures to creative workshops – there's something for everyone!

Don't miss out – sign up today!
Places are limited.



Lingwood Care Farm – Tuesday 29th July 10am to 12 noon (ALL AGES)



Sailing @ Hunter's Yard, Ludham – Wednesday 6th August 10am to 3pm (AGE 8 PLUS)



Carlton Marshes – Thursday 14th August 10:30am to 12:30pm (ALL AGES)



UEA Campus Trip – Thursday 28th August 10 am to 2.30pm (AGE 14 PLUS)

BOOKING



Scan the QR or go to:
<https://forms.office.com/e/9Xt7ymkNAt>



DON'T

MISS OUT!



INSPIRE A GENERATION TO LEARN TO LOVE AND LOVE TO LEARN

DISCOVER YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL IN
A CARING CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 9^{am} - 3^{pm}
Friday | 9^{am} - 12^{am}

Term time only

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FIRST STEPS PRE-SCHOOL

The Well Christian Centre
Swaffham Road, Ashill. IP25 7BT

Fee paying and funded places
available for 2 and 3/4 year olds.





First Steps Pre-school has a clear Christian identity, operating on the principles of love, forgiveness, respect for self and others, acceptance of all cultures, and responsible behaviour.

We provide an inclusive, safe, caring and happy Christian environment where all children can learn, play and develop as individuals through a wide range of planned and free play activities both inside and out. The children are encouraged to learn about the life and work of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, music, craft, drama and prayers.

We recognise that children have individual needs and will develop at different rates, so we will provide resources to encourage all children to reach their potential.

We welcome their parents or carers to become involved in their development at pre-school and enjoy with their children the facilities we provide. We aim to serve the needs of the local community in regard to pre-school provision, whilst reflecting the love of God in our relationships, standards and way of life.

At First Steps we follow the Early Years Foundation (EYFS) Stage framework and National Standards set out by OFSTED.

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