



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026



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Dear Istead Rise families,

Our last newsletter of this academic year is a true celebration and fantastic reminder of just how lucky we are to be part of this amazing school community. We are able to reflect on the vast range of activities the children have experienced most recently, and read about the range of learning they have taken part in.

These positive experiences and high levels of learning are the result of everyone in our school community working together to ensure our children have achieved personal successes and created life long memories.

I would like to thank our parents / carers for all your support, and our staff who have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and deserve a well earned rest over the summer holidays. A big thank you to FIRPS who have volunteered their time to provide additional, enjoyable experiences for our pupils. Finally, a big thank you to our wonderful pupils who are polite, caring and hard-working individuals who represent their families and our school in the most positive way.

On behalf of all staff at Istead Rise we wish the Year 6 pupils every success for the future, and all of our pupils and families a safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 3rd September.

Best wishes.

Mrs M Clark
Head of School

Please use this link for full information on Tax Free Child Care

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Friday 17th July
End of Term 6
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September
INSET Days School Closed
Thursday 3rd September Term 1 Begins

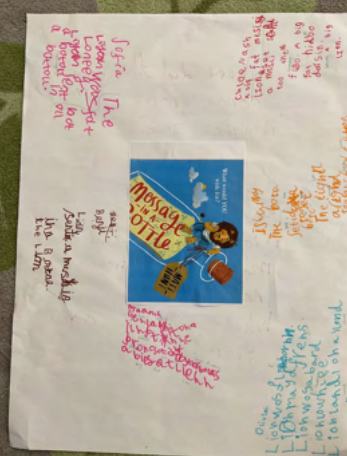
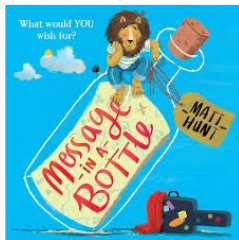
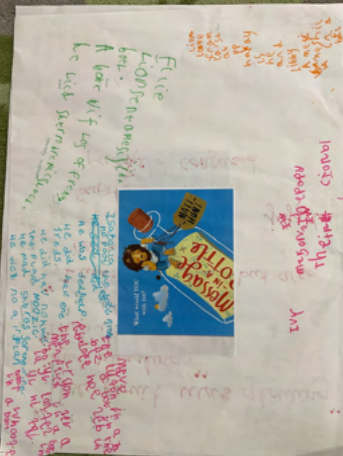


Year R

WOW what a year Reception class have had!! We are so proud of their incredible start to their learning journeys, and we are so pleased to have been able to be a part of this special start. We have watched them grow in confidence, skills and independence and we cannot wait to see how they continue to shine in Year 1. Thank you for supporting us and your children throughout the year. We wish you a very happy and restful summer holiday.



We have been talking about different forms of communication now and in the past. We looked at how sound travels through vibrations and made our own cup telephones. The children had so much fun trying them out.



We have been reading 'Message in a Bottle'. The children have continued to explore their writing skills on big paper.



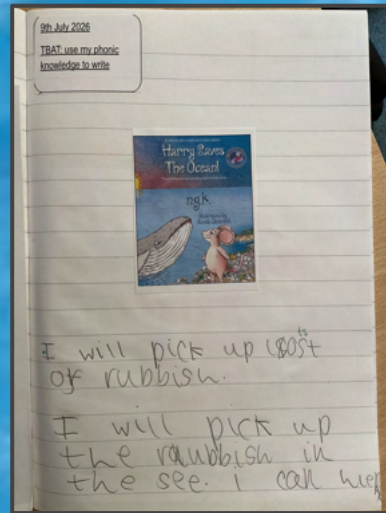
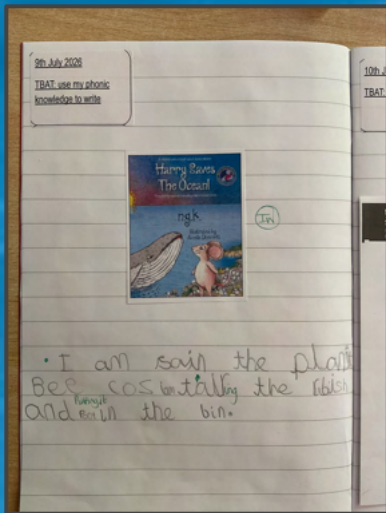
In Maths we have been recapping our number bonds.

The children have been learning all about how they can save the oceans and the environment – through our book this week 'Harry Saves the Ocean!'. They have been recognising that they can make a difference and they are increasingly aware of how they can help the environment.



Year R

We had so much fun on our Superclass afternoon. We ate picnic food, played garden games and danced to music.



Year 1

This term the children have worked really hard on their presentation, spelling and sentence structures. They all really enjoyed writing about the monster, deciding whether he was scary or friendly!

Monday 7th July
BAT write descriptive sentences

The messy monster is hungry because it hasn't eaten any breakfast.

The scary monster is enormous and grumpy.

The monster is hiding from the humans.

The angry monster is grumpy and grumpy.

The angry monster is mad because he is hungry.



Tuesday 7th July
BAT write descriptive sentences

The enormous monster is stomping the giant forest.

The monster is greedy because it will eat all your chocolate.

The gigantic monster can roar like a lion.

The scary monster is big and angry.

The hairy monster is hiding because he is scared.

Tuesday 7th July
BAT write descriptive sentences.

The enormous orange monster has sharp teeth and climbs faster.

The enormous greedy monster has sharp teeth to eat faster and grow faster.

Suddenly the rude orange monster has a dinosaur roar.

Suddenly the orange giant monster has a hairy spiky and furry eyelashes.

The spiky monster grumbly belly to shake it.

The monster can't run fast or jump because he ate lots of food and wants to get fat.

Tuesday 7th July
BAT write descriptive sentences

The gigantic monster is made of fat and it has orange skin and has little blue eyes. The orange scary monster is big and scary. The hairy monster is hiding because he is scared. The monster can scream as loud as a volcano. The enormous monster has orange grumpy fur.



Tuesday 7th July
BAT write descriptive sentences

The monster is greedy because he eats too much food and he is fat.

The hairy monster is scared of the humans. He was running away because they were grumpy.

The enormous monster has orange fluffy fur.

He roars more loudly than any other animal and is a volcano.

The scary monster is big and angry.

The monster has sharp teeth, a striped nose and roars like a big stompy dinosaur and has spiky fur.

The monster is grumpy and grumpy.

Year 1

Year 1 Term 5 Vet 25.06.26
Vets treat sick or injured animals.
How did the vet help Disco?

Key vocabulary
tricks
stomach
disgust
medicine
waiting room

The vet helped
by taking
an x-ray

Explain what happened in the story using pictures. Make sure you draw a picture of
Disco dancing

Year 1 Term 5 Vet 25.06.26
Vets treat sick or injured animals.
How did the vet help Disco?

Key vocabulary
tricks
stomach
disgust
medicine
waiting room

The vet told
them to give Disco
drink little bit
of water.

Explain what happened in the story using pictures. Make sure you draw a picture of
Disco dancing

The children enjoyed their careers lesson learning about the vet. They were able to tell each other real life stories of when they had taken their pet to the vet. Some of the children even thought that they might like to be a vet when they grow up.

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Vets treat sick or injured animals.
How did the vet help Disco?

Key vocabulary
tricks
stomach
disgust
medicine
waiting room

drink water
and small amounts
of food. Took him
to the x-ray.
gave him some
medicine.

Explain what happened in the story using pictures. Make sure you draw a picture of
Disco dancing

Year 1 Term 5 Vet 25.06.26
Vets treat sick or injured animals.
How did the vet help Disco?

Key vocabulary
tricks
stomach
disgust
medicine
waiting room

The vet took
a picture of
the gray
cat and the
vet gave some
medicine.

Explain what happened in the story using pictures. Make sure you draw a picture of
Disco dancing

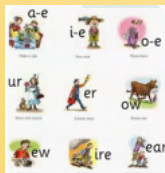
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because she x-rayed disco
and gave disco medicine.

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A massive well done to all the children for all their hard work during phonics, we are very proud of you.



Year 2

As we reach the end of the year, Year 2 has been incredibly busy celebrating all of our fantastic achievements and finishing our final topics with a bang!

In Geography, we have wrapped up our wonderful learning all about the coast, while in Science, we've loved discovering how different plants grow and survive.

The children are still busy in English, writing some brilliant recounts of our exciting owl workshop from earlier this term.

We have also enjoyed taking part in the whole-school Colour Run to raise money for the Ellenor Hospice. The children brought in generous donations, and we all thoroughly enjoyed getting covered in a spectacular, rainbow-coloured mess on the school field!

Now we are counting down the days and looking forward to our special Superclass reward on Friday 17th July to celebrate all of our hard work. What a perfect way to end a great year! Well done Year 2.

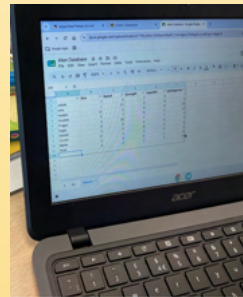


Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic end to their term. They have completed writing instructions for making a tie-dye T-Shirt. In maths we finished learning about statistics, drawing pictograms and bar charts. In geography we finished Extreme Earth by learning about tornadoes. In computing the children enjoyed making comparison card databases learning about records, fields and data.

Well done year 3! Keep believing in yourselves, aim high and have a fantastic summer break. Thank you parents / carers for all your support this year.

In science we concluded our topic on plants with a lesson on seed dispersal, then making our own spinning seed. We also took cuttings from the big spider plant and the children enjoyed planting their very own spiderling to take home.



We enjoyed a well deserved Harry Potter themed superclass where we made a Marauder's Map as well as taking part in a potions lesson, making our own special concoction!



Year 4



It's been an amazing end to our final term as Year 4!

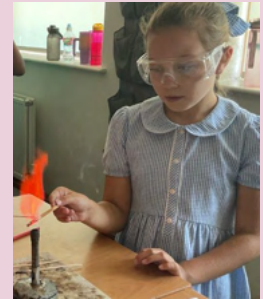
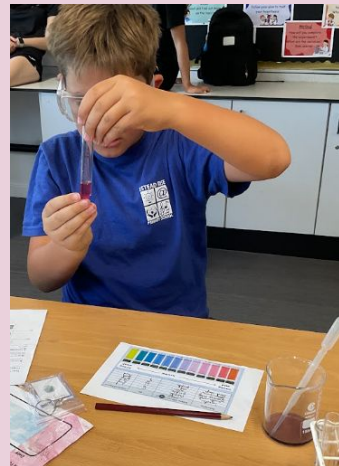
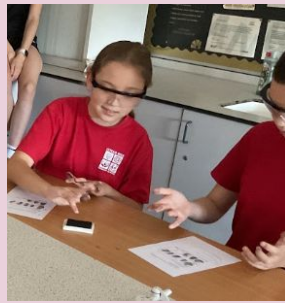
In DT we looked at tock designs, before designing and then making our own. The results were fantastic and I know that the children were very proud of their achievement.

In English, we have been working on our final sequence of the year. This has been a narrative based on *The Martian*. Our focus has been on sophisticated vocabulary, fronted adverbials and figurative language. As usual the children have worked incredibly hard and really enjoyed exploring the idea of being alone on Mars and trying to get home.

In Maths we have completed our two final units on Statistics and Position and Direction. Position was especially fun as it meant learning how to read and write coordinates while playing Battleship!

I could write about the other areas we have now completed as the year has drawn to a close, but would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the way in which you have supported the school, myself and most importantly your children as learners over the course of this year. It has been an amazing year of learning and progress and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching every single member of the class (honest!). Have a well-deserved summer break and I look forward to seeing you again in September for Year 5.

Year 5



At the Meopham Science Fair, children jumped into the shoes of real scientists through a series of exciting, hands-on activities. They kicked off their investigations by analysing fingerprints, lifting fingerprints from a surface and even crafted their own handmade keyrings to take their unique prints home. Shifting their focus to chemistry, the children used an indicator, red cabbage, using it to test various household chemicals and discover their pH levels. They also discovered the fiery secrets behind fireworks by burning different metal chloride solutions to watch them burst into a brilliant spectrum of colors. Finally, the young scientists explored the components of their everyday diets, performing specialised tests to determine exactly how experts detect the presence of proteins, fats, and carbohydrates in food.

Year 5



Year 5 had a fantastic day exploring and looking around the Natural History Museum. They particularly enjoyed marveling at the dinosaurs and diving into the Volcanoes and Earthquakes exhibit, where they even got to feel the realistic effects of a tremor through the earthquake simulator. During their journey through time, the pupils examined fascinating fossils from an era when all of Earth's continents were joined, as well as the unique animals that evolved after the land masses separated. They also admired incredible geological specimens, including real lava bombs, delicate volcanic glass hair, and crystals created under intense pressure deep beneath Earth's surface. To top off their adventure, they took part in the immersive *Emergency! Earthquakes and Volcanoes Show*, where they investigated deep geological forces through interactive demonstrations, made a simulated earthquake, and poured lava, highlighting the awesome power of our planet's natural forces and the immense challenge of natural disaster prediction.

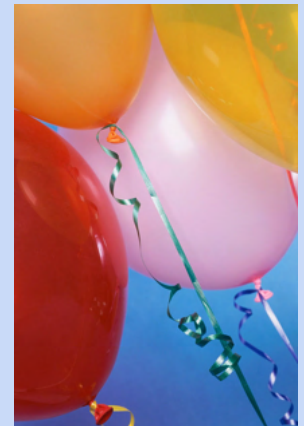
Year 6

Year 6 have been busy this week in our careers lessons. We have looked at the job of a forensic scientist which was really interesting!

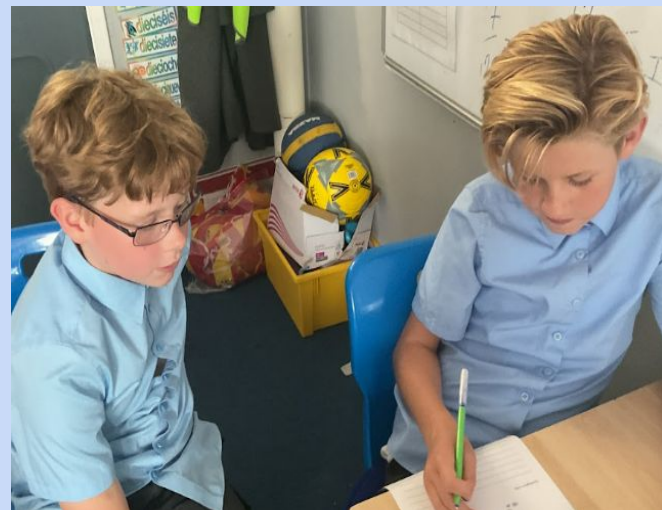
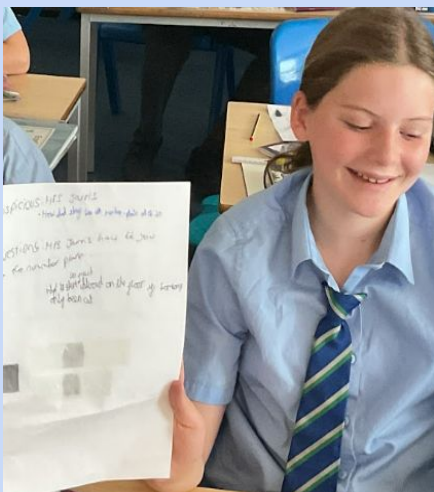
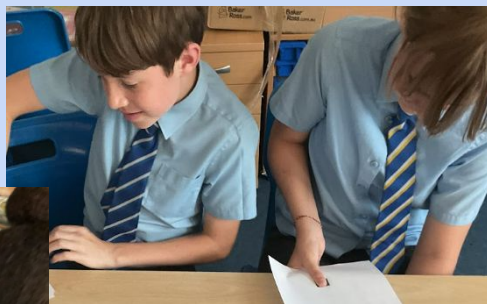
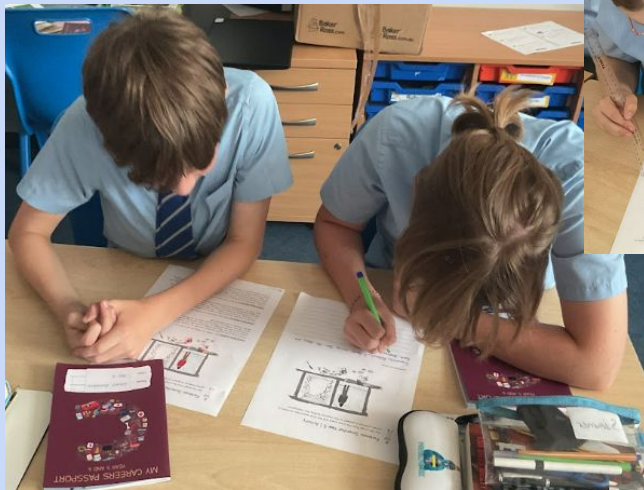
Year 6 looked at an evidence photo and three eye witness accounts. They then tried to work out how the crime took place and who committed the crime. They also independently came up with questions that they wanted to ask the eyewitnesses. Miss Man and I were very impressed with the partner work and the theories that Year 6 came up with. We then experimented with our own fingerprints and discussed how fingerprints are used by detectives.

In English, Year 6 have just finished writing a set of instructions about how to be a Victorian pickpocket. This was lots of fun and Year 6 worked hard to make sure that their instructions were humorous and factual.

Well done Year 6 for all of your hard work. Have a lovely summer break and good luck for Year 7!



Year 6



IRPS 60th Birthday Picnic



Thank you to our amazing FIRPS team, staff, parents and children at Istead Rise for celebrating with us for our BIG 60th Birthday. It was wonderful to see so many families celebrating with us and having fun.





A huge thank you to all the children who raised money during the Colour Run for the Ellenor Hospice. As a school, we raised a fantastic £802.50! Thank you all so much for your support with this event—it was a great success.

Remember to find our bear cub at Bluewater, as part of the Ellenor Bear Hunt.



KS1 Sports Day 2026



KS1 Results
1st - St Davids
2nd - St Patricks
3rd - St Georges
4th - St Andrews



KS2 Sports Day 2026



<u>KS2 Results</u>	
1st -	St Georges
2nd -	St Davids
3rd -	St Patricks
4th -	St Andrews



Attendance reward - Reception and Yr 5



A huge well done to Reception and Year 5 - the winners of best attendance this year from KS1 and KS2. They very much enjoyed their pizza and ice-cream.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Holidays during Term-Time

Absence of 5 days or more, may result in a holiday penalty fine which is issued by Kent Local Authority. A Penalty Notice fine is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. The fine is £80 which increases to £160 if not paid within the first 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid this will result in further legal interventions.

Attendance Class Awards

W/C 13.7.26

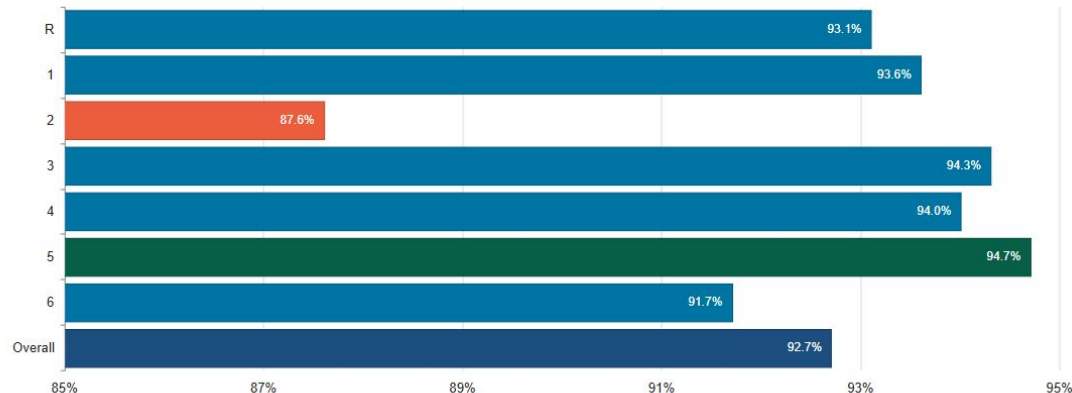
KS1 - Year 1 - 93.6%

KS2 - Year 5 - 94.7%

Please see the school's Attendance Policy for further details via this link

[Istead Rise Primary Attendance & Punctuality Policy](#)

Overall



APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2026

NOURISH



SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

13 April
4 May
1 June
22 June
13 July
31 August
21 September
12 October

Beef Bolognese Pasta 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

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V
Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Carrots
Mixed Peppers

Toffee Tart 1,7 & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 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

Chicken Korma
Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice
Green Beans
Carrots

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

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

Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas
Coleslaw 9

Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

20 April
11 May
8 June
29 June
20 July
7 September
28 September
19 October

Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta 1,7 V
Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Baked wedges
Carrots
Peas

Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Keema Curry
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Summer Trifle 1,7
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
Broccoli
Carrots

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

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

Rice
Tomato Salsa
Green Beans

Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Fish Cake 1,8
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

27 April
18 May
15 June
6 July
14 September
5 October

Mild Chilli Beef
Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice
Peas
Mixed Peppers

Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Pie 1
Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG
Fruit Pots VG

BRUNCH
Chicken Sausage 1,3,6
Or Vegetable Sausage 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Brunch Hash Potatoes
Baked Beans
Mushrooms & Tomatoes

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 Rice
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw 9

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

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

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

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

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.

AVAILABLE
DAILY

