



Ashill VC Primary School Newsletter

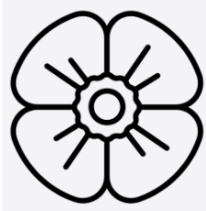


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Friday 14th November 2025

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At Ashill, We Remember



I was very proud of how the children engaged with our observation of 2 minutes silence on **Remembrance Day** to honour those who served and sacrificed in times of conflict.



November offers a broader opportunity to remember all those who have died and hold a place in our hearts reflecting on the importance of memory, gratitude, and respect.



Throughout November, we will be compiling an Ashill **Book of Remembrance**. This book will be a collection of names, thoughts, and reflections contributed by pupils and staff, celebrating the lives of loved ones and those who have made a difference in our world.



If your child (or you) would like to remember a loved one in this way, please complete a 'remembrance slip'.

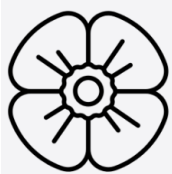


You can collect hard copies from the office, print one at home or submit electronically via email.

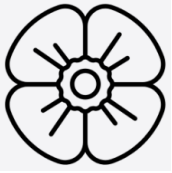


Thank you for supporting us in making November a meaningful month for our school family.

An example of a completed Remembrance slip

At Ashill, We Remember	
	Sheelagh Pickard
	A wonderful mum, wife, sister, aunt, teacher and friend. Nothing was ever too much. A loving heart and a cheeky smile. Still very much part of our family and remembered always.

A blank remembrance slip

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Dates for the Diary

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

2025 Autumn Term

Wed 19th to Fri 21st Nov	Scholastic Book Fayre 3.15pm to 4.00pm
Tues 25 th Nov	Tag Rugby Tournament – Details to be confirmed
Fri 28th Nov	Bumblebees Coffee Morning
Sat 29th Nov	PTA Christmas Fair 11.30am to 14.30pm
W/C 1st Dec	Parents' Evening Week
Thurs 4 th Dec	Buy a Gift
Wed 10th Dec	Bumblebee Nativity to Parents
Thurs 11th Dec	Badger Class – Curriculum Café 1.45pm to 3pm
Thurs 11 th Dec	Christmas Disco KS1 5.30pm to 6.30pm KS2 6.45pm to 8.15pm
Fri 12th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Tues 16 th Dec	Whole School Panto – Rapunzel – Children Only
Wed 17th Dec	Bumblebee Class Curriculum Café 2pm to 3pm
Fri 19th Dec	Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am
Fri 19th Dec	Carols in the Playground – 2-3pm

2026 Spring Term

W/C 26th Jan	Badger Class – Bikeability
Tues 27 th Jan	Hockey Tournament
Mon 9th Feb	Whole School Drop In
Fri 27th Feb	Hedgehog Class Coffee Morning
Thurs 5 th Mar	World Book Day – Details to be confirmed
W/C 16th Mar	Parents' Evening Week
Wed 25 th Mar	Football Tournament
Fri 27 Mar	Easter Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am

2026 Summer Term

Wed 22 nd Apr	Ashill's Got Talent
Fri 24th April	Squirrel Class Coffee Morning
Tues 28 th April	Netball Tournament
W/C 11 th May	SATs Week
Wed 20th May	Sports Day
Thurs 9th July	Summer/Leavers Disco KS1 5.30pm to 6.30pm KS2 6.45pm to 8.15pm
Fri 17th July	Leavers Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am

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



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.



DISCO'S



Please read as there are a couple of changes.....

Christmas Disco - Thursday 11th December

Summer/leavers disco – Date to be confirmed

KS1 (Reception Year 1 and Year 2) £2.50 entry per child. Disco times will be 5:30-6:30. Drop off at the Office door and collect from the hall door please, all children receive a drink and a biscuit while at the disco with a goody bag to bring home.

Ks2 (Years 3-6) £2.50 entry per child, Disco times are 6.45-8.15. Drop off at the office and collect at the hall door. Children will receive a drink during the disco and can bring up to £3 for tuck.

Thank you for supporting us and the children as they love a disco!

PTA Club 40 Winners

November Draw

1 st	No. 10	K Nelson
2 nd	No. 26	A Smith
3 rd	No. 16	Ashill School Staff



CHRISTMAS FAIR

GAMES, CRAFTS,
FOOD, &
SANTA'S GROTTO!!

11.30-14.30

SATURDAY

29TH

NOVEMBER

ASHILL VC PRIMARY
SCHOOL



Friends of Ashill Primary School Christmas Raffle

Still time to buy your tickets.

Prizes include:

- Polar Express Ticket For a Family Of Four – Kindly Sponsored By Trell Contractors
- £100 Tesco Voucher – Kindly Sponsored By The Hilborough Swan
- £50 Amazon Voucher - Kindly Sponsored By Jack Garrod's Mot And Vehicle Repairs
- Luminate Family Ticket
- Hampers
- Children's Rayban Sunglasses
- £10 Voucher – Papworth Butchers
- Two Course Carvery at The George Hotel
- And Much More



Join Us for Drop-In Sessions

We will be here to answer any questions you may have, advice and signposting to further support.

All sessions are subject to change, and any changes will be advertised on our Facebook page. Please be aware these sessions do not offer a private room to talk, we will be based in main areas of the library. As we are not taking bookings, we will do our best to speak to you on a first come, first served basis.

Find out more



Dereham Library 1st Oct
10:00-12:00



Caister Library 7th Oct
14:00-16:00



Kings Lynn Library 9th Oct
11:00-13:30



Mile Cross Library 15th Oct
10:00-13:00



Wroxham Library 17th Oct
13:00-15:00



Great Yarmouth Library 22nd Oct
10:30-12:30



Cromer Library 27th Oct
11:00-13:00



Mile Cross Library 31st Oct
10:30-12:00



Earlham Library 4th Nov
13:00-16:00



Gorleston Library 11th Nov
13:00-15:00



Wymondham Library 14th Nov
13:00-15:00



Downham Market Library 27th Nov
11:30-13:30



Thetford Library 10th Dec
10:00-12:00

We can give you advice, information and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in relation to education.

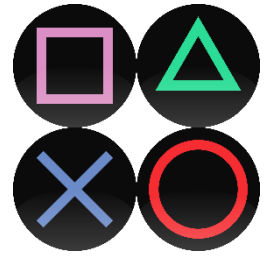
We work with children, young people (0-25 years) and their parent/carers. We can give you information about SEN Support, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's), mediation, appeals, exclusions and suspensions, and other SEND processes.



Supporting young children online

With the half term holiday coming up, children are likely to be online that little bit more than usual.

Use these top 10 practical tips to help young children have safer online experiences and develop their digital resilience.



1) Talking to siblings

It's a good idea to talk to any older children about what they do online and what they show to younger children. Encourage them to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.

2) Stay involved

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

3) Put yourself in control

Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices to manage internet safety. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

4) Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk with them about what they do and what sites they like to visit. Ask them to show you or play online games together to learn about the platforms and teach them good e-safety habits.

5) Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

6) Search safely

Use safe search engines such as Swiggle or Kids-search. You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

7) Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social media sites, including TikTok and Instagram. However, there are some social media platforms made for children which they can use safely.

8) Stay safe on the move

Be aware that if your child is accessing the internet using public WiFi they may not have safety features active. Some providers are part of family friendly WiFi schemes with filters to block inappropriate content. Look out for friendly WiFi symbols like RDI Friendly WiFi symbols when you're out and about.

9) Play and browse together

Learn about your pre-teen's favourite video games, platforms and online interests by joining them. Remember, their online life is their real life — so take an interest. Give them the opportunity to show you some of their favourite things.



10) Visit this website for more info

<http://www.internetmatters.org/>



BUMBLEBEE CLASS

If at all possible, please may we have donations of old nativity costumes for Bumblebee Class for the up and coming Nativity. The clothing will need to be in school by Monday 1st December. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly
24th October 2025

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Headteacher Award

No Photo Available

The attendance winners are:

Squirrel Class 99.9%

2nd
Bumblebee Class
98.6%

3rd
Hedgehog Class
95.7%

4th
Badger Class
95.2%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

96%

Celebration Assembly
7th November 2025

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Headteacher Award

The attendance winners are:

Squirrel Class 97.4%

2nd
Bumblebee Class 96.4%

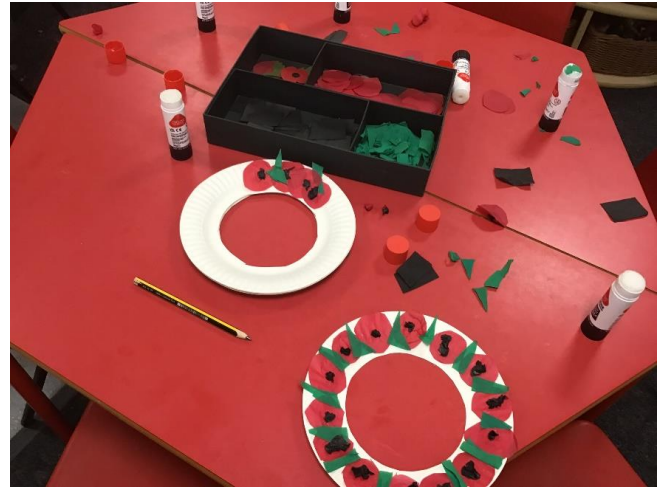
3rd
Hedgehog Class 95%

4th
Badger Class 92.4%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

95.9%

What's Been Happening?











Hoover and Vice Contests



Cooking Club



Gardening Club



Remembrance



Watton Youth Group

Mr Brown is running the Norwich half marathon on November 23rd to help raise money for Watton Youth Group that his daughter Ellie runs.

Watton Youth group (part of The Benjamin Foundation) are raising money to be able to take the young people on a residential or theme park trip (their choice!).

Many wonderful young people attend the youth group, many of whom are Young Carers (including children from our school). It would be lovely to be able to take them on the trip they've been wanting to go on for a long time!

Any donations are greatly appreciated by both the staff and young people alike!

www.justgiving.com/page/watton-youth-group?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Watton Youth Group

About the charity



The Benjamin Foundation ✓

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benjaminfoundation.co.uk/

The Benjamin Foundation is a charity working in Norfolk and Suffolk, supporting local young people overcome challenges in their lives by providing opportunity, stability and independence, to help them finally feel hopeful of a better future.



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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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Fountain of Life Charity No. 1153552

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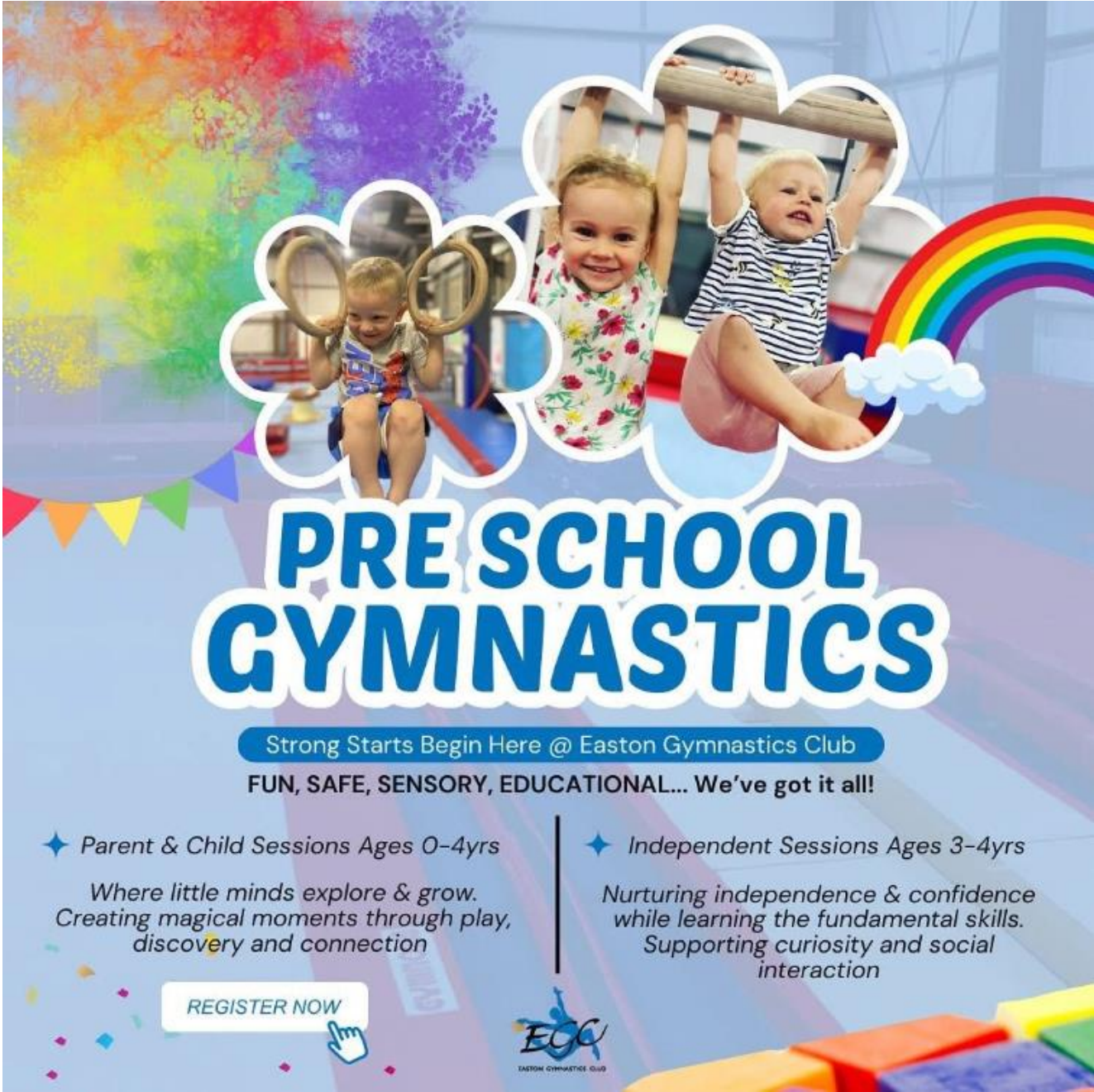
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**1ST 10 SIGNED UP
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Dereham Countrysiders

**For Young People
Aged 10 to 16**

**Mondays
19:00 - 20:30
Fortnightly During Term Time**

**In meetings held at
Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall
NR9 4AD**

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