



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

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Issue 9

Dear Whitchurch Families,

The weather has certainly become colder this week with crisp mornings especially. Please ensure children come to school wrapped up warm with hats and scarves for the colder weather.

It has been lovely starting school tours for our new prospective families and hearing how well respected Whitchurch is in the community. It has also been a pleasure to meet many of you at the Tea & Talk sessions. There are two sessions remaining this term (see the notices page for details) where I will share my vision for the future; the focus will then change to monthly Q&A sessions in the new year.

Next week we shall be introducing a new welcome feature to the newsletter called 'Meet the Team'. This will be a fun new piece, with the help of School Council, where you can find out more about the staff here at Whitchurch. My opening letter will then feature half-termly instead.

Next Friday is Anti-Bullying Day and we are marking the occasion with odd socks! All children and staff are encouraged to come to school on this day wearing colourful, funky odd socks to highlight the message that we are all unique!

A reminder that Monday is a staff training day and so the school will be closed for all children - gates will reopen on Tuesday at the usual time of 8.40am.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher

6EH class
assembly
next week

Staff
Training Day
on Monday
(no children
in school)

Anti Bullying
Day next Friday
- come to school
wearing odd
socks!

Please
remember to
book your child's
lunches for the
rest of this
term



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th November

5SK and 5SC visit to
St John's Church, Stanmore
HMS Wind Band Festival

Friday 17th November

Anti Bullying Day / 'Odd Socks Day'

Monday 20th November

5PA and 5ET visit to St John's Church, Stanmore

Monday 27th November

4BS and 4CM visit to St Paul's Cathedral

Tuesday 28th November

4XL and 4SF visit to St Paul's Cathedral

Tuesday 5th December

3SM and 3LA visit to the Science Museum

Wednesday 6th December

Year 1 visit to Stanmore Baptist Church
Winter Music Concert (5pm)

Thursday 7th December

3NL and 3MS visit to the Science Museum

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December

FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)

Monday 18th December

Reception Christmas Carols

Tuesday 19th December

Carol Concerts
1ST, 1CL, 2KB, 2SA, 3NL and 3LA (9.15am)
4CM, 4BS, 5PA, 5SC, 6AS and 6HH (2.30pm)

Wednesday 20th December

Carol Concerts
1BP, 1SM, 2HD, 2AR, 3SM and 3MS (9.15am)
4SF, 4XL, 5ET, 5SK, 6MO and 6EH (2.30pm)



21st November - 2KB
23rd January - 1SM
30th January - 2HD
6th February - 3MS
5th March - 2AR
12th March - 3SM
19th March - 1CL
23rd April - Lions
30th April - Tigers
7th May - Leopards
14th May - Jaguars
21st May - Nursery

Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays
9.05am

16th November - 6EH
23rd November - 5SC
25th January - 4XL
8th February - 6MO
7th March - 5ET
21st March - 4SF
11th July - Year 6

Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays
at 9.05am

Class
Assemblies
amended for
2023/24

STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

This week's
Infant Stars

- 1ST** Oliver
- 1BP** Dakshal
- 1SM** Aaron
- 1CL** Kevin

- 2HD** Aiswarya
- 2KB** Eloise
- 2SA** Natanael
- 2AR** Joel

- 3NL** Jayden
- 3MS** Maycon
- 3LA** Sana
- 3SM** Katheejah and Mathias

- 4BS** Teodora
- 4CM** Mia
- 4XL** Inaaya
- 4SF** Moss

- 5PA** Karan
- 5SK** Anika
- 5SC** Tasnim
- 5ET** Sianna

- 6HH** Whole Class
- 6AS** Anirudh
- 6EH** Anaya
- 6MO** Jason

This week's
Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM 90.91%		PM 83.75%	
Reception	RRA 86.17%	RNW 88.97%	RPS 89.66%	RRV 96%
Year 1	1CL 95.33%	1BP 89.33%	1ST 99.31%	1SM 95%
Year 2	2AR 98.62%	2HD 94.33%	2KB 86.67%	2SA 87.33%
Year 3	3LA 94.48%	3MS 94.67%	3NL 98.67%	3SM 97%
Year 4	4CM 98.4%	4SF 96.43%	4XL 94.29%	4BS 96.69%
Year 5	5ET 95.52%	5PA 96.55%	5SC 97.33%	5SK 97.24%
Year 6	6AS 97.41%	6EH 96.67%	6HH 99.33%	6MO 98.93%

This week's
Attendance
Stars are
6HH!

Whole
School
94.70%

Notices

Midday Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant. The role includes maintaining the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break periods.

For more information please see the vacancies page on our website:
www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/vacancies

Booking Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunches for the rest of this term via your Parent Pay accounts.



Sharing Skills / Achievements

Does your child have an impressive talent, achievement or news that he or she wants to share with the school?



Mrs Akhund and Mr Feldman will work with your child to present it during our weekly Celebration Assembly.

To discuss this further please contact:
oracy@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Tea & Talk

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine to hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

The final two dates for Tea & Talk this term will be held as follows:

Thurs 30th November, 9am-10am (live)
Thurs 14th December, 2pm-3pm (virtual)

To reserve your place please email:
office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Monthly
Tea & Talk will
start in January
onwards

Marsh Lane Parking Update

Thank you for your co-operation with parking around the Marsh Lane entrance. There has been a definite improvement, however we still have some way to go if we are to ensure better safety for pupils, parents and other road users.

A reminder that this area is intended as emergency access for vehicles. The community police are going to be involved so please be aware that parking penalties may be issued.



Christmas Cards and Gift Artwork

Get creative for that wonderful time of the year!

Christmas card and gift artwork sheets are being sent home with your child this weekend - a great opportunity to order personalised Christmas cards and gifts!

Xmas4schools™



Children should create a colourful, festive design and return this to school by **Wednesday 15th November 2023**. Please do not use any glitter, sequins etc.

Watch out for more information from your class parent representatives.

Thanks from Team FoW!

School Meals Competition

Design artwork for our new servery

Over the Summer break we extended our servery area for school meals and we are looking for some shiny new artwork to bring it to life.

Children are invited to come up with a colourful food related design - think, healthy, nutritious, tasty food! Please hand these designs in to your teacher by Friday 24th November.

This is a great opportunity to make your mark on Whitchurch as the chosen design will adorn this area for years to come.

Remember to include a name for our school kitchen/servery!



Closing date for entries
Friday 24th November





Year Group Highlights

The Three Little Pigs

This week in Nursery, we have explored 'The Three Little Pigs'. We loved role playing the characters and enjoyed making houses for the three little pigs using straw, sticks and bricks. Meanwhile in Maths we explored 2D Shapes including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.

Nursery



Year 1

Similarities and Differences

This week in PSHE, Year 1 have been looking at similarities and differences between us and our friends. We worked together to figure out what was the same and what was different about us.



Fireworks

This week Reception have been learning all about Bonfire Night. We talked about our experience of watching fireworks and created beautiful fireworks paintings. We also explored onomatopoeia to describe the sounds and colours we can see.

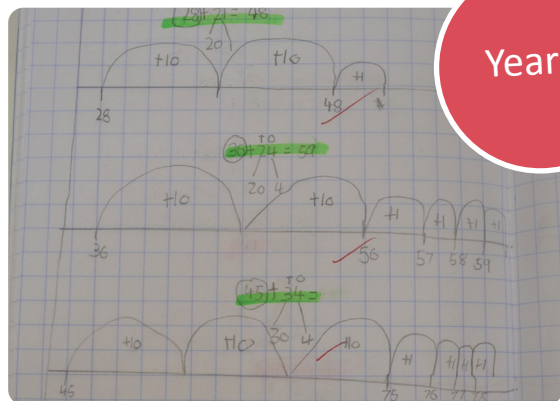
Reception



Adding Two 2-Digit Numbers

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been learning how to use empty number lines as a strategy to help us add together two 2-digit numbers. We started with the first number and added on the second number by partitioning it into tens and units.

Year 2



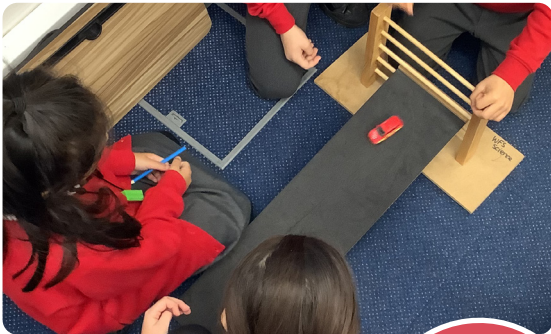


Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Forces - Friction

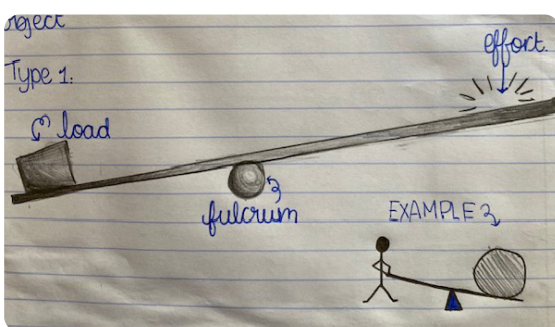
This week in Science, Year 3 explored the force of friction. We conducted an investigation to find out which surface material would create the most friction when rolling a toy car down a ramp. In order to do this we measured how high the ramp needs to be for the car to move.



Year 5

Forces - Levers

In Science, pupils have been learning about forces, including levers. We used our understanding of fulcrum, load and effort to explore how to balance a 500g weight with a 200g weight. We discovered that the smaller weight would have to be further from the 'fulcrum' (or centre) of the balance (see-saw).



A Christmas Carol - Scrooge

In English this week, Year 4 have been exploring the main character Scrooge from the novel 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. We created a soul chain by writing down bad deeds we imagine he has done and linking these together.



Year 4

Physical and Human Features

This week in Geography, Year 6 have been learning about the physical and human features in different parts of the world. We enjoyed working together to create maps showing the biomes in an area (including desert, grassland, forest and marine regions).

Year 6





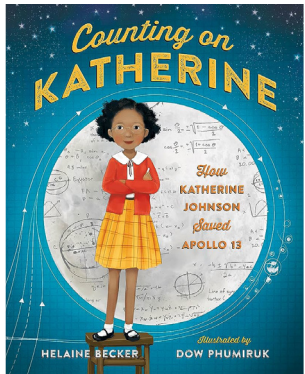
Book Recommendations: Non-Fiction November

November is traditionally non-fiction month. I would like to encourage all our families to dedicate some time to reading non-fiction texts. They are perfect for those children who are yet to embrace longer chapter books and allow reader do dip in and out, gradually building their reading stamina and confidence.



'Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Put Astronauts on the Moon' by Helaine Becker

Meet Katherine Johnson, the mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible and made sure that Apollo 13 returned home safely when the mission was in critical danger. Counting on Katherine is a beautiful illustrated biography, sure to inspire young readers.

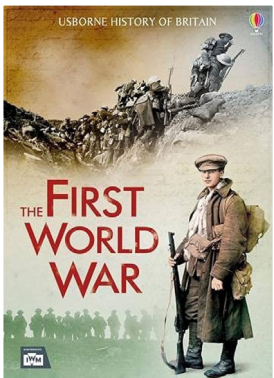


Winner of the information book category of the UKLA Book Award. Suitable for all children.

'The First World War, Usborne History of Britain' by Henry Brook, Tom Lalonde and Stephen Moncrieff

From the terror of the trenches to the beaches of Gallipoli this book tells the story of Britain during the first war ever to touch all corners of the globe.

Follow events on battlefield around the world, and see how they affected peoples' lives at home, as the British and their allies faced one of the most destructive wars in history. Suitable for junior children.



Happy reading!

Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian



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Play - the greatest gift of all!

All children need to play. It is their way of learning skills and helps them to release their emotions. Regularly playing with your child will help you to feel closer. It will also encourage them to cooperate more and you will feel more energised!

What can parents and carers do?

Most of you might feel exhausted at the end of the day, with the demands of everyday life. However, all you need is 10 mins of play, which will help both you and your child to let out some of the stress accumulated from your day. Can you try any of these at some point in your day?

- If your child is feeling over-excited and needs to let off some energy, take them to a quiet, safe space and letting them spin around while you watch them.
- If your child needs some help calming down, perhaps you could blow bubbles together and see how long you can keep them in the air before popping.
- Play football together by blowing a cotton ball around through straws.
- If your child is finding a situation difficult, use stuffed toy animals to act it out.
- Finally, always follow your child's lead and join them in their favourite game: let them teach you how to play!

Reach out

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**. You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email **tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk**



Life Skills Group - Money Twister

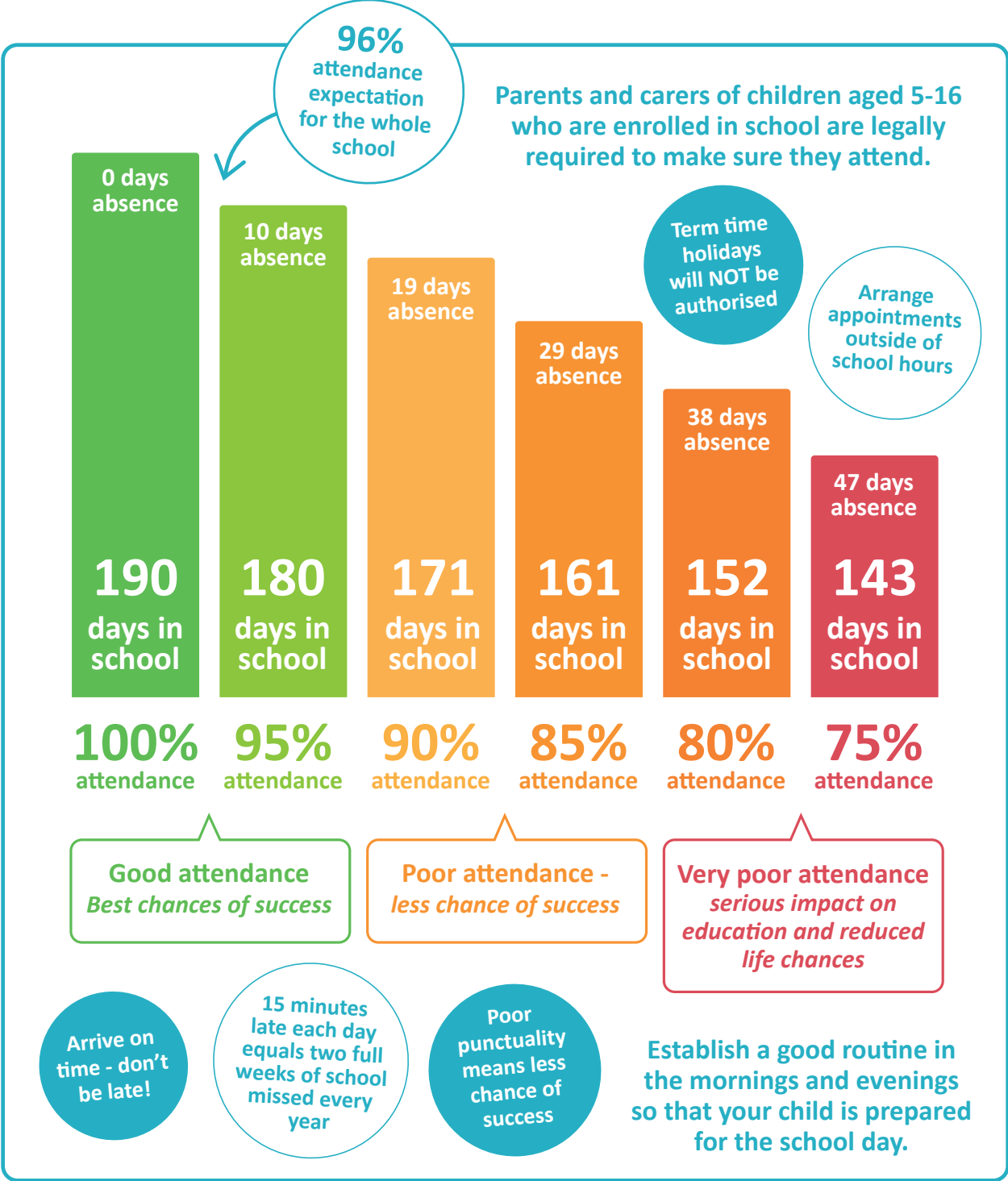
During our Life Skills group this week, we explored different coins and amounts of money. We played a game of Money Twister where we had to roll a dice and then place our hand or foot on the correct coin. We also placed large coin cushions on the carpet and described them by shape and colour. Well done to everyone! **Miss Tunstall**



Attendance & Punctuality



Be at school every day - on time and ready to learn!



Autumn Menu



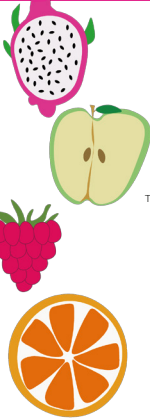
Salad bar and bread are available daily

WHITCHURCH MENU

WEEK 1

WEEK 1 - 4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Fruity Mousse
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V)
VEGAN
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Apple Crumble Cake
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Turkey Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Melting Moment Cookie
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard



WEEK 2

WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Carrot Cookie
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Tandoori Chicken Shwarma, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN
 Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Jam & Coconut Sponge
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Tempting Triangle Biscuit
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

WEEK 3

WEEK 3 - 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Curry (Halal), Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Flapjack
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack, Potato Wedges & Side Salad
VEGETARIAN
 Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V)
VEGAN
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Jelly & Fruit
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Cajun Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Orange Drizzle Cake
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche, Chips & Baked Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard



Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).





Useful Contacts

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Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

If you have any general or learning related enquiries, please speak to the class teacher

If you have concerns about your child's safety or behaviour, please contact a member of our leadership team

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School Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October
Half Term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Autumn 2nd Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December

Staff Training Days Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September,
Monday 13 November (no children in school)

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February
Half Term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Spring 2nd Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days Friday 9 February (no children in school)

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May
Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Summer 2nd Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days Monday 3 June (no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Term dates are posted on the school website

