



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025



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Monday 24th February
Term 4 Begins

Wednesday 26th February
Year R Phonics Workshop

Wednesday 5th March
Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thursday 6th March World
Book Day

Friday 28th March
FIRPS Mothers Day Shop
Details to Follow

Thursday 27th March
Parent Drop-ins (Y1-6)

Friday 4th April 2025
End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April
Term 5 Begins

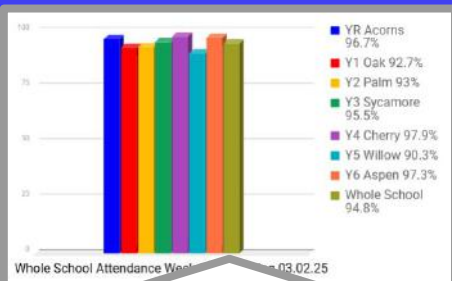
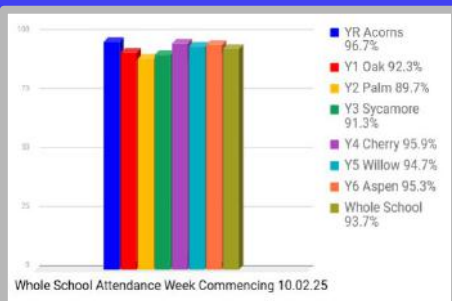
Monday 5th May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

Please use the links below for information regarding our Phonics Workshops for parents in school. Year R Wednesday 26th February & Year 1 Wednesday 5th March 25

Phonics

[Year R Phonics Workshop](#)

[Year 1 Phonics Workshop](#)



We would like to remind parents/carers to park/drive responsibly. This includes not parking on yellow lines, not blocking local residents' driveways and not stopping in the middle of the road to drop children off.

If you do need to report any issues please contact Gravesend Borough Council on 01322 343131 or parking.services@dartford.gov.uk



Attendance Class Awards

W/C 03.02.25

W/C 10.02.25

KS1 - Acorns

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KS2 - Cherry

KS2 - Cherry



World Book Day & Reading Week Events
[World Book Day & Reading Week](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day

Celebrating The World of Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon

Thursday 6th March 2025

HORRID HENRY'S GREEDY BURGER WITH BOGEY KETCHUP 1,5,6 (Beef Burger)

MOODY MARGARET'S MISERABLE MORSELS 1,VB (Vegetable Nuggets)

MISS BATTLE-AXE JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF TOPPINGS 7,8,9

RUDE RALPH'S ROASTED NEW POTATOES

PERFECT PETER'S VIRTUOUS MEDLEY OF VEGETABLES

MUM'S MIXED SALAD

SOUR SUSAN'S BISCUITS 1,VB

THE PURPLE HAND GANG'S ULTIMATE SECRET CHOCOLATE CAKE 1,VB

DAD'S FRUIT POT VB

Vegetarian: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

Support for Domestic Abuse:

Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse. It may take many forms including: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional. Domestic abuse happens in all communities, regardless of gender, age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership and pregnancy or maternity.

How to get support

There are many services across Gravesham and Kent that are there to support victims of domestic abuse.

In an emergency, always dial 999 - if you are unable to speak always press '55' when prompted to confirm an emergency.

Support Services:

Kent Police: Report domestic abuse & use Clare's Law:
[Kent Police Website](#)

Refuge

[National domestic abuse helpline](#) - visit their website or call **0808 2000 247**

Remember, numbers will show up on an itemised phone bill, if this could put the victim in any danger, you may prefer to use a public or agency phone instead.

Temporary accommodation

If you, or someone you know is at risk of being homeless because of domestic abuse, visit our [fleeing domestic abuse page](#) for more information on support that may be available to you. This site also gives advice in what to do if you cannot leave your home.

[Look Ahead - Men's IDVA and Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service \(MIDAAS\)](#)

Male-victim domestic abuse support services for men in Kent. Supports male victims of domestic abuse, supporting men with family separation and supporting men's mental health.

Tel: 0333 010 4660

[Rights of Women](#)

Rights of Women works to attain justice and equality by informing, educating and empowering women on their legal rights.

[Women's Aid](#)

Support, advice and information on all aspects of domestic violence.

[National Centre for Domestic Violence](#)

Providing rapid relief of domestic violence and abuse and offer advice on legal protection for children caught up in abusive or failing relationships.

Acorns



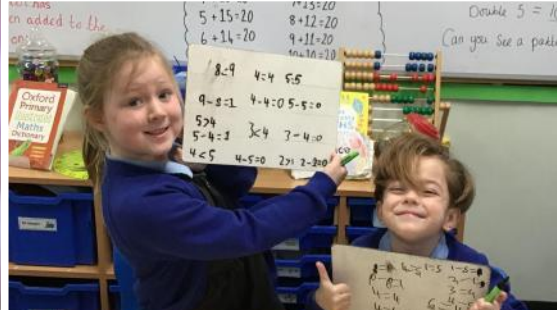
In English, we have followed the theme of Police Officers and role-played the story with our friends using masks and props to support us.



The children had so much fun last week when we had some special visitors come to school to speak about their role in the community. The children asked and answered questions about the police role and loved trying on the uniforms and sitting in the police van.



Oak



What a productive week for Oak Class! They wrapped up their Science topic on materials, demonstrating a real understanding of different properties and how they can be used – this even sparked some great discussions about recycling and taking care of our belongings!



Oak Class looking fabulous wearing what they love!



In DT, their amazing Little Red Riding Hood puppets are finished too – all that hard work with the tricky fabric cutting definitely paid off, and they look fantastic! In Maths, they've been focusing on addition and subtraction, confidently using manipulatives to help them with their number bonds and showing real growth by working so independently.



Palm



Recently, they have been working on a piece of artwork inspired by Pop Art. Last week they drew their shapes and outlines and tore up pieces of comic strip to stick on, and this week they used tissue and water to paint different areas of their work.



Palm class really enjoyed Numbers Day last week and had some brilliant costumes!



In English they've just finished writing a biography about Gertrude Ederle (the first woman to swim the English Channel).

Sycamore

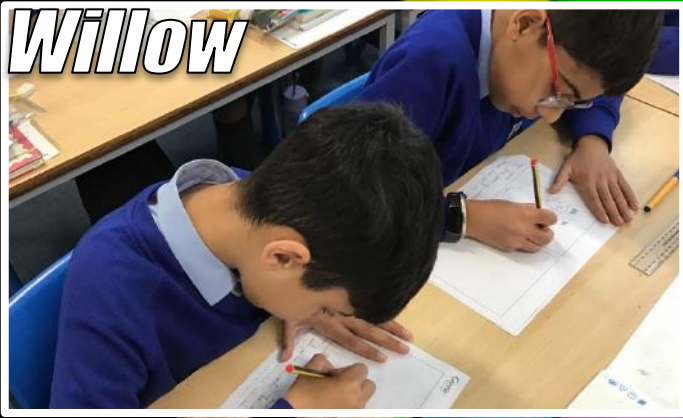


The children have had a very busy couple of weeks. In English they finished writing their diary entries using personal tone about the fossil collector and scientist Mary Anning. In Maths they completed the topic length and perimeter. They enjoyed working together on a project to design a garden in PSHE. In science they have finished learning about rocks and enjoyed using classification charts to identify fossils as well as taking and evaluating soil samples. The children loved exploring and discussing Ancient Greek artefacts which concluded our history area of interest.

Cherry

It's been another busy end to the term. In English we have completed our diary writing on what life is like living in fear of the dragons who have taken over the world, during which the children have been able to use a great range of adjectives for both the settings and emotions of the characters. In Maths we have completed our work on perimeter and length, and next term will be starting our work on fractions. In RE we have completed our learning on the pilgrimage to the River Ganges for Hindus, while in Art we have finished our printing unit. In Science we have also completed our unit on States of Matter, ending with looking at the different rates of evaporation in different sized containers, where we discovered that a greater surface area leads to a quicker rate of evaporation. Have a great holiday, and we look forward to more exciting learning next term.

Willow



Year 5 have had a busy end to Term 3. The children have continued with their narratives, thinking carefully about the language they are using to describe the aliens and a spacecraft. In maths we have been challenging ourselves when working with multiplication questions. In science we have come to the end of our topic ' Living things and their habitats', the children have learnt about the life cycles of mammals, insects and amphibians, as well as looking at the ways plants reproduce. The class have had an absolutely fantastic time at Forest School, building dens, going on nature walks, cooking and problem solving. In DT we spent the day creating pop-up books, making sure that we used a range of mechanisms through the book. In gymnastics all the skills that had been taught throughout the term were put into practice.





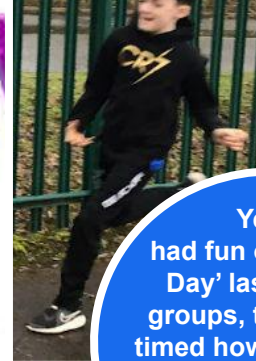
Forest School Willow Class



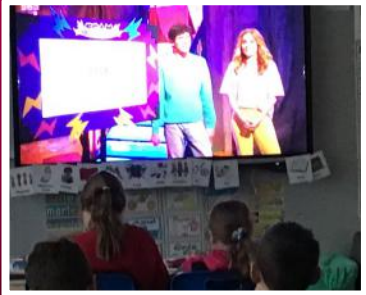
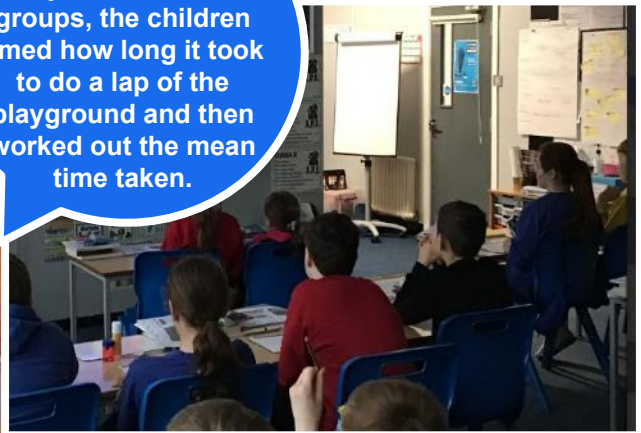
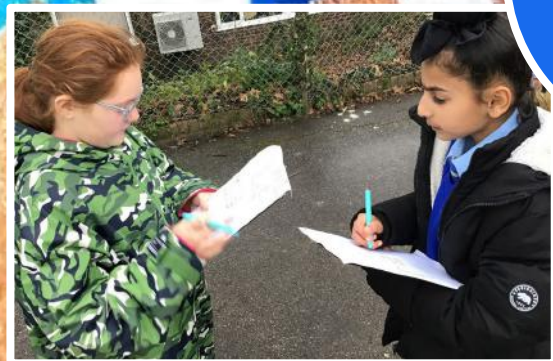
Other exciting adventures Willow class enjoyed in the forest this term were: Cooking pancakes and toasting marshmallows over the open camp fire, making clay leaves, getting muddy and searching for bugs. Children also had a lot of fun when they went on a woodland walk in the unused part of the forest. This area has a lot of wildlife and interesting fungi. The children loved looking at the fox dens.



Aspen



Year 6 had fun on 'Number Day' last week. In groups, the children timed how long it took to do a lap of the playground and then worked out the mean time taken.



Solving problems on Number Day.

Number Day
CELEBRATING
25 YEARS



Taking part in a BBC Teach Live Lesson on Safer Internet Day.





STEM-Craft

Children in STEM Craft After School Club have really enjoyed designing and making their volcanoes. Children used materials that would have been thrown away to create masterpieces. Watch out for the newsletter next term as there will be pictures of the eruptions.

Happy Half Term!



WELL
DONE



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W/E 07.02

Most Valuable Player
1st Ronak of Aspen
2nd Nihaal of Willow
3rd Bobby of Sycamore

W/E 07.02

Winning Class
1st Aspen
2nd Willow
3rd Sycamore

W/E 14.02

Most Valuable Player
1st Ronak of Aspen
2nd Thomas of Aspen
3rd Tyler of Sycamore

W/E 14.02

Winning Class
1st Aspen
2nd Willow
3rd Sycamore

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 07.02

Acorns Class

Isabelle for Self Reflection,
Kayla for Independence & Dainchie for Perseverance

Oak Class

Belle & Khenrab for Independence,
Oliver for Perseverance

Palm Class

Annalise & Jujhar for Independence,
Louie for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Pixie & Amber for Respect, Iyla for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Charlie & Bobby for Independence,
Elliott for Self Reflection

Willow Class

Ted for Perseverance, Oliver M for Self Reflection
& Leah for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Molly for Respect, Tommy for Independence
& Alfie for Perseverance

Week Ending 14.02

Acorns Class

Noah & Freddie for Perseverance,
George B for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Vinnie for Independence, Leo for Respect
& Mya for Perseverance

Palm Class

Frank & Jacob T for Respect, Archie for Self Reflection

Sycamore Class

Ronnie & Samantha for Respect,
Florence for Independence

Cherry Class

Saskia & Bradley for Perseverance,
Jack E for Independence

Willow Class

Summer for Respect, Samuel L & Abril for Self Reflection

Aspen Class

Brody for Self Reflection, Harvey for Independence
& Charlotte for Respect



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

Mathletics

W/E 07.02

Zachary & Raelie of Sycamore, Saskia & Amaia of
Cherry, Ava, Frank & Rei of Palm, Esme, Delphine
& Lucas of Willow

W/E 14.02

Delphine of Willow, Ava, Frank & Rei of Palm, Harry of
Acorns, Zachary, Henry & Theo B of Sycamore

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 07.02

Theo H, Bobby, Sophie, Ronnie, Felix, Devan, Leo D & Leo
H of Sycamore, Charlie, Henry, Harry, Jack L, George &
Nevaeh of Cherry, Olivia of Palm, Otis, Edward, Samuel
Yanis, Matilda, Louie, Arabella & Samuel L of Willow

W/E 14.02

Edward, Louie & Samuel L of Willow, Olivia of Palm, Kayla &
Clark of Acorns, Henry, Jack L, Harry & George of
Cherry, Theo H, Felix, Bobby, Devan, Sophie, Leo D,
Ronnie & Leo H of Sycamore

Emerald Mathletics Diamond Mathletics

W/E 07.02

Tyler & Khenyang of
Sycamore, Oscar & Neda of
Palm, Nihaal of Willow

W/E 07.02

Nathan of Palm

W/E 14.02

Nathan of Palm

W/E 14.02

Otis & Nihaal of Willow,
Oscar & Neda of Palm, Tyler
& Khenyang of Sycamore

WELL
DONE



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 14.02

Jack E of Cherry

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 14.02

Valerie of Palm, Zachary,
Iyla, Ava, Theo H, Henry,
Samantha, Florence,
Pixie & Emily of
Sycamore

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 14.02

Adriana, Ellie, Daisy,
Benjamin, Nathan, &
Oscar of Palm, Leo H
& Aria of Sycamore

Alternate Shadows

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presents

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Sleeping Beauty

A Family pantomime by
Helen Bradshaw

Saturday

22nd February 2025 - 3pm

St Barnabas Church,

Upper Avenue, Istead Rise.

DA13 9DA

Adults £7.00 Children £3.00

Family Ticket £15.00 - Two Adults and Two Children

For Tickets call:- Pauline Mills 07729 596567

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ALTERNATE
SHADOWS



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DA13 9LB

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HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12

*MUST BE AGED 5 AND IN YEAR 1

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
JEWELLERY MAKING	PLAYDOUGH MAKING	GIANT INFLATABLES	BISCUIT DECORATING	PARTY GAMES & CRAFTS
LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY	LUNCH TIME & FREE PLAY
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SPECIAL



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FEBRUARY 2025
18TH - 20TH

**3 DAY
CAMP**
10AM - 3PM

£85

All 3 DAYS

~~£96~~

OR £32 PER DAY

Learn New Skills - Challenge Yourself - Raise Your Game

- ✓ Football development, tournaments and more
- ✓ Children aged between 5 - 12 years
- ✓ UEFA qualified coaches & DBS checked
- ✓ Please bring a package lunch, football boots and shin pads
- ✓ Parents are invited to watch the football camp presentation at 2:30pm on Thursday.



We Also Offer

- Football Development
- Birthday Parties
- 1 - 2 - 1 Coaching
- Toddler Football

OUR AIM IS TO MAKE FOOTBALL FUN AND EXCITING FOR CHILDREN
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WEEKLY MENU

LOOK OUT FOR
OUR THEMED DAYS!

WEEK ONE

- 4TH NOVEMBER
- 2ND DECEMBER
- 6TH JANUARY
- 3RD FEBRUARY
- 10TH MARCH

MONDAY

Cheese & Bean Lasagne 1,3,4,7,9 V
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers

Rice Pudding & Syrup 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Herby Bread 1,3,7,9, Green Beans, Carrots

Apple Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Gravy
Falafel Burger 1,5 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Cauliflower, Broccoli

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY

Chicken Arrabiatta Pasta 1
Biryani Balls in a Curry Sauce 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate & Vanilla Cake 1,7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers 1,8
Cheese & Tomato Puff 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9

Ginger Biscuit 1,15 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

- 11TH NOVEMBER
- 9TH DECEMBER
- 13TH JANUARY
- 10TH FEBRUARY
- 17TH MARCH

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie 1
Herby Tomato Pasta Twists 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas

Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Mild Chilli 4
Pesto & Pea Penne 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice, Seasonal Vegetables

Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Cabbage, Sweetcorn

Chocolate Crispy Cake 1,3,7,14
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V
Rice & Bean Burrito 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Baked Wedges, Green Beans, Cauliflower

Fruit Loaf 1,3,7,9
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks

Jaffa Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK THREE

- 18TH NOVEMBER
- 16TH DECEMBER
- 20TH JANUARY
- 24TH FEBRUARY
- 24TH MARCH

Katsu Chicken Nugget 1
Cheesy Pasta Bake 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers

Chocolate Whip 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Cheese & Onion Pinwheel 1,7 V
Spaghetti Vegetable Bolognese 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

New Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots

Syrup Sponge 1 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Savoury Mince & Yorkshire Puddings 1,7,9
Samosa Puff 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas

Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles 1,3,16
Potato & Vegetable Cake
with Tomato Sauce VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Garlic Bread 1,3,7,9, Seasonal Vegetables

Cinnamon Roll 1,3,7,9
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Sausages 1,6
Quorn Sausage 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips, Peas
Baked Beans, Roasted Onions

Apple Flapjack 1,15 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

WEEK FOUR

- 25TH NOVEMBER
- 6TH JANUARY
- 27TH JANUARY
- 3RD MARCH
- 31ST MARCH

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V
Meatfree Meatballs in Tomato Sauce VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Pasta 1 VG, Sweetcorn, Peppers

Strawberry Mousse 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Curry
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice, Seasonal Vegetables

Banana Loaf 1 VG & Chocolate Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Chinese Tofu wrap 1,3,16 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Green Beans, Carrots

Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Bolognese Penne Pasta 1
Cheesy Cajun Wedges 4,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Cauliflower Broccoli

Jam & Vanilla Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8
Bruschetta 1,7 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9

Coconut Cookie 1,7
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

AVAILABLE DAILY: Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3,7,9. Some of our schools may use pre-prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and cerealia. Please discuss with your manager.

VG Vegan V Vegetarian
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk
8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeraic/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Out Gluten 16 Barley Gluten



EAT YOUR VEGGIES!