



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025



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Tuesday 10th June
Sports Day
KS1 AM & KS2 PM

Wednesday 11th June
School Photographer
Class Photos

Thursday 12th June
FIRPS
Father's Day Gift Shop

Friday 13th June
Howletts - Year 2

Wednesday 18th June
3:15pm - 3:45pm
Parent Drop-ins Y1-6

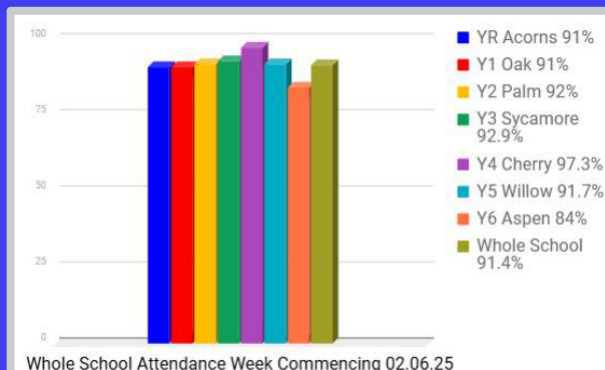
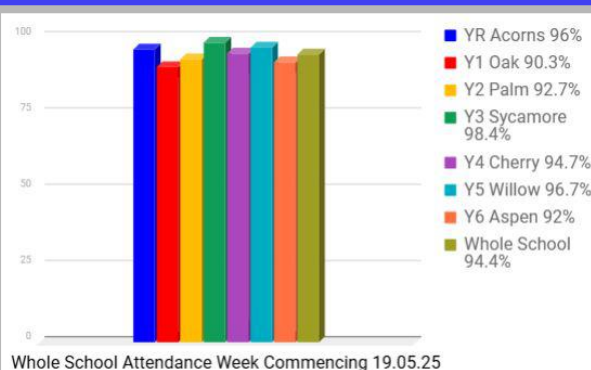
Monday 23rd June
Year 6 PGL Trip

Monday 30th June
School Music Day

Monday 7th July
Ellenor Fun Run

Friday 18th July
End of Term

Kent Test
For Further Details
Please Use
This Link



Attendance Class Awards



W/C 19.05.25
KS1 - Acorns
KS2 - Sycamore



W/C 02.06.25
KS1 - Palm
KS2 - Cherry

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Online Safety Newsletter June 2025

Virtual Reality (VR)
VR is a 3D computer generated environment that users can explore wearing a VR headset.

Meta Quest Parental Controls
Meta Quest are one of the more popular VR headsets. Users aged 13+ can use Meta Quest children between 13 and 12 years old can use it through a parent managed account. Meta Quest state that VR headsets are not recommended for use by younger or smaller-sized children for a variety of reasons including eye strain. Optional supervision tools are available for those ages 13-17 and find more here: <https://familyquester.meta.com/our-products/quest-and-quest2>

Meta Quest has a Safety Center:
Includes health and safety warnings and how to set privacy settings. <https://www.meta.com/ib/quest/safety-center/>

Gorilla Tag
This is a popular game and whilst rated as PEGI 8 (even though young children should not be using it), it is important to note that it does include in app purchases and players can interact to their to a risk of offensive/ inappropriate language. <https://www.esrb.org/ratings/ratings-for-gorilla-tag/>

What can I do?
- Check what games your child is accessing and make sure they are appropriate.
- Play together.
- Set time limits and ensure plenty of breaks.

Further information:
- <https://www.ispp.org.uk/news/children-safe-online-safety-what-to-do/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-children-safe-online>

Online Privacy

It is important to develop an understanding of how you can protect your child's privacy online. Any personal information shared online creates a digital footprint and it is vital that we control who sees what.

What are Privacy settings?
Privacy settings are tools available on most social media apps, websites, and games. They allow users to control who can view what they share online.

What can we do to support our children with their online privacy?
Talk to your child regularly: Talk to your child about what is personal information and to think about what they share online. Personal information includes their name, address, current location and the school they attend. This also includes information within photos or videos that they may share, for example does it show their current location?

Apply appropriate privacy settings: For any app, game or device that your child uses, check the privacy settings and apply them as appropriate. For example:

- Check if their location is being shared.
- Check who can tag them in posts (as what others tag them in can also affect their digital footprint).
- Check who can share their content.

Check these settings regularly as new options may become available or sometimes updates can change previous settings.

Children learn from us: Think about what you are sharing online – do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or their current location?

Set strong/complex passwords: Teach your child to create strong/complex passwords and to never share them with others.

Search their name – search their name in a search engine to see what information can be seen about your child. Remind your child that they can delete any information that they no longer want others to see.

Further information

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advise/bullying-abuse/online-bullying-mobile-safety/how-to-keep-your-data-footprint/>
- <https://www.ncc.gov.uk/parents/keeping-children-safe-online-privacy>
- <https://www.ceps.education.gov.uk/11-18/facts-data/about/online-safety/privacy-settings/>

Each of the guides above are our own creation. We regularly update and update with the latest research and advice. Our intention is to provide you with the most up to date information on the latest research, resources, or advice, or any other relevant information in the context of the latest evidence.

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[Online Safety Newsletter June 2025](#)

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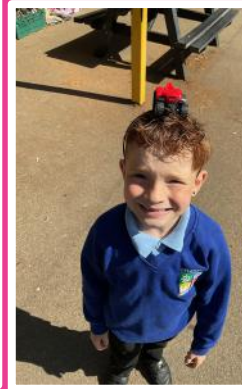
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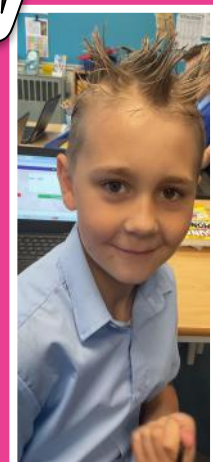
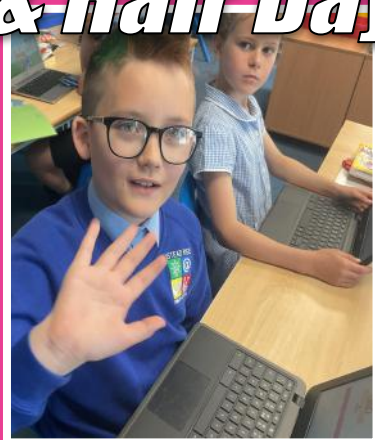


FIRPS Crazy Hat & Hair Day





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Acorns



During our topic of learning about Minibeasts, we made worms using pipe cleaners and beads. The children were able to choose their own patterns for their worms.



The children were very excited to learn about pollination using flowers and cheesy wotsits! Once they had pollinated their own flower, they moved the pollen to someone else's flower.



The children have had lots of fun exploring the outside area; searching for and finding bugs; drawing their finds; making houses; making potions and soup for the teachers and completing obstacle courses by balancing along the beams.



In term 5, for DT Oak class learnt about fruit and vegetables. They explored how fruits differ from vegetables, looking at which ones have seeds, how they differ and learning where they come from. We wrapped up the term making smoothies. The children loved chopping up ingredients and they all gave every smoothie a try, they were brilliant at identifying the different flavours too!



This week, Oak class have learnt about position and direction. The lessons have been full of activities. From dancing the Cha-Cha Slide to marking out shapes on the playground, the children learned these concepts in really engaging ways. In English, they are currently focused on writing their own narratives of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They've been exploring the key features their final stories will need and their work so far has been fantastic to read.

Palm



Palm class were super excited to start swimming lessons this week and they really enjoyed themselves! In English they are currently learning how to write a newspaper report. In maths they are learning about fractions and are about to start a new topic: time.

Sycamore



The children have made a fantastic start to Term 6. In Guided Reading we are enjoying the story of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and in English we have just started a sequence of writing, a recount about our trip to Warner Brother Studios. In maths we are finishing a unit of learning about time. In Geography we are learning about the Earth and in our first lesson we learned about the layers of the Earth – the crust, the upper mantle, the mantle, the outer core, and the inner core.

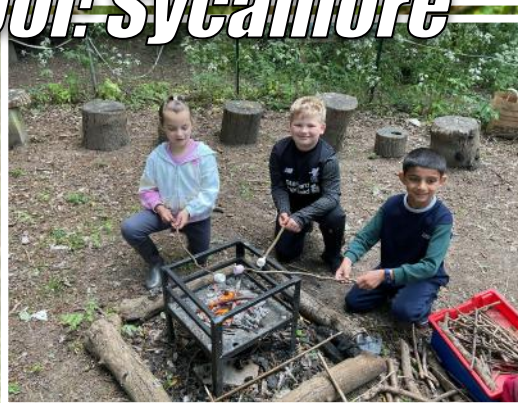
At the end of last term we completed our Design Technology unit Structures: Constructing a Castle. The children utilised their skills to build a complex structure from simple geometric shapes. Once completed they evaluated their work by answering simple questions. In computing we made our own book trailers, first, the children created a storyboard and then set to work creating their book trailer.





We had an amazing time at Warner Brother Studios. The children enjoyed everything the tour had to offer from entering the Great Hall, seeing the Night Bus, entering the Forbidden Forest, entering Platform 9 3/4 and seeing The Hogwarts Express, to entering the glass doors of Professor Sprout's greenhouse to pull out a potted Mandrake. The excitement at Gringotts Bank and walking along Diagon Alley.

Forest School: Sycamore



During Sycamore's last session at Forest School, the class enjoyed an open fire. The children were sensible when toasting a marshmallow to make a smore which everyone enjoyed eating. Sycamore have been a delight to have in the Forest.

Cherry

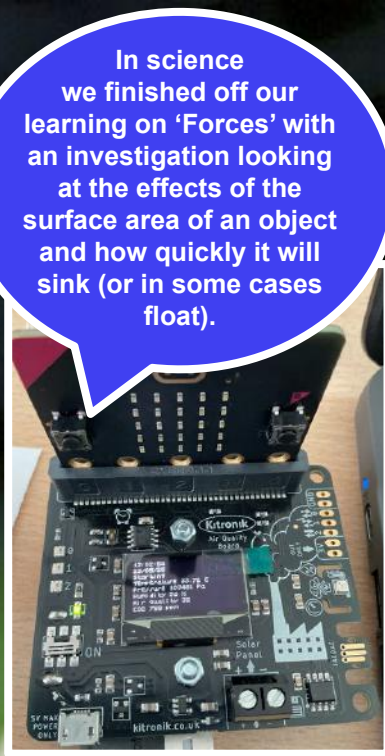


It has been a fantastic end to Term 5 and a great start to Term 6. In English, we are continuing with looking at descriptive writing, with a focus on sophisticated vocabulary. In Maths, we have started our unit on shape, looking this week at classifying angles. We have also taken part in the final Emile MTC world cup as final preparation for the DfE MTC Check, which has also taken place this week. In Geography we have begun our unit on 'water', by refreshing our previous learning on the different states of matter. In RE this term we are looking at pilgrimage in Judaism, while in music we are reviewing our learning and extending our theory knowledge, as well as preparing for our Music Day performance at the end of the month. The planters outside our classroom have also been refreshed, and the children had a great time planting. A huge thank you to our parents who led this; the plants look great! Our daily watering teams will ensure that the new plants are looked after and continue to look amazing.



At the end of last term our science topic, 'Forces', took us on a trip to Chessington World of Adventure. We all had an absolutely fantastic time experiencing a range of forces on the rides. We were all super proud of all the children who pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.

Willow



In science we finished off our learning on 'Forces' with an investigation looking at the effects of the surface area of an object and how quickly it will sink (or in some cases float).



On the last day of Term 5, we were lucky enough to take part in a climate change workshop investigating 'How healthy is the air we breathe?'. We used a micro:bit to record the temperature, humidity, CO2 levels and air quality in the school and around Istead Rise. Using the data we collected, we concluded that it is important to keep the environment safe, so that it is kept clean and healthy for us and the future. We then made individual pledges, about how we can help the environment.



Fun at Chessington!

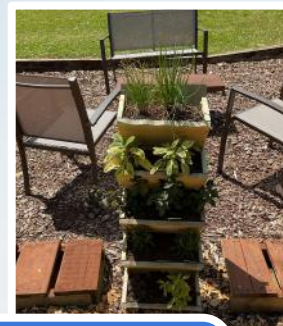


Yum! Celebration cakes from Blake's Mum

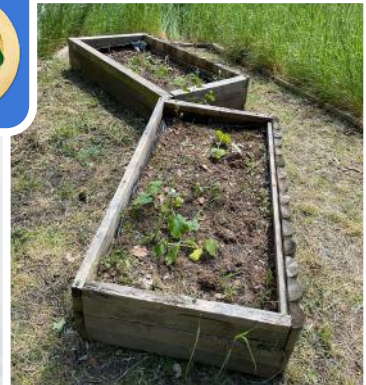
Year 6 have started a piece of writing this week - writing a description of a bombed street during the Blitz in WW2.

We are also finishing off our WW2 History topic which is proving to be a great recap for our English work.





The Eco Warriors took part in the Swale Climate Conference on Wednesday with the other schools in the trust.



As a school we have been working hard to make it more sustainable and eco friendly. Pupils have been walking to school at least twice a week to earn Eco Badges - these are made out of recycled plastic. The Eco warriors and other pupils across the school have been part of building a new sensory garden. The garden is made out of recycled pallets. The plants and herbs are starting to grow nicely. Hopefully we will be able to harvest some vegetables soon. This week, the Eco-Warriors, who are made up of one member from each class, took part in an online conference. The warriors each took it in turns to explain to other schools all of the wonderful things we do to reduce, recycle, reuse and rethink the way we use energy, plastic and our carbon footprint. Other ways the pupils are thinking about the environment are: taking part in a community litter pick, exploring the air quality within our school and the local area, switching off lights and closing doors to save energy. Myself, Mrs T Clark and Mrs Cowell-Young are incredibly proud of our Eco Warriors and the efforts of all the pupils across the school.

Mrs T Clark



Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 06.06
Cruz of Cherry

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 23.05

George B, Noah, Adrik, Henry, Cruze, Harry, Kayla, Mason, Max, Billy, Jessica, Frankie, Oscar, Sophia, Leyla, Anaya & Tyrell

W/E 06.06
Rosie & Cruz of Cherry

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 23.05

Samantha, Emily, Devan & Amber of Sycamore

W/E 06.06
Theo H, Pixie & Ava of Sycamore

Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 23.05

Bobby, Aria & Annabelle of Sycamore

W/E 06.06
Emilia of Sycamore, Archie of Palm

Diamond Peg Up Points

W/E 23.05
Daisy & Adriana of Palm

W/E 06.06
Oscar of Palm



W/E 23.05
Most Valuable Player
1st Theo B of Sycamore
2nd Khenyang of Sycamore
3rd Tyler G of Sycamore

W/E 23.05
Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Willow
3rd Cherry

W/E 06.06
Most Valuable Player
1st Tyler G of Sycamore
2nd Theo B of Sycamore
3rd Keira of Cherry

W/E 06.06
Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Sycamore
3rd Aspen



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 23.05

Acorns Class

Lyla for Self Reflection & Tris for Independence
Oak Class

Jeremias & Oliver for Self Reflection, Piper for Perseverance
Palm Class

Aubany & Rei for Independence, Ellie for Self Reflection
Sycamore Class

Rajah & Leo H for Self Reflection, Chace for Respect
Cherry Class

Henry, Ella & Charlie for Self Reflection
Willow Class

Esme, Emilia & Freddie for Perseverance
Aspen Class

Molly for Self Reflection, Millie C & Tommy for Perseverance

Week Ending 06.06

Acorns Class

Finlay for Self Reflection, Leyla & Anaya for Perseverance
Oak Class

Joshua for Respect, Ikyro for Self Reflection
& James for Independence

Palm Class

Adriana for Respect, Milan for Independence
& Olivia for Self Reflection

Sycamore Class

Emilia & Bobby for Perseverance, Rose for Respect
Cherry Class

Sienna & Bradley for Self Reflection, Keira for Independence
Willow Class

Josh for Independence, Katelyn & Martin for Self Reflection
Aspen Class

Jacob for Self Reflection, Carter & Finn for Independence





Gold Mathletics



W/E 23.05

Pixie & Emilia of Sycamore, Eliza of Palm, Teddy, Darcey & Bradley of Cherry

W/E 06.06

Pixie & Emilia of Sycamore, Elena & Archie x 2 of Palm

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Zachary, Freya, Aria, Ashiya & Raelie of Sycamore, Daisy & Lennon of Palm, Evelyn of Cherry

W/E 06.06

Henry, Freya, Aria & Ashiya of Sycamore, Eliza of Palm, Teddy of Cherry

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Theo H & Devan of Sycamore, Rei of Palm, Harry & Nevaeh of Cherry

W/E 06.06

Bobby, Theo H & Devan of Sycamore, Rei & Lennon of Palm, Saskia of Cherry

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Sophie, Annabelle, Ronnie, Felix & Leo H of Sycamore, Samuel Yanis, Matilda & Louie of Willow, Jaxon & Olivia of Palm, Henry & George of Cherry

W/E 06.06

Devan, Sophie, Ronnie, Leo D, Annabelle & Felix of Sycamore, Matilda & Louie of Willow, Jaxon & Olivia of Palm, George & Nevaeh of Cherry

Epic Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Tyler of Sycamore, Nihaal & Otis of Willow

W/E 06.06

Leo H of Sycamore, Otis & Nihaal of Willow, Oscar of Palm, Henry of Cherry

Legend Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Khenyang of Sycamore, Neda of Palm

W/E 06.06

Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore, Neda x 2 of Palm

Super Legend Mathletics

W/E 23.05

Nathan of Palm

Legend Leader & Mythic Legend

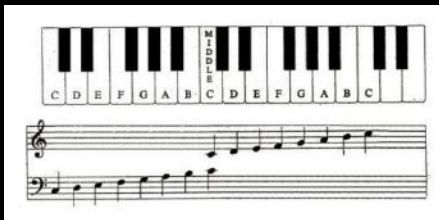
W/E 06.06

Nathan x 2 of Palm



Piano lessons
 30 minute fun one to one lessons
 Open to all KS2 students
 £12 per lesson
 Book now for a September start

Contact Jenn
 07706831692
 jennpianolessons@gmail.com



Guitar Tuition

Available in school on a 1-1 basis

Contact Chris - 07940 046124 or
 Downschriss6@aol.com

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Learn New Skills - Challenge Yourself - Raise Your Game



GRAVESEND MONDAY

UNDER 6s - UNDER 8s
 ⌚ 5:00PM - 5:50PM
 UNDER 9s - UNDER 11s
 ⌚ 5:50PM - 6:40PM
 UNDER 12s - UNDER 14s
 ⌚ 6:40PM - 7:30PM

SAINT GEORGE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
 MEADOW RD, NORTH-FLEET GRAVESEND DA11 7LS

BEXLEY PARK WEDNESDAY

UNDER 6s - UNDER 8s
 ⌚ 5:00PM - 5:50PM
 UNDER 9s - UNDER 11s
 ⌚ 5:50PM - 6:40PM
 UNDER 12s - UNDER 14s
 ⌚ 6:40PM - 7:30PM

BEXLEY PARK SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
 CALVERT DRIVE, DARTFORD DA2 7GA

TODDLER FOOTBALL

GRAVESEND MONDAY

2 - 3 Years ⌚ 12:30pm - 1:10pm
 3 - 4 Years ⌚ 1:10pm - 1:50pm

Shears Green Community Centre DA11 7HP

CRAYFORD WEDNESDAY

2 - 3 Years ⌚ 12:40pm - 1:20pm
 3 - 4 Years ⌚ 1:20pm - 2:00pm

Crayford Library DA1 4FN

GRAVESEND SATURDAY

2 - 3 Years ⌚ 9:00am - 9:40am
 ⌚ 10:20am - 11:00am
 3 - 4 Years ⌚ 9:40am - 10:20am

Holy Trinity Primary School DA12 1LU

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APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2025



WEEKLY MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

21ST APRIL
12TH MAY
9TH JUNE
30TH JUNE
21ST JULY
1ST SEPTEMBER
22ND SEPTEMBER
13TH OCTOBER

Mild Chili Beef
Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta **1 VG**
Jacket with a Choice Of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas

Jammy Finger **1,6 VG**
& Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells **1,7**
Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Sausage Roll & Gravy **1,6**
Vegetable Sausage & Gravy **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans,
Carrots

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

Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Pasta **1**, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

Sultana Cake **1VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Fish Fingers **1,8** or
Salmon Fish Cake **1,7,8**
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans,
Cucumber

Caramel Cookie **1,7**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK TWO

28TH APRIL
19TH MAY
16TH JUNE
7TH JULY
8TH SEPTEMBER
29TH SEPTEMBER
20TH OCTOBER

Vegetable Nuggets with Katsu Sauce
1VG
Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas

Vanilla Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Beef & Onion Pie **1**
Cheesy Pasta Twists **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse **7,3**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice
Broccoli, Carrots

Cornflake Cookie **1,3,7,16**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

BBQ Pulled Chicken Loaded Wedges
Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Cauliflower, Coleslaw **9**

Spiced Apple Focaccia **1,3 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Tuna Penne Pasta **1,7,8**
Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot

Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK THREE

5TH MAY
2ND JUNE
23RD JUNE
14TH JULY
15TH SEPTEMBER
6TH OCTOBER

Beef Bolognaise Pasta Shells **1**
Cheese & Pesto Swirl **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Caribbean Chicken Curry
Herby Tomato Penne Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice, Green Beans, Carrots

Peach Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Samosa Puff **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice,
Cabbage, Swede

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

Macaroni Cheese **1,7 V**
Coconut & Spinach Biryani **6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers

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

Chicken Bites **1**
Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets **7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

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

AVAILABLE DAILY 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 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

***Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

WE ♥ VEGGIES

