

# St Paul's Newsletter – 24.2.23



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



This week, we have been taking care of some extra special visitors. On Monday, five eggs arrived in an incubator and by Thursday morning, had hatched into beautiful ducklings. We were lucky enough to film the first hatchling coming out of the egg and it is staggering how quickly they grow day by day. Although only with us for a few days, they have had lots of visitors stop by to enjoy their antics, particularly seeing them dancing in their water trough and soaking one another.



On Friday 24th March, we will be holding a Break the Rules Day in conjunction with Walter Infant School. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our School Council are working on the final details and will include more information in the next Newsletter.

After 13 years as a member of the lunchtime team, including a short stint as Supervisor, Mrs Burgess has decided now is the right time to hang up her whistle. The whole school surprised her at the end of lunchtime today, when we presented her with a beautiful bouquet from the children and a gift from the staff. She leaves with our very best wishes for the future.



Today, we also said goodbye to Hayden, 3K, who is moving house and will be starting at a school that is closer to his new home. We wish him much happiness and hope his new classmates help him quickly settle in. Hayden was presented with a book in assembly this morning, and with a fabulous card made by his classmates, packed with special messages and good wishes.

Next Friday, will be celebrating World Book Day wearing our pyjamas! Children and staff are invited to come to school in PJs, onesies, dressing gowns etc. Not only will story time be cosy and fun for the children, hopefully this will also save busy parents the stress and expense of making or buying a costume!

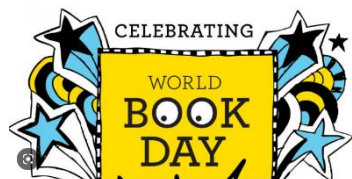
If you have yet to make an appointment for Parents' Consultations, please do so as soon as possible. Online booking closes on 1st March.

**Industrial Action 2nd March 2023** - it remains unclear as to whether we will be open on Thursday, but we advise all parents to have childcare plans in place in the event of school closure. Please note, further national strike days are planned for the 15th and 16th of March.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Taylor

## Book Cover Competition



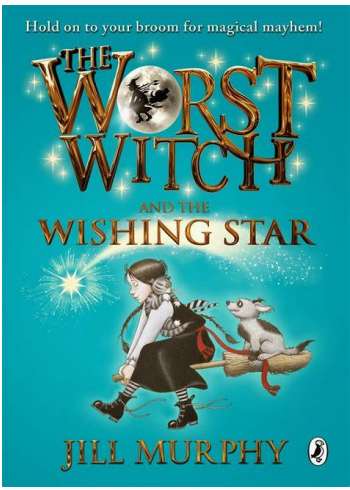
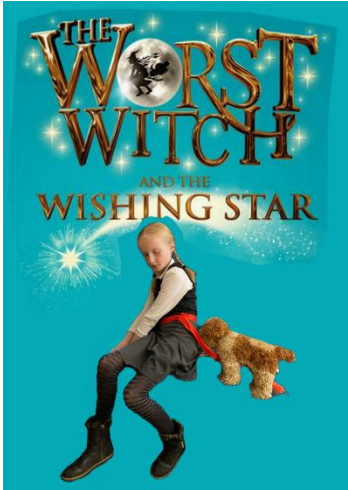
As you will see below, we had some stunning entries and, in some cases, it was difficult to work out which was the original book cover! We are so impressed with the effort that went into the entries and with the creativity of our pupils. It was impossible to choose an overall winner and so our Reading Subject Leader, Mrs Tustin, chose her favourite five!

Thank you and well done to all of the children who submitted entries.

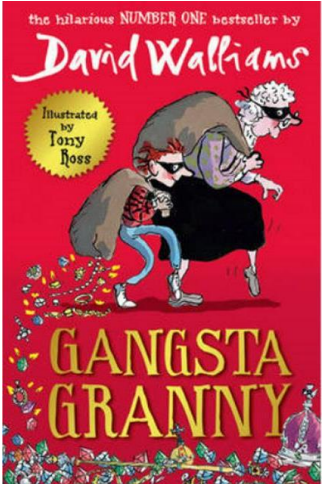


**Winners : ~ Chet 3K, Holly 4R, Georgia 4R, Aeryn 5D and Wyatt 6B.**

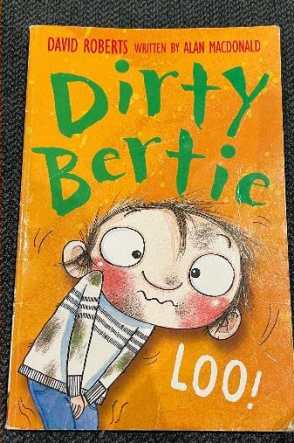
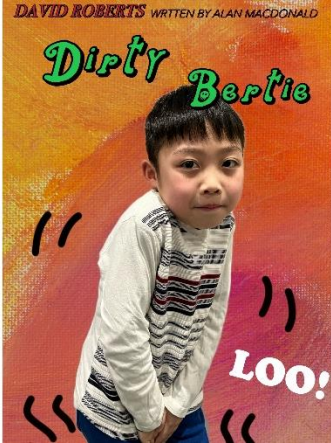
Holly 4R ★



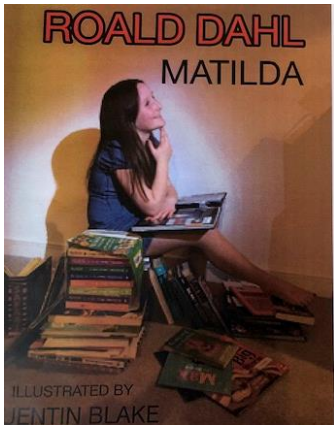
Giorgia 4R ★



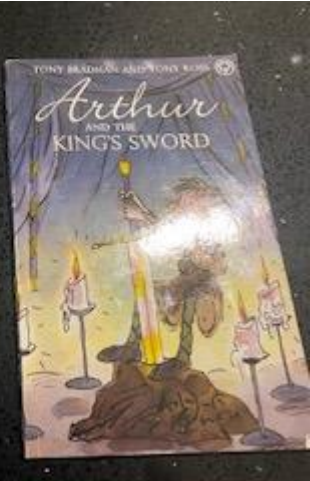
Chet 3K ★



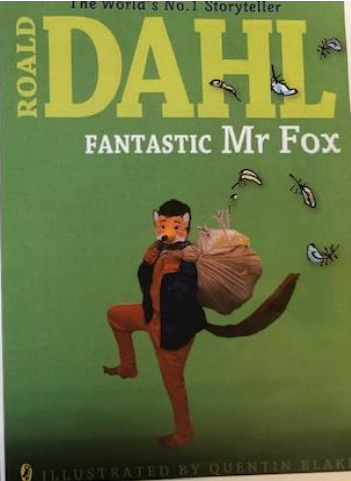
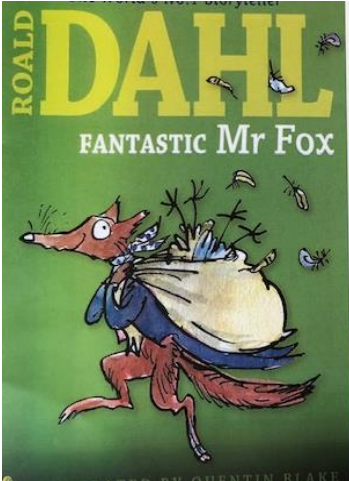
Aeryn 5D ★



Wyatt 6B ★

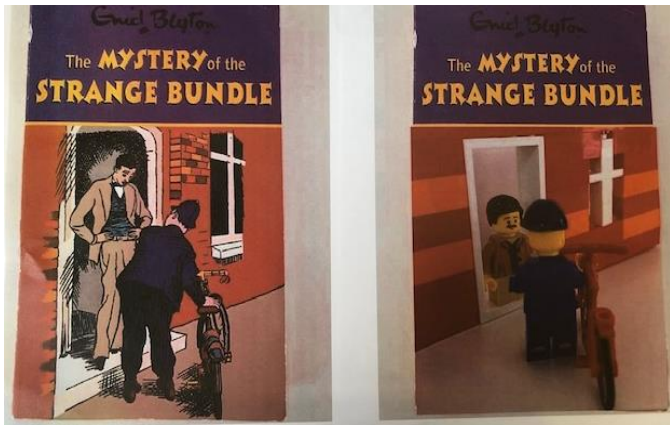


Sachin 4R

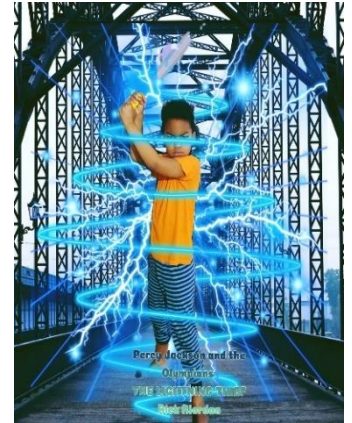
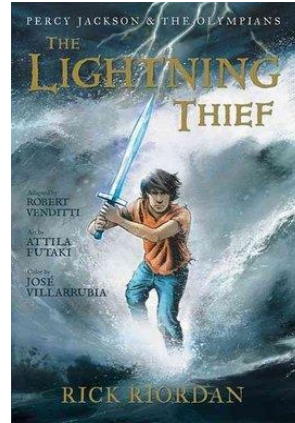




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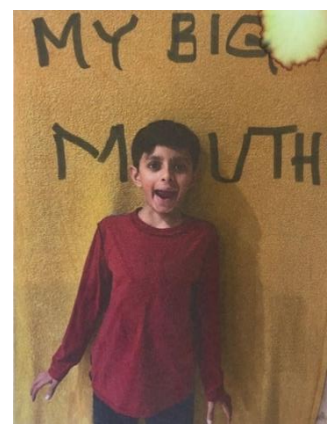
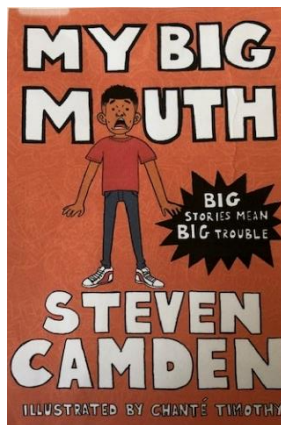
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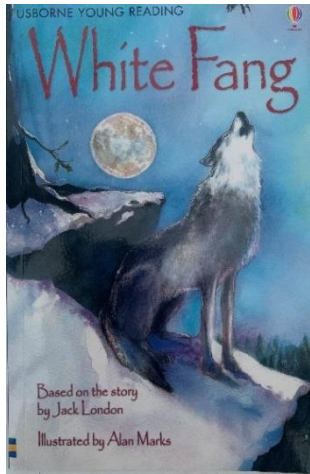
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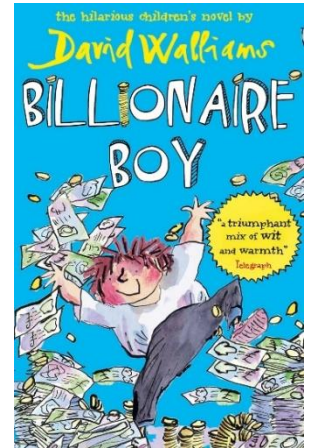
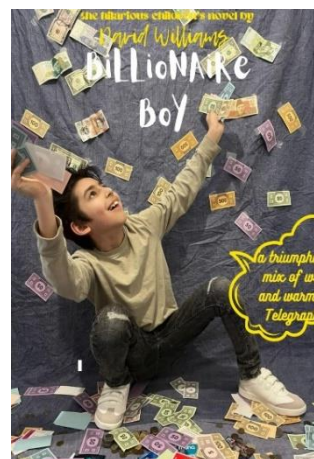
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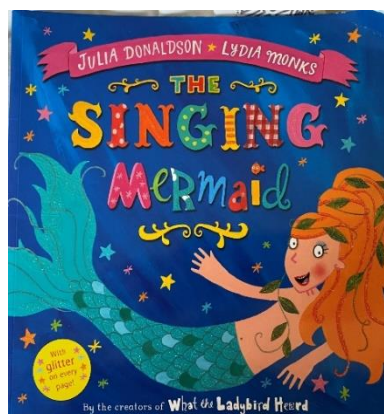
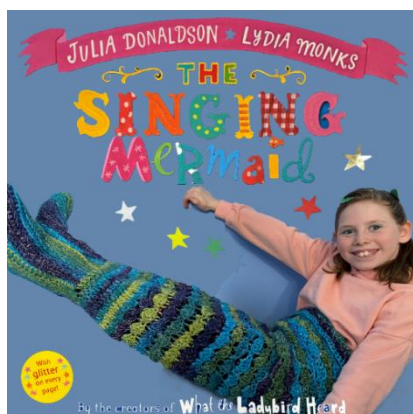
Jacob 4P



Sarim 6B



Alice 4R



## Punctuality



We are continuing to see a reduction in the number of pupils arriving late each day. Once the gates have been closed at 8.40am, latecomers will need to enter the site via the Oxford Road entrance to be marked present and have a lunch order taken.

## Important reminder

We are very proud of our school and our uniform lets everyone know who belongs to this very special community. We would be very grateful if all parents could support us in ensuring that their child is dressed appropriately for school at all times.

A growing number of pupils are coming to school wearing a range of items for PE & games which are not part of our uniform. Football shirts, t shirts with slogans, brightly coloured leggings, leggings with mesh panels etc. are not permitted school wear. We ask that these items and fashion Doc Martin style boots, leg warmers and other fashion accessories are saved for non-uniform days, where children can choose what they will wear for school. PE kit is a white T-shirt, navy blue/black joggers and a plain navy-blue/black sweat shirt or hoodie. If you do not have a navy-blue or black sweat shirt/hoodie, pupils may wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Trainers can be worn to school on Thursday as this is the day all children arrive dressed for outdoor PE. On all other days, the children should wear black school shoes. If it is wet and your child wears wellingtons for the walk to school, they will need their shoes to change into upon arrival.

## Forgotten kit, lunches and other items.

Things are busier than ever and the office team have seen a significant rise in items being forgotten for activities at school. Going forward, please do not worry about dropping off lunchboxes, PE kits, water bottles etc. we will ensure your child orders a school lunch, is loaned spare PE kit or cup for water. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Red Nose Pre Order



Once again, we will be selling Red Noses for Comic Relief. This will be on a **pre order basis** at the RRP of £2.50 per nose.

Ordering is via SCOPAY and will be available until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Noses will be delivered to classes by House Captains on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, ready for **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - RED NOSE Day!**

Red noses will not be available to buy on the day, so order early to avoid missing out!

## Music Enthusiasts - Junior Jam

Calling all 8-18 year old musicians! Would you like to play alongside a live band? Would you like to be a more confident performer?

If this is music to your ears, the monthly Junior Jam at The Outlook in Reading is the stage for you! To find out more, say hi to us on IG **@music.made.fearless** and check out when the next jam is happening'.



## Cost of Living Help Hub

Wokingham have pulled information, help and support together in one place, to help families who are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other essential household items. There is also additional support available in the school holidays for families who have children eligible for Free School Meals. To access any of the following areas, please use this link [cost of living help hub](#)

## Message of Thanks



Thank you for helping us end homelessness for all. Through your donation of £395.90, Crisis will help someone take the next step towards a brighter future.

As more people face the prospect of losing their home, your support will help us continue to be there, side by side with people, every step of the way, until everyone in our society has a place they can call home.



Sadly, right now over 220,000 families and individuals are still experiencing the worst forms of homelessness, including sleeping on our streets or living in unsuitable temporary accommodations.

Your generous donation will support our year-round work, preventing people from becoming homeless, or by supporting them to leave homelessness behind.

Thank you for standing with us and supporting our cause. Our work is only made possible by the generosity of people like you.

### Families eligible for Free School Meals

More than 1,000 local children and their families who are entitled to free money to support them this winter are yet to apply for £120 to help with goods and bills. This is open to all families who have a child who receives means-tested free school meals.

#### Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter. Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

#### Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October.

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

### Head Lice



Our school is supporting the Once a Week, Take a Peek campaign, which aims to encourage parents to work together to beat head lice. Head lice are a normal part of childhood –with as many as one in ten children experiencing head lice at any time. Although anyone can get head lice, they are particularly common amongst children of primary school age, who spend more time in close contact with their friends. So, you need to be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly, ideally once every week. The best-known symptom is itching, but not all

children will itch at first so don't rely on this. Leaving lice untreated can be a cause of distraction and irritation for children. The good news is that you can deal with head lice quickly and easily if you take the right action. See the Link below for advice on treatment.

[Managing Head Lice \(onceaweektakeapeek.com\)](http://onceaweektakeapeek.com)

### Congratulations Jason & Gemma!



Congratulations to the St Paul's Caterlink team who were recently audited by Wokingham Borough Council.

They scored an outstanding 98% and a good presentation and food quality standard.

The team always work hard to provide delicious meals for our children which clearly shows in the results they have received. Well done!!

## Healthy Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted. Could we also take this opportunity to ensure that children's water bottles contain water – no juice or other drinks, please.

## My Journey

St Paul's C of E Junior School was an Air Quality School between March 2021 and September 2022, during this time the My Journey Wokingham monitored NO<sub>2</sub> levels around the school. Data collected during this time has shown that the NO<sub>2</sub> levels around the school site remained at a low level throughout the duration of the Wokingham Air Quality (WAQ) project. However in Wokingham Town Centre an air quality management area was declared in 2015.



This is an area where the air quality has been assessed and the levels of nitrogen dioxide, a pollutant that occurs from vehicle exhaust emissions, exceed the National Air Quality Objective. We all need to help to reduce air pollution by choosing active (walk, scooter, cycle) or sustainable travel (bus, train) for short journeys when travelling around Wokingham Town Centre.

## PE Timetables

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T	Outdoor PE – all classes

## Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

27/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3	28/3
3B	6B	3K	4P	4C	4R

## Class Assemblies

Each class will deliver two assemblies per school year. The majority of which will take place on Friday morning. Assemblies last approximately 15 minutes and start at 9.00 am. Parents of the class are welcome to join us for these occasions. Entrance to the school, is via the Oxford Road entrance and this is the timetable for this term.

10/3	17/3	24/3
5K	3B	3H

## Diary Dates

Next Week:

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Online booking for Parents' Consultations closes 4pm.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebration – come to school dressed in your PJs.

## Upcoming

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Consultations
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Curriculum Celebration 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Break the Rules Day & PTA Cake Sale 3.30pm
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term – 2pm finish
30 <sup>th</sup> March- 16 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – The King's Coronation

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week – NO MORNING CLUBS
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	St Paul's and Walter PTA Circus – performances 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – School closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of the Summer Term
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – 2pm finish



**Wokingham**  
NETBALL CLUB

## JUNIOR EASTER CAMP 2023

**During the school Easter holidays we are running a 4-day netball camp!**

The camp will run from **9.30am to 3.30pm** on all four days

- £140** for all four days, or
- £40** for each separate day

The link for the registration form is included in our email and should be completed and submitted **online**.

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### 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th April

For current year 5, 6 and 7 players  
At **Luckley House School**, Wokingham

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- The camp will be run by qualified coaches
- Camps will cover skills and drills, fun fitness, mini games and tournaments that will develop your skills and coordination
- Players of all abilities welcome – no matter your level of experience  
Please bring plenty of drinks and a packed lunch each day
- Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for playing netball

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Payment should be made to  
**Account: Wokingham Netball Club**  
**Sort Code: 30-91-11 Account No: 02677537**

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Any questions, please email Vicky:  
[juniorecamp@wokinghamnetball.org.uk](mailto:juniorecamp@wokinghamnetball.org.uk)

Wokingham Netball Club reserves the right to cancel the course if they consider it necessary & the cost of the course will be refunded. No refunds will be given for non-attendance unless a doctor's certificate is produced as proof of illness. By signing and returning the booking form, in the event of an emergency you authorise the Coaches to take appropriate necessary medical action for your child, including sending them to hospital.

## Energy Kidz



Welcome to your new Junior Adventures Group Club! That's right – We have a bright new look and a new name across all our clubs – Junior Adventures Group or JAG.

[www.junioreadventuresgroup.co.uk](http://www.junioreadventuresgroup.co.uk)





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## Spring/Summer Menu 2023 – Wokingham Borough Council



		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> 20/02/2023 13/03/2023 17/04/2023 08/05/2023 05/06/2023 26/06/2023 17/07/2023	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>Quirky Bird</b> BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken or Vegan Quorn with Jollof Rice & Salads	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	<b>NEW</b> Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	<b>NEW</b> Syrup Snap Biscuit	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oaty Cookie
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
<b>Week Two</b> 27/02/2023 20/03/2023 24/04/2023 15/05/2023 12/06/2023 03/07/2023	Option 1	<b>Mac and Cheese Concept</b>	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Minced Beef & Onion Pie with Roast Potatoes	Chef's Special Chicken Karma with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW BEET Burger</b> with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Medley	Apple Crumble with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
<b>Week Three</b> 06/03/2023 27/03/2023 01/05/2023 22/05/2023 19/06/2023 10/07/2023	Option 1	<b>NEW</b> Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges or <b>NEW</b> Spinach & Cheese Parcel with Seasoned Wedges	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Fresh Salad Rainbow Slaw	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	<b>NEW</b> Cornflake Tart
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

### Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:** If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.