



Dear Parents/Carers

Some Small Changes

As the new year has started we are looking to always make any necessary improvements to support the smooth operational running of our school. We are always listening to parental, staff and pupil feedback when considering any possible changes. There are a few areas which we feel we can make slight tweaks.

Breakfast Club

Firstly, Breakfast Club. We have long discussed the best way to ensure flexible accessibility for parents and children throughout the duration of the Breakfast Club session, whilst maintaining pupil safety. We are unable to have someone physically manning the gate, as it would require a staff member standing there for what would be almost an hour.

As it stands, we expect parents to ensure their children are safely delivered to the hall for Breakfast Club, where the staff are vigilant of the rear gate and the external doors. Some parents support their children growing independence by allowing them to walk down the pathway at the back of the school, while supervising them from a distance. Whilst having the gate open at the rear of school allows Breakfast Club parents to drop children at their convenience throughout the Breakfast Club window, when other children begin to arrive for school, we have had situations where children are left without parents on school site.



Children under Year 6 should ideally not be walking to school on their own, so we encourage parents to stay with their children until the school doors open at 8:45 am. However, to ensure that there are no circumstances where children are left unsupervised, we will ensure some adult presence on the rear playground from approximately 8:35 am. We reiterate this is not an invitation for parents to drop off and leave non-Breakfast Club children unsupervised and under the care of our staff before school starts at 8:45 am. We appreciate all parents cooperation.



Achievement Assemblies

Furthermore, for this term only, we will be bringing Achievement Assemblies for both Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to alternate Monday mornings. Afternoon Achievement Assembly is not ideal for Key Stage 1 as they are often tired at the end of a day and often finding sitting for the duration of the assembly difficult on some days - often on a particularly windy, busy or hot day, or a wet day when they have not been able to run off their energy in the typical way.

Unfortunately, accommodating both Key Stages in the morning, plus staff and parents is not possible in our hall. Hence, the decision taken on alternate weeks. **Monday 15th September with be Key Stage 2.** We are also considering further ways we can make our reward assemblies more meaningful and beneficial and will update you later in the term about any further changes we make about our Achievement Assemblies and reward systems.



Thank You To Our PTA

We send our thanks this week to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for holding 'Tea & Tissues' event for our new parents in Reception. This event was suggested by our PTA as a lovely opportunities for new parents to meet and get to know one another, whilst learning more about our PTA. We thank the parents who attended today. Already, the PTA are planning some wonderful events for our school calendar for 2025-26 - we are extremely grateful for their time and dedication to our school. We hope many more parents will join this team so they can continue to offer wider school community opportunities for our families.



We have exciting news, Mrs Flinders from Hazel Class is expecting her first baby. We are sure you will join us in congratulating and wishing Mrs Flinders and her husband all the very best at this special time in their lives. A separate letter has been sent to Hazel Class parents about this.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher*





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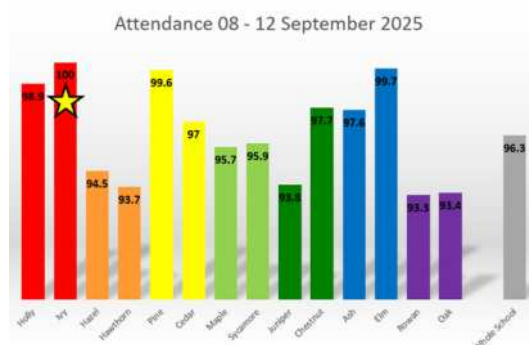
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Attendance

Well Done Ivy



We want to remind Parents/Carers of the importance of getting children to school on time, so that they do not miss their learning. We would also like to remind Parents/Carers that you need to call the absence line each morning that your child is absent, before 9am with their symptoms or reason for absence.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss Emma Lindon
Attendance Champion



Mrs Miller Says ...

Year 5 & 6 Young Voices

Please remember that the Year 5/6 Young Voices choir rehearsals start on Monday 13th October - 3.15-4.15pm

Children with inhalers

All children with an inhaler requires a spacer. Please ensure that your child had one in school.

Chestnut class

If you haven't already done so, please log on to Parent Pay and pay for your child's swimming.

All classes

Please can we remind parents that children should not be dropped off and left unattended before 8.45am

Years 3-6

Reminder that children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home should they like a snack at playtime. Free fruit is available for reception and KS1.

Breakfast Club

Sessions are now available for payment on your Parent Pay accounts.



We are a NUT FREE school

As we have several pupils with severe nut allergies, please do not send your child in with ANY nuts, or products containing nuts. **This does include sesame seeds.**

Please clearly label all cardigans, jumpers, PE kit, hoodies and coats.





The most accurate class	CHESTNUT	
The most active class	CHESTNUT	
The most active pupils:	Class	Average minutes per day
Doruk	Chestnut	10:48
Darius	Pine	4:19
Rashmika	Oak	4:17

Maths Challenge

10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Max Gyanada	Yemin Max Gyanada	Joelle Harper Max Gyanada	Ayan Matilda Harper Layla-Rose Gyanada	Harlee- Quinn Madeline Erin Brooke Gyanada	Ahaan Madeline Brooke Gyanada	Violet Charlotte Rory Ahaan Madeline Gyanada Noah	Jagoda	Phoebe	Ewan Jackson Kaiyan Jayden Jonah Myra Sabin	Jackson	Raisa

Word Count



Class	Words Read	Total	Quizzes passed this week	Total number of quizzes	Weekly Boom Reader
Cedar	0	0	0	0	11
Pine	0	0	0	0	12
Maple	3,904	3,904	6	6	16
Sycamore	18,465	18,465	28	28	11
Chestnut	245,796	245,796	14	14	19
Juniper	15,779	15,779	21	21	1
Ash	0	0	0	0	5
Elm	0	0	0	0	4
Rowan	259,893	259,893	17	17	60
Oak	664,389	664,389	30	30	173
Totals	1,208,226	1,208,226	116	116	322

Word Count Winners
OAK

Top Quizzes
OAK

Boomreaders of the week
OAK





Readathon

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 30th September 2025

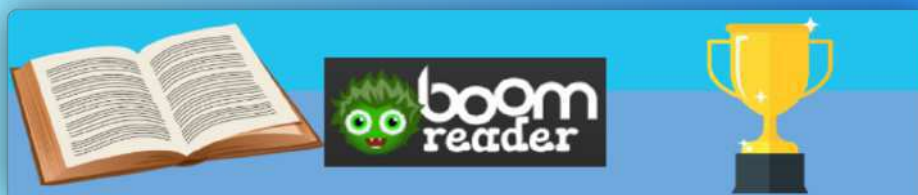
Your mission:

To read as much as you can for the Big BoomReadathon across the month of September!

What do I need to do:

Simple: Read and log your reading on GoRead

Read as much as you can to help your class be the winners!



Enjoy your reading

Log it on
BoomReader

Help your class in the
September BoomReadathon

What can I read?



Books

Magazines

Comics

Just be sure to log your reading on BoomReader (or ask your parents to!)

Prizes



First prize
Set of class
author books for
your class



Second prize
Two books of
your class author
for your class



Third prize
A class author
book for your
class



A £5 voucher for the
top children/parents
logging reading in
each class



Parent App Quick Start Guide

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Download



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boomreader parents

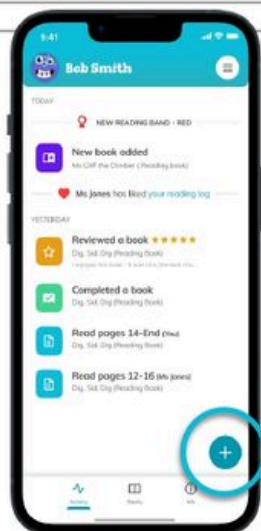
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Create Account

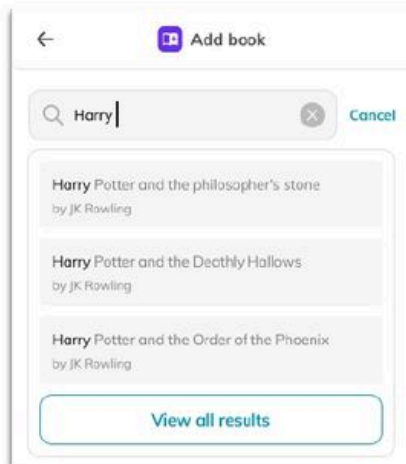
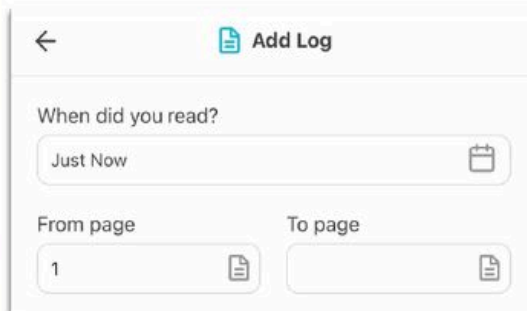
use your email to create
your parent account

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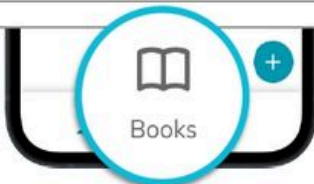
Connect to Child



Add a new book or reading
log just by tapping the plus
button.



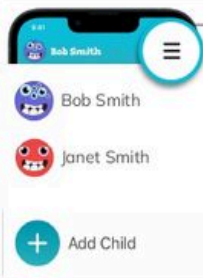
All the reading activity for
your child.



See every book your child
has read.



Add reminders and access
your child's account



Connect to all your children's reading
diaries in one app.

Effortlessly swap between each of your
children's reading diaries.


Need help?
parents@boomhub.app

Download the app and find out more at:
boomreader.co.uk/parents



SCAN ME





STEM Challenge

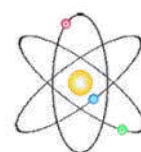
Science Technology Engineering Maths

Do you enjoy solving problems, spotting patterns, experimenting, or creating new things? This week's STEM challenge is designed to get you thinking like a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician!

Take on the challenge, test your skills, and have fun exploring the world of STEM. Don't forget to document your work—snap pictures, record your answers and add them to your learning log. You can also email them to the class email address to share your discoveries!



Autumn 1 - 12.09.25
Science Challenge



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2

FLOATING PING-PONG BALLS

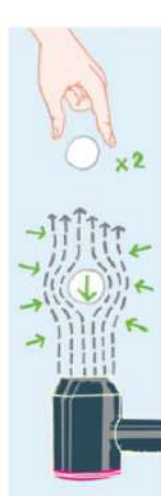
SCIENCE CHALLENGE 03
Designed by Alex,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief
Make two ping-pong balls float in the air flow of a hair dryer at the same time, without hitting each other.


The method

1. Switch on your hairdryer, making sure it is on the cool setting.
2. Hold it with the nozzle pointing upwards.
3. Place one of the ping-pong balls into the stream of air.
4. Try and place another ball into the same stream of air – on top of the first ball.

Materials
Two ping-pong balls
A hairdryer (on cool setting)



How does it work?
The hair dryer produces a high velocity stream of air with low pressure. The surrounding air is at a higher pressure which keeps the ball inside the stream. When the upward force of the air equals the weight of the ping-pong ball the ball is said to be in 'equilibrium'.
The theory at work here is Bernoulli's principle. This is an equation linking air pressure, velocity and density with particle weight.



UNDERWATER VOLCANO


SCIENCE CHALLENGE 02
Designed by Iain,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief
Create a colourful underwater volcano.

The method


1. Cut a two foot length of string with a pair of scissors. Tie a knot around the neck of a salt shaker with one end of the string. Double-knot it to ensure the knot is secure. Repeat this process with the other end of the string, resulting in a handle to lower your shaker.
2. Empty and clean a large jar. Fill the clean jar about three quarters full with cold water.
3. Fill the salt shaker with hot water (with adult supervision) – as hot as you can get from your tap – to just below the neck. Add three to four drops of red food colouring.
4. Hold your salt shaker over the mouth of the jar by the string handle. Slowly lower the salt shaker into the jar until the shaker is completely submerged and resting upright on the bottom of the jar. Observe how the coloured water erupts from the shaker into the cold water.

Materials
String
Scissors (with adult supervision)
An empty salt shaker
A large jar
Food colouring



How does it work?
This shows how convection currents work. A convection current is the way that heat rises and falls in liquids and gases.

Design icons
Hot air balloons use convection currents. As hot air rises, so too does the balloon.



Maths Challenge Answers

Key Stage 1

Yesterday was Tuesday.
Today is Sunday.
Tomorrow is Sunday.

Key Stage 2

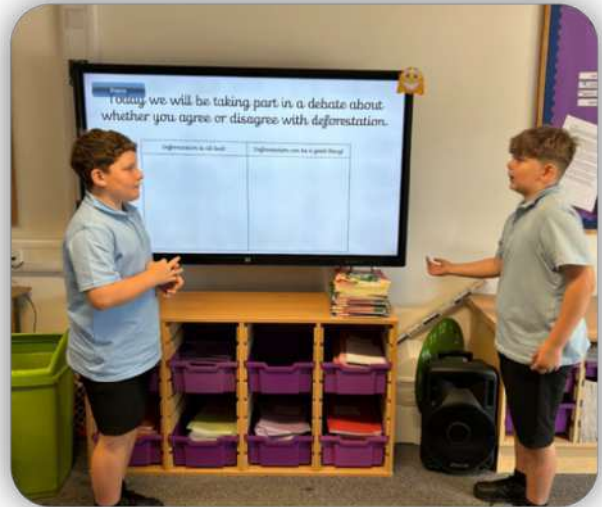
Sequence 1 = D
Sequence 2 = B

Why not upload your STEM home learning challenge to our padlet? Scan code for access



Year 6 Start Debating!

Year 6 have enjoyed debating this week, linked to their topic of the Amazon rainforest. The children have been enthused by their learning and written some brilliant persuasive letters in English as a result!



Well Done To Our New Reception Classes

Mrs Jennings and Mrs Smith would like to say a huge well done to all our new Reception children and their families! The children have had a fantastic start, and we are so proud of how confidently they have settled into school life. It has been wonderful to see their smiles, enthusiasm, and growing independence each day. We are all really looking forward to welcoming everyone in full time from next week!



We Achieved The Silver Award

Last year we worked really hard and achieved the silver award for the School Games Mark!

This academic year we would love us to achieve Gold! To be continued



Friends of Whitnash PTA

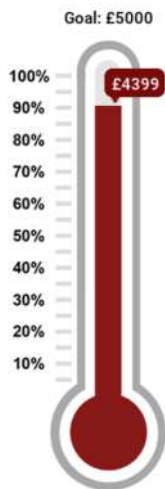


Welcome back to Whitnash Primary, where magic happens! We're thrilled to kick off another amazing school year, and we hope you had an unforgettable summer holiday.

A huge welcome to our new reception parents! We loved meeting you at our Tea and Tissues event this morning – it was the perfect chance to chat and get to know each other. We're excited to welcome new volunteers to our fabulous PTA team –
Join the fun and get involved!



Fundraising Goals



A big thank you! We're so grateful to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts last year. We came close to reaching our £5000 goal, and we're confident we'll hit the target this year!

Your generosity will help us create an enchanting sensory garden in the KS1 playground – a safe haven for our students to explore and thrive.



This Year's Events

The 2025-26 school year is shaping up to be AMAZING! We're bringing back some fan favourite events that you loved last year, and we're adding in some new ones to get you excited! The much-loved Splashathon will be making it's return... keep your eyes peeled for that next summer. We're also looking to bring back the ever popular Easter Egg Tombola.

Kicking off this term, we're hoping for a howling good time at our spooky bingo night. This will be followed up by a hot chocolate tuck shop to warm your spirits! Then we will be cooking up some festive fun for the holiday season!



Stay tuned for more updates, and get ready for an unforgettable school year!

friendsofwhitnash@gmail.com

Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

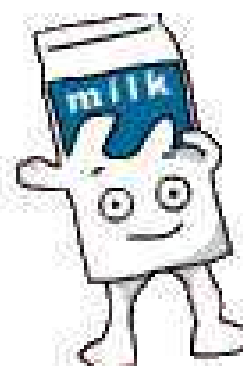
Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

💻: www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER



*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.



PE Days

Here are the days allocated to each class for PE.
Please keep checking this list, as it can change, however, you will be notified via the class teacher if this happens.

Please ensure that children wear the correct PE kit, suitable for both indoor and outdoor lessons and playtimes.

White T-shirt with navy/black shorts. Navy/black tracksuit or joggers and sweatshirt/hoodie.

All PE kit should be plain or has the school badge on it. Brand logos are permitted but must be small. Other colours and football shirts may not be worn.

Please ensure that the correct swimming kit is brought into school on your child's allocated swimming day.



Don't forget to put your child's name in their PE kit.

Class	PE Day
Holly & Ivy	Wednesday
Hazel	Wednesday & Thursday
Hawthorn	Wednesday & Friday
Pine	Monday & Friday
Cedar	Monday & Friday
Maple	Monday & Wednesday
Sycamore	Wednesday & Thursday
Juniper	Tuesday & Friday
Chestnut	Tuesday (Swimming) & Friday
Ash	Monday & Tuesday
Elm	Monday & Tuesday
Oak	Tuesday & Thursday
Rowan	Tuesday & Thursday

Do you qualify for FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Reasons to apply

Even if your child is currently receiving free school meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you should still apply for benefits-related FSM if you think you may be eligible.



Doing so means that our school will be given extra funding for six years, which can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for the school.

Applying for benefits-related FSM also means you will be eligible to receive funding for the holiday periods from the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online
warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals





Children's Clubs and



The following pages are filled with information of things to do, things to see for you and your children in and around Warwickshire.



MYTON  SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25 SEPT
5PM - 8PM

HEAD TEACHER TALKS
5.15PM, 6PM & 6.45PM

TO PREVENT OVERCROWDING, WE
WILL BE ISSUING TICKETS FOR ONE OF
THE TIME SLOTS ON ARRIVAL.

crafts Bible stories games quizzes

fun shrub st kids! free

Years 1-6

Thursdays 6.00 - 7.15pm term-time at Shrubland Street School

For more information, contact: shrubstreetkids@emmanuel-church.org.uk or Ruth: 07814125461 **EMMANUEL CHURCH**





Family Support

The following pages contain lots of information
for parent/family support.





04 September 2025

Welcoming a new baby is a joyful time, but it can also bring financial challenges. That's why we're spotlighting the Sure Start Maternity Grant - a one-off payment of £500 to help eligible families with the costs of a new child, in this month's special edition FIS newsletter. Read on to find out who qualifies, how to apply, and where to get support.



Click here to view Newsletter.



SEND PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

With the Brunswick Hub team members Laura and Georgia

Group or one to one support

Supporting with but not limited to:

- DLA and benefits
- EHCP and education
- Housing Support
- Employment Support
- Health and Wellbeing
- SEND support

Every Wednesday

1pm-2:30pm

At the Lillington Children's Centre
3 Mason Avenue,
Leamington Spa
CV32 7QE



For more information contact:

Laura - 07356123171 or Georgia - 07923230579



SEND Support Group

Come and join us!

If you have any worries or concerns surrounding SEND please come and have a chat with us!

Meet with other parents/carers in similar positions.

We can help with a wide range of concerns.

Running on the third
Thursday of every
month 10am-12pm at
the Brunswick Hub.

Contact us:

Georgia.mansell@brunswickhlc.org.uk

Megantownsend@brunswickhlc.org.uk



Coventry and Warwickshire
Talking Therapies

NHS Talking Therapies

Living well with Long-term Physical Health Conditions

Talking Therapies offers support to patients who have been recently diagnosed or living with a physical health condition.

- Are you worried about your health?
- Does your health get you down?
- Do you feel embarrassed or frustrated by your health condition?
- Do you feel your health holds you back in life?



If yes, all of these are normal responses that can be difficult to manage, but Talking Therapies can help. We work with conditions that include, but are not limited to:

Diabetes, Respiratory conditions, Cardiac problems and Chronic pain

Register with us today for an initial appointment online, by phone or by speaking with your GP. Talking Therapies works with people aged 16-plus, who are registered with a GP, across the Coventry and Warwickshire area.



for anxiety and depression

Telephone: 024 7667 1090

Lines are open from 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Visit www.talkingtherapies.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
or scan the QR code for more information.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD



Any young person aged 4 - 16 years old (in full-time education) who receives benefits-related free school meals can request a HAF code



The programme offers free support to families on lower incomes, giving eligible young people access to enriching activities and healthy meals during the main school holidays.

You can attend up to 4 sessions during Christmas and Easter and up to 16 sessions over Summer



The activities available include sports, animal care, performing arts and so much more!



Contact the Family Information Service for more information.

Call 0800 408 1558 Email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk



www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



Lunch Menu - 15 September 2025

Allergy Key:

vg - Vegan

v - Vegetarian

h - Homemade

D - Dairy

G - Gluten/Wheat

C - Celery

S - Sesame

E - Egg

F - Fish

M - Mustard

SU - Sulphates

SB - Soya

Week Two

Monday

Choose a main meal...

(h) Moroccan Chicken Pasta (Mildly Spiced) with Freshly Baked Malted Wheat Baguette (G)

(h)(v) Cheese & Potato Pie served with Vegetables of the day (D E)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(vg)(h) Flapjack
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Choose a main meal...

(v)(h) Rustic Pizza Wedge served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G.D.SB)

(v)(h) Roasted Vegetable Frittata (omelette) served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (D.E)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(vg)(h) Shortbread (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Chicken Fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage & Onion Stuffing (G)

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v) Ice Cream (D)
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB)
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Choose a main meal...

British Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes (G.SU.SB.D)

(v) Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn served with Rice (E)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Peach Melba Sponge (G.E)
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or Fresh Fruit

Friday

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (F G)

(vg) Plant power Burger in a Bun served with Chipped Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(vg) Jelly with Fruit
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or Fresh Fruit







What's On ...

Please note that these dates are subject to change



September 2025

15	Monday	9.10am	KS2 Achievement Assembly
16	Tuesday	Day	Williams F1 Winners Trip
22	Monday	9.10am	KS1 Achievement Assembly
22	Monday	Day	Harvest Collection Starts
26	Friday	Day	European Language Day
29	Monday	9.10am	KS2 Achievement Assembly

October 2025

02	Thursday	Lunch	Pirate Day Menu
03	Friday	9.10am 9.35am	KS2 - Harvest Festival KS1 - Harvest Festival
06	Monday	9.10am	KS1 Achievement Assembly
13	Monday	9.10am	KS2 Achievement Assembly
13	Monday	Day	 Bikeability
16	Thursday	5.00pm	26/27 Reception Open Day/Show Around
20	Monday	9.10am	KS1 Achievement Assembly
21	Tuesday	Lunch	Apple Day 
22	Wednesday	Day	 Individual Photos
23	Thursday	5.00pm	 PTA Spooky Bingo
24	Friday	Day	INSET - School Closed to Pupils
27-31	Week	Week	Half-Term

November 2025

03	Monday	Day	Autumn 2 Term Starts
03	Monday	Day	Bikeability 
04	Tuesday	tbc	Parent's Evening
05	Wednesday	Day	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop
05	Wednesday	Lunch	 Bonfire Menu
06	Thursday	tbc	Parent's Evening

[Download 2025/26 calendar here](#)

