



Ashill VC Primary School

Newsletter



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Monday 15th June 2026

www.ashillschool.co.uk

A curriculum to be proud of

Over the past few weeks, the children have enjoyed a truly exciting range of enrichment experiences that have brought their learning to life. From residential adventures at Eaton Vale to what promises to be an unforgettable visit to London, children have had the opportunity to build confidence, independence, and lasting memories beyond the classroom.

This has been further enhanced through a variety of inspiring local trips, including a visit to Gressenhall and the mosque in Hethersett. These experiences have deepened pupils' understanding of history, culture, and the wider world, helping them to connect their classroom learning with real-life contexts.

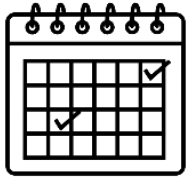
We have also been delighted to welcome visitors into school, who have shared their knowledge and expertise with our children. Most recently the Saxon day. First-hand experiences like this add an extra dimension to learning and spark curiosity and enthusiasm across the curriculum.

We are incredibly proud of the breadth of opportunities we offer at Ashill throughout the year. Curriculum enrichment activities such as these play a vital role in supporting not only academic achievement but also personal development.

I would like to extend sincere thanks on behalf of the whole school family to the Friends of the School for their ongoing support and contribution to curriculum enrichment at Ashill. Their commitment to funding transport costs has been instrumental in ensuring that we can continue to provide these valuable opportunities and keep them accessible for all of our learners. We are working together to plan some additional enhancement activities for next year. If you have any ideas or want to get involved, please let us know.

With best wishes

Dan Pickard
Headteacher



Ashill VC Primary
 Dates in advance
Updated 11.06.26

Key

Blue text	New event
Bold text	Parents/carers invited
Red text	Change of date

Mon 1 June	2nd half of Summer term 26 begins
Tues 16 th June	National Dental Survey – Year R and Year 1 (Birthdays btwn July 2020 & May 2021)
Tues 16 June	Whole School Drop In 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Tues 16 June	September Intake Parent’s Meeting 6pm
Wed 17 June	Sports Day (see poster for more information)
Fri 19 June	Hedgehog Class – Bikeability Level One
Mon 22 June	KS2 Inter House Rounders (PM)
Thurs 25 June	Hedgehog Class – Ancient Greece Day (at school)
Mon 29 June	KS2 Inter House Cricket (PM)
1 & 2 July	The Nicholas Hammond Academy Transition Days
Fri 3 July	Squirrel Class – Curriculum Cafe
Mon 6 July	Badger Class Production to parents at Fountain of Life evening performance time to be confirmed.
Wed 8 th July	Dukes afternoon tea awards
7 - 9 July	Wayland Academy Transition Days
Friday 10 July	Leavers Service at St Nicholas Church 9.30am (previously advertised as 17 th July – changed to accommodate Yr 6 transitions) Annual reports sent out to parents. Summer family celebration event 5.30pm to 8.30pm (in place of discos previously advertised for 9 July).
w/b 13 July	Transition week – children work in new class groups in preparation for September.
13 July	Whole School Trip
Tues 14 July	New Year R Transition Day in Bumblebee Class 9.15am to 10.30am
13 & 14 July	Litcham Transition Days
Tues 14 July	Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
Wed 15, 16 & 17 July	Northgate and Neatherd Transition Days
Wed 15 July	New Year R Transition Day in Bumblebee Class 9.15am to 10.30am
Thur 16 July	New Year R Transition Day in Bumblebee Class 9.15am to 10.30am
Fri 17 July	Last day of Summer term – school finishes at 3.15pm

2025-2026 Term dates

Summer term: Tues 14th Apr to Fri
22nd May
17th July Mon 1st Jun to Fri

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P.E. Days

Bumblebee Class	Tuesdays
Squirrel Class	Tuesdays
Hedgehog Class	Mondays & Wednesdays
Badgers	Mondays (P.E.) & Fridays (Swimming Year 6 only)

Forest School

Bumblebee Class and Year 1 only plus another year group to be confirmed next week	Fridays
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Dukes Award

Dukes Presentation Afternoon Tea – a little awards ceremony will be held in the library on Wednesday 8th July at 2.30pm for all those children who have completed their Dukes Awards (and their parents - Invitations will be sent out nearer the time). The final date for completion of the award is Friday 3rd July (if you would like an invite to the afternoon tea/awards ceremony). If your child has not finished by then, they can still complete the award over the weeks/months following. Please could booklets be brought in as soon as possible after each challenge is completed, for Mrs Grigg to have a look at (NOT all the challenges in one go). Thank you.



Parking concerns on Hale Road/Watton Road/The Oaks

Concerns have been raised regarding cars parking on the zigzags on Hale/Watton Road outside the school.

If you are collecting at the end of the day, or collecting children from clubs, please park responsibly in the nearby roads around the school. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Just a gentle reminder to be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up in The Oaks, particularly the part nearest the school gates.

It is a notoriously busy part of The Oaks with many parked cars, even when the school is closed.

Also, some concerns that children were running across residents front gardens, so please ensure that children are reminded to stay on the designated paths for their own safety.

Also, please avoid parking across driveways near the car park entrance. There have been numerous cases recently of 'double parking' and parking across a dropped kerb, so please ensure you park according to the highway code, regardless of how long you intend to park your car and not drive across the gardens of the residents.



This is a polite reminder to encourage everyone within our school community to park safely and responsibly. We kindly ask that you do not use the school layby or staff car park to park in or drop off/pick up your child, both at the beginning/end of the school day and when picking up for clubs later in the day. Please also to not park in front of local residents dropped kerbs/driveways. Thank you.



Sports Day

Wednesday 17 June
Bumblebees & Squirrels
12.45 – 13.45
Hedgehogs & Badgers
14.00 – 15.00



Confident & achieving

To support all children in accessing this important event in our school calendar and to enable everyone to feel confident and achieve, we have made some changes to the format of sports day.

The afternoon will run as two separate sessions.

Time	Activity	Additional information
11.45	Early Lunch	Bumblebees in outside area Squirrels, Hedgehogs & Badgers on the playground
12.00	Set up on field	House Captains to support with set up and running of Bumblebees/Squirrels session
12.30	Bumblebees & Squirrels back to classes Field gate open for spectators	Toilet run to be ready for a 12.45 start. Please only come to this session if you have a child in Bumblebees or Squirrels.
12.45	Hedgehogs & Badgers back to classes Start of Bumblebees & Squirrels session	Hedgehogs & Badgers children will not watch Bumblebees & Squirrels unless in the care of a parent.
13.45	End of Bumblebees & Squirrels session	All children back to class with teachers. Bumblebees & Squirrels children may be collected from the playground from 2pm (see FAQs for more info). Bumblebees & Squirrels children will not watch Hedgehogs & Badgers unless in the care of a parent.
14.00	Start Hedgehogs & Badgers session	
15.00	End of Hedgehogs & Badgers session	We aim to be able to announce the overall winning team at this point. We will have a second presentation during Celebration worship on Friday 19 June.
15.15	End of school day	Children will return to their classes at the end of the Hedgehogs & Badgers session and then be dismissed from the playground as usual.



Friends of Ashill School



Club 40 June Draw

1 st	No. 8	M Harmon
2 nd	No. 9	L Watson
3 rd	No. 15	S Smith

Friends of Ashill Primary School Family Festival

On Friday 10th July, the Friends of Ashill School are hosting a Family Festival, extended family welcome! This event will start at 5.30pm until 8pm!

There will be bouncy castles, a disco, inflatable obstacle course, food vendors & a bar! Please see poster for all other information.

Early bird tickets include entry into our Prize Draw.

Adults £2.50 (on the door price £3.00)

Children £5.00

If you require tickets, please complete the slip below and return to the school office. The total ticket price will then be put on School Money for payment and tickets issued thereafter (alternatively, payment can be made direct to the PTA via bank transfer).

Child Name(s): _____

Number of tickets required

Adult Tickets

Children's Tickets





Ashill Family Fest

10th July 2026

Ashill School
17:30 - 20:00

Tickets: £2.50 an adult in advance,
£3 an adult on the door
£5 a child

Includes:
Disco
Bouncy Castle
Inflatable Obstacle Course,
Lawn Games,
Craft Tent

Food, Bar & Sweet Treats Available

Tickets can be purchased in advance via School Money

Each advance ticket includes entry into a prize draw!

Celebration Assembly
15th May 2026

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs

At Eaton Vale
Residential

Badgers



Head Teacher Award



The attendance winners are:

Badger Class 96.4%

2nd
Bumblebee Class 96.3%

3rd
Hedgehog Class 95.6%

4th
Squirrel Class 95%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

94.8%

Celebration Assembly
22nd May 2026

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



Head Teacher Award



The attendance winners are:

Bumblebee Class 97.1%

2nd
Badger Class 96.7%

3rd
Hedgehog Class 93.2%

4th
Squirrel Class 92.2%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

94.8%

5th June 2026

Well done to the following children:

Bumblebees



Squirrels



Hedgehogs



Badgers



The attendance winners are:

Bumblebee Class 94.1%

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Badger Class 93.3%

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Squirrel Class 93.1%

4th
Hedgehog Class 86.4%

Overall Attendance (so far this year):

94.8%

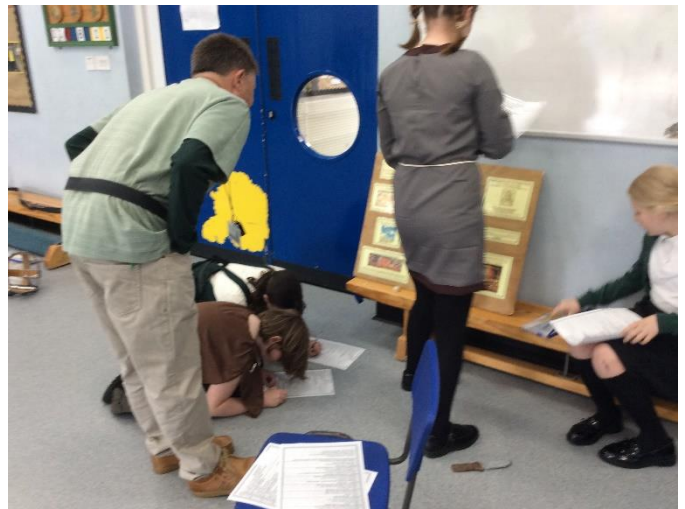
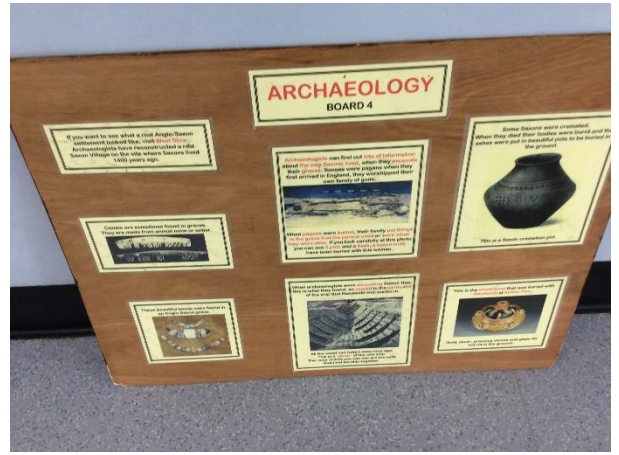
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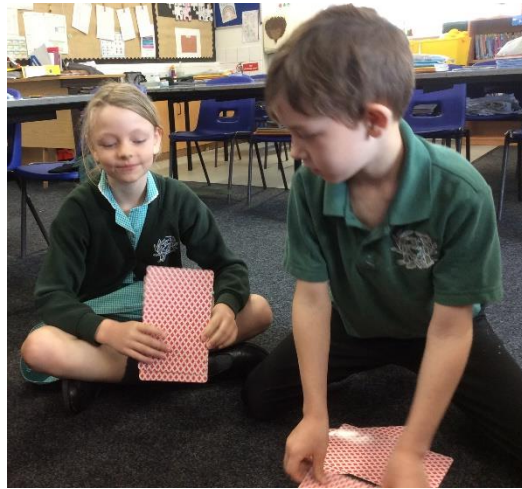
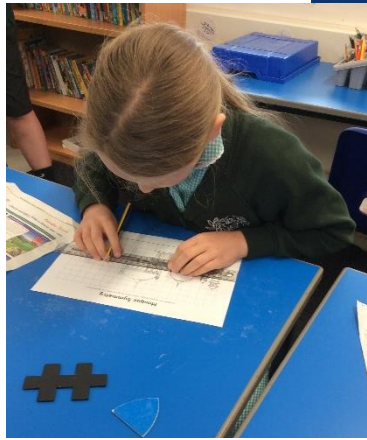
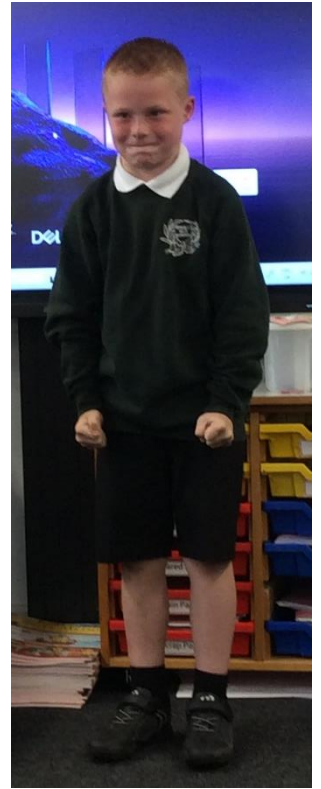
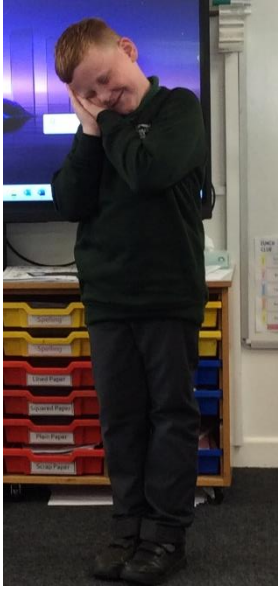












Hedgehog Class Trip to Hethersett Mosque and In Class Learning

Hedgehog Class went on an informative trip to the mosque at Hethersett, to help them further answer the RE question of, 'What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?' which the class have been working on for the last term.

We met, once again, Imam Zubair, whom we have build up a connection with over the last 4 years, previously he welcomed us to the mosque in Kings Lynn, but now he works in Hethersett. Imam Zubair always is very engaging and entertaining, telling us stories of how Mo Salah worshipped at a previous mosque he attended in Liverpool and how technology is used now in the call to prayer. He also told us how electric cars now help, as people can come to the mosque quietly and not disturb the neighbourhood. He told us stories of the surgeons, doctors and other healthcare workers from the hospital whose day starts with the first prayers at Hethersett and then they go for some exercise and start their day at the hospital. He also talked about how modern shopping affects Eid, with his wife, (who also happens to be a primary school teacher,) using Vinted to buy new festive clothes for this event.

Overall, he gave a very real and relatable account to help the children understand and they had their snack while asking more questions about his life. They even got to try out the 'Minbar' from which sermons are delivered, (which he said he 'keeps it real' and talks mainly about day-to-day life challenges rather than, in his words, 'heavy religious stuff.')

It was also lovely to hear that he is good friends with Rev Patrick in the village and they meet regularly for tea and cake!



Child-Led Collective Worships.

As the children move through the school, their development of presentation skills and the ability to be able to create some work to be delivered to an audience, is encouraged and expected as part of the National Curriculum. We invite the children, therefore, to come forward to prepare and deliver their own Collective Worship on the themes and topics that we cover in the liturgical and Collective Worship school calendar.

Here is an example of the latest child-led Collective Worship, prepared by Benjamin, Esme, Leah and Louella from Hedgehog Class.

They did a brilliant job and engaged the children by talking about 'Kindness,' even finding time to squeeze in a quick play about the 'Good Samaritan.'



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What's On In June

Online Workshops

Join us online for these free
workshops:

Eating Challenges
Neurodivergent Teens
Sleep Challenges
Parental Resilience
Behaviours that Challenge



Scan here to
book onto our
online
workshops

Long Stratton Coffee and Connect

Wednesday 3rd June
10am - 12pm

Join us for a free event where
we have a cuppa and discuss
your wellbeing

Family Hub
Manor Road
Long Stratton
NR15 2XR

Email: grace.hillard@kids.org.uk



North Walsham Coffee and Connect

Friday 19th June
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for cuppa and a
catch up

Family Hub
Manor Road
North Walsham
NR28 9HG

Email: natalie.tagg@kids.org.uk

Kings Lynn Coffee and Connect

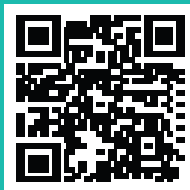
Monday 22nd June
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for cuppa and a
wellbeing check in

St Augustine's Healthy Living Centre,
Columbia Way, King's Lynn, PE30 2LB

Email: sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk

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**Norfolk Parent
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What's On In June

Sprowston Coffee and Connect

Learning Disability Nurse

Guest Speaker

Wednesday 3rd June
10:30am - 12:30pm

Autism Anglia

Guest Speaker

Wednesday 17th June
10:30am - 12:30pm

Viking Centre, Tills Road

Sprowston, NR6 7QZ

hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Great Yarmouth Drop-In with Grace

Monday 15th June
10am - 12pm

Join us for a relaxed cuppa
and chat session. Places are
limited so please
email

grace.hillard@kids.org.uk
for more info



Dad's Time!

Tuesday 16th June
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Are you a dad, stepdad, grandad or male
carer for a young person (0-18 years) with
SEND?

Then this is for you!

Come and join us at Albion Games Cafe in
Norwich for a drink, gaming and connection
with other parent carers.

Albion Games Cafe
21 St Benedicts Street
Norwich, NR2 4PF

Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Thetford Coffee and Connect

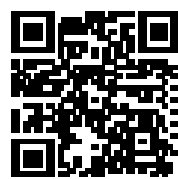
Wednesday 17th June
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for cuppa and a chat about
sleep challenges

Family Hub
Kingsway
Thetford
IP24 3DY

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SWAFFHAM'S FESTIVAL OF YOUTH



THE GREEN AT CAMPINGLAND
13 JUNE 2026 10AM - 2PM



COME AND SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN SWAFFHAM

LEARN HOW TO PLAY THE UKULELE

WATCH AMAZING LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

TAKE A SPIN ON THE ART BIKE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BOOST, BRECKLAND VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS, WALK WHEEL
CYCLE TRUST, COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA, DWP - DEREHAM JOB
CENTRE, FOUNTAIN OF LIFE, KUK SOOL WON - MARTIAL ARTS,
MARK FARNHAM SCHOOL OF TAE-KWON-DO, NARBECK JUNIOR
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CAMPINGLAND, SWAFFHAM, PE37 7RB



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Free In Person Workshops in Dereham

Run by Parent Carers for Parent Carers

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Tuesday 23rd June

Behaviours that Challenge

Tuesday 30th June

Eating Challenges

Tuesday 7th July

Parental Resilience

Tuesday 14th July

All 10.30am - 12.30pm

Booking form:



For more information email
sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk

Dereham Memorial Hall

62A Norwich St, Dereham NR19 1AD



Making Sense of SEND

**In person, free, friendly information
and support about SEND for
families and professionals.**



**The Discovery Centre King's
Lynn, 8th July 10am-12noon**

**Are you looking for support for your child
/young person with SEND and your family?**

- Listen to expert-led talk on effectively communicating with schools
- A chance to give feedback and be heard by the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
- Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.

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to book - please
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Coffee and Connect Parent Carer Service Sleep Workshop

Join us at the Thetford
Family Hub for a
workshop looking at
Sleep for Neurodivergent
Children and Young
People and enjoy a chat
and a cuppa with other
parent carers

Wednesday 17th June
10:30am - 12:30pm
Thetford Family Hub,
Kingsway, Thetford
IP24 3DY

Email
[sally.macgregor](mailto:sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk)
@
kids.org.uk for
more info










**SWAFFHAM TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB**

YOUTH OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

2026/27 SEASON

The Pedlars are pleased to be holding open training sessions for the following 2026/27 age groups playing in Norfolk Combined Youth Football League:

	U7s	School Year 2
	U10s	School Year 5
	U11s	School Year 6
	U12s	School Year 7
	U13s	School Year 8
	U14s	School Year 9

-  **1 STAR ACCREDITED CLUB WITH EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
-  **HIGHLY EXPERIENCED FA & UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES WITH DBS & FIRST AID**
-  **CLEAR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS INTO U18S AND SENIOR FOOTBALL**
-  **MONITORED DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE FA FOUR PILLARS APPROACH**
-  **FOCUS ON FOOTBALL, FUN, TEAM WORK, SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN A POSITIVE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT**



WHERE:

**NICHOLAS HAMOND ACADEMY FIELD
PE37 7DZ**

WHEN:

**WEDNESDAY 10TH & 17TH JUNE 2026
ARRIVAL 18:15
SESSION 18:30 - 20:00**

COST:

FREE

MORE INFO:

**DM OR E-MAIL:
STFCYOUTHSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM**

SWAFFHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

U8S

OPEN TRAINING



WEDNESDAY 10TH & 17TH JUNE 2026


ARRIVAL 18:15 FOR 18:30-20:00 SESSION

NICHOLS HAMOND ACADEMY, PE37 7DZ

OPEN TO 7 YEAR OLDS

CURRENT SCHOOL Y2

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

-  1 STAR ACCREDITED CLUB WITH EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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SWAFFHAM TOWN FC

U8S

GIRLS

FOOTBALL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FOR A
NEW ALL GIRLS TEAM 2026/27 SEASON

CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!!

FREE OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 10TH & 17TH JUNE 2026
ARRIVAL 18:15 SESSION 18:30 - 20:00

NICHOLAS HAMOND ACADEMY, PE37 7DZ



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VIA DM ON SOCIALS OR STFCYOUTHSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

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Summer Term Online Workshops



Eating Challenges Sunday 17th May 2pm - 4pm

Neurodivergent Teen Monday 1st June 10.30am - 12.30pm

Eating Challenges Friday 5th June 11am - 1pm

Neurodivergent Teen Sunday 7th June 2pm - 4pm

Sleep Challenges Wednesday 10th June 10.30am - 12.30pm

Parental Resilience Sunday 21st June 2pm - 4pm

Parental Resilience Wednesday 24th June 11am - 1pm

Managing Challenging Behaviours Friday 3rd July 11am - 1pm

Sleep Challenges Sunday 5th July 2pm - 4pm

Managing Challenging Behaviours Sunday 19th July 2pm - 4pm

Scan here for
booking form:



Join us online -
just scan the code
and choose your
dates!

Email
[sally.macgregor@
kids.org.uk](mailto:sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk) for
more info





We are pleased to introduce a new parent engagement initiative linked to our school meal menus. Following the launch of each new menu cycle (twice yearly), we will now be inviting parents/carers to complete a short survey to help us gather meaningful feedback on current menu content, including dishes pupils are enjoying and suggestions for future menus.

This survey is intended to capture feedback specifically on the menu itself and forms part of our wider commitment to strengthening engagement with both parents and pupils around school meals.

We would be grateful if you could share the survey link below with your parent community:

[Norse Group Spring/Summer Menu Feedback Survey – Fill in form](#)

Please note that, due to the branching questions included for allergen-aware and plant-based menus, the survey should ideally be completed separately for each child where applicable.

This survey is designed as a light-touch engagement tool focused on menu content. However, if your school would like to explore a more detailed or bespoke survey, we would be very happy to work directly with you to support this. We are also happy to share school-specific responses and feedback summaries on request.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Initiatives such as this help us broaden engagement with parents and children and ensure pupil voice continues to shape future menu development.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- | | |
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|  FOOTBALL |  DEN BUILDING |
|  MULTI-SPORTS |  FIRE LIGHTING SKILLS |
|  BASKETBALL |  FIRST AID ACTIVITIES |
|  DODGEBALL |  GIANT MECCANO CONSTRUCTION SET |
|  HANDBALL |  TEAM CHALLENGES |
|  CIRCUS SKILLS |  STEM CHALLENGES |
|  ARTS & CRAFTS |  ZORB FOOTBALL & GAMES |
|  COOKING ACTIVITIES |  INFLATABLE NERF BATTLE ARENA |

PLEASE NOTE: THESE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SELECTED DAYS AND AT SELECTED VENUES.
FULL DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ACTIVITY SCHEDULES
THAT WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE BOOKINGS OPEN.

DATES CONFIRMED AT:



**GAYWOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
FOR THE FIRST 5 WEEKS
OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



DEREHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL
• 20th–22nd July
• 3rd–7th August



SWAFFHAM
• 23rd–24th July
• 27th–31st July
• 11th–13th August



BOOKINGS OPEN
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE
AT 2:00PM

BEFORE BOOKINGS OPEN, WE'LL BE SHARING THE FULL
SCHEDULES SO YOU CAN SEE EXACTLY WHAT'S PLANNED
EACH DAY AND CHOOSE THE SESSIONS THAT ARE

At iCS Coaching, our goal is to create a safe, inclusive
and exciting environment where children can stay active,
make new friends, learn new skills and build confidence
while having an amazing time during the school holidays.



Our sessions are suitable for
children aged 5–11 years.

FEATURING
**ZORB 360
EVENTS**

INFLATABLE NERF
BATTLE ZONE
& ZORB ACTIVITIES
ON SELECTED DATES!