



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Tuesday 23rd May  
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 26th May  
End of Term 5

Monday 5th June  
INSET Day  
School Closed

Tuesday 6th June  
Term 6 Begins

Thursday 15th June  
Parent Consultations

Tuesday 4th July  
Sports Day  
Details to follow

Dear Istead Rise Families,

We are extremely proud of all of our pupils who have accomplished some amazing achievements over the past few weeks. It is fantastic seeing the range of activities, trips and visitors which the children have engaged with both in and out of school. We are especially proud of the year 6 and year 2 children who have completed SATs tests. They have all shown high levels of resilience and perseverance. Thank you for supporting the school and the children with the recent 'Wear it Green Day' and for all of your support with your child's learning over recent terms.

Wishing you a good weekend as we count down to the half-term and prepare for a busy final term of this academic year.

Mrs M Clark  
Deputy Headteacher



The link below will take you to a copy of May's Online Safety Newsletter

[Online Safety Newsletter](#)

## Attendance Class Awards



W/C 01.05.23  
KS1 - Oak & Palm  
KS2 - Elm & Aspen

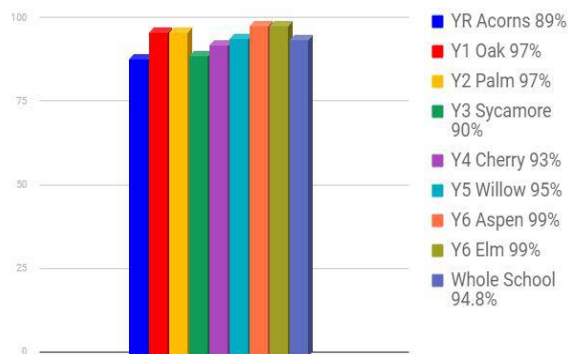
W/C 08.05.23  
KS1 - Oak & Palm  
KS2 - Aspen

W/C 15.05.23  
KS1 - Oak  
KS2 - Aspen & Cherry

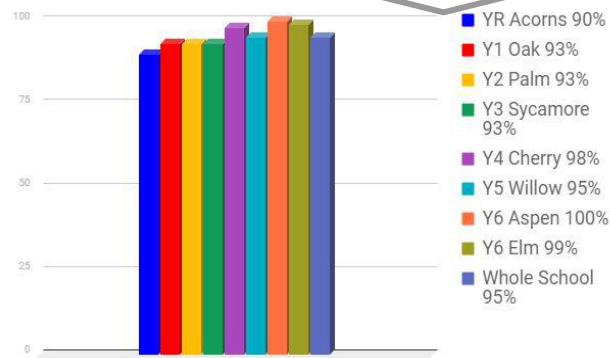


This link will take you to the Istead Rise Primary School website, which contains all up to date information, letters home and links to online forms for medication, child's absence etc

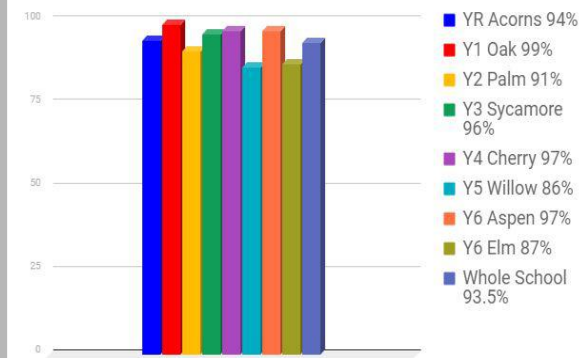
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Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 01.05.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 08.05.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 15.05.23



## ***Walk To School Week!***



Yesterday evening Lucas of Sycamore achieved his Chief Scout Bronze Award. This is the top award for Beaver Scouts, it shows that you are adventurous, have helped your community and have learnt about the world. This is absolutely fantastic Lucas, you should be very proud! A big well done from all of us at Istead Rise.



Last Sunday Thomas & Theo of Cherry and the Istead United Colts U9 team won the North Kent Youth League Champions Shield. The team won the match following a nail-biting 3-2 win over Strood's Woodpeckers. Well done boys and a big congratulations from Istead Rise Primary!

Over Bank Holiday weekend, Arlo of Acorns visited Wales to climb mount Snowdon with his Dad. Arlo climbed really well over big boulders & steep hills. After around 30 minutes, the sole of his boot peeled off but luckily, he made friends with some fireman who taped his boot back together. As they got higher, the wind got stronger and by the time they reached the top, it was so strong that it made it hard to walk in a straight line. Arlo was very brave & made it down safe and sound. What an amazing achievement Arlo! Congratulations from all of us at Istead Rise Primary School.





  
**Wear It  
Green  
Day**





# Acorns



## Celebrating King Charles' Coronation

We had so much fun celebrating the coronation of King Charles!  
To help us understand how King Charles became King, we went all the way back to the past - before Charles was born - and then moved to the present. Lots of role play was needed to help us with our learning.  
We really enjoyed it.

King Charles' Portraits



## Decorating our cakes!

We decorated cakes with icing and then added a British topper. This was so exciting because lots of us ate the icing before it even reached our cakes! Yummy.



# Acorns



**Pin the crown on King Charles' head**  
We really liked playing this game. First, we had to put on a blindfold. Then, we were spun around three times. Some of us were very wobbly and dizzy. Trying to find Charles was tricky. We all laughed so much with this game.



## Hip Hip Hooray

After so much fun, we had some juice and popcorn and gave a mighty 'CHEERS' to King Charles.







This term in Science we are starting to grow some plants. On Monday we planted cress seeds. We will plant broad beans and sunflowers next term.



Following on from our trip to Wingham Wildlife Park, the children have been writing reports and fact files about their favourite animals in English. In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division and also fractions. Have a try at some of these shapes at home.

The children really enjoyed dressing up, making crowns and doing lots of activities related to the King's Coronation.



In Computing, Year 1 are learning how to edit photos by cutting, cropping and changing the colours. For DT we have been using similar skills to cut and copy images into a document to then make a moving picture.



Give children a range of different paper shapes that have been cut in half.

Ask them to find the other half to make a whole.



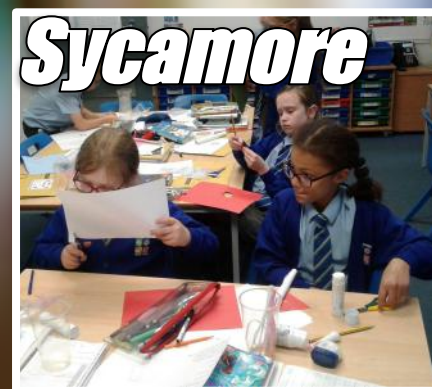
How do they know that they have found the other half?  
Can they use a mirror to help?

Year 2 have been making habitat shoe boxes for Science this term. We researched lots of different habitats and the animals which live there before painting a shoebox and adding our card animals. We had lots of fun making these and they all looked amazing in the end!

In History, we have continued our learning on the life of Pocahontas. We have identified significant people in her life as well as key events which we placed on a timeline. We liked looking at photos of different historical artefacts that have been found from her tribe and comparing their lives to how people lived in England at the time.

All of the children in Year 2 have carried on working really hard on their SATs papers this week. I have been so proud and impressed with their perseverance and resilience when completing them!





We have been learning all about fractions in maths this term and the children have persevered really well. We have also spent time writing a poem in English and are currently learning a poem by heart which will be performed by the whole class. In DT the children designed and made their own flying toys- it was a lot of fun! We are also looking forward to our next Superclass afternoon.

Over the last couple of weeks Cherry Class rose to a times table challenge set by Mr Payne. We won our league and competed in the final coming 6th overall out of 41 schools. We are super proud of all the children demonstrating their core values when practising. Continuing with maths we have just finished a unit on money and have been learning about time this week. Recognising the difference between analogue and digital clocks as well as learning about the 24h clock. In English we are writing a character description of the White Rabbit, a character from Alice in Wonderland. In R.E. we have just finished learning about Islam and the importance of Hajj - The Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca. In science the children enjoyed investigating the properties of mirrors and reflections. They discovered that images and actions in mirrors are reversed and that a reflection can reflect on itself back and forth.





## MTC Cup

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Istead Rise Primary School

gave 22476 correct answers in 34 hours over 3 days in the National Finals.

## 6th Place

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023












**Cherry**



Rank	School	Average points per student	Total correct answers	Average percentage
1	Norbridge Academy (DELTA)	1227.45	237621	90.23%
2	Miles Coverdale Primary School	1198.86	59189	86.98%
3	Outwood Primary Academy Aine	1138.71	26251	97.5%
4	Park View Primary Academy (DELTA)	1131.69	36997	90.57%
5	Macaulay Primary Academy (DELTA)	1116.92	111802	90.05%
6	Istead Rise Primary School	1006.83	22476	91.46%



Congratulations to Cherry Class for their amazing perseverance and determination in the final to come in the top 10 of the Emile MTC Cup. You might recall that Cherry Class came 1st in their league, competing with 18 schools to gain first place. The final took place last week and the competition was strong with 41 schools competing in the year 4 cup. We are super proud of the children coming overall 6th place. A Fantastic achievement by all!

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We are almost at the end of our current English sequence on writing a gothic horror story, and will complete the redraft of the writing before the half term break. To accompany our writing, the guided reading has included the poem 'The Raven' by Edgar Allan Poe and the first chapter of Dracula by Bram Stoker. In Maths, we have now completed our unit on position and direction, which has included the plotting and reading of coordinates, translation of points and shapes and solving problems with these. In Science we are coming to the end of our 2-term unit on living things and have been focused over the past few lessons on the classification of living things. We have been building 'trenches' in DT (following our plans), having been inspired by our recent educational visit. We will complete these next week.



# Elm & Aspen

We would like to say a massive well done to Year 6 for the completion of their SATs tests last week!

We have started a new English sequence - writing a biography about someone of our choice. So far, we have carried out research and made clear notes, ready to be used in the biography.

In Maths, we are focusing on position and direction and have started looking at coordinates and problem solving with coordinates this week.

We have also started to cast roles and rehearse songs for our upcoming 'end of school' production. Watch this space!



Well done to the children who competed for the school tri-golf team against Higham. Both schools were split into two teams, and had to complete a number of different putting and chipping activities to score points for their teams. Following the activities, the points were tallied up and Istead Rise's two teams were the clear winners. Well done to Lillie, Lyra, Millie, Molly, Jacob, Brody, Thomas and Oliver for their excellent golf throughout the morning, as well as the way they impeccably represented the school.





# SEND & Inclusion

Welcome to the new SEND and Inclusion newsletter!

The children at Istead Rise Primary School are at the centre of everything we do. We aim to identify the needs of all pupils as early as possible. This is part of our graduated approach, in which we Assess, Plan, Do, Review. This ongoing cycle ensures that effective provision is put in place and also removes barriers to learning. We believe in inclusivity for all and strive to make this a reality for all our pupils.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Andreou



Remember to check out Kent County Council's [SEND Information Hub](#) website for information on what help and support is available at a county level, and for details of the [Local Offer](#).

Dates for your diary:

**15th - 21st May** - Mental Health Awareness Week  
**24th May (am)** - SEND Parent Consultations  
**25th May (pm)** - SEND Parent Consultations  
**8th June** - Autistic Girls, Exploring Difference.  
Bookable parent workshop at Ifield SMILE centre.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing Support



**Moodspark** – The Moodspark website is for young people aged 10 to 16 to learn how to look after their emotional and mental health.



**Kooth** A site for 10 to 25-year olds to get free, safe and anonymous support.



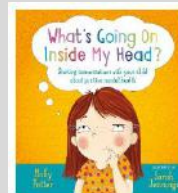
**Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust**  
KCHFT offers a range of resources, information, advice and guidance, including how to access counselling support.



Visit [Kent Resilience Hub](#) where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.

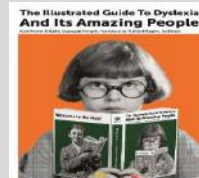
## Great Reading Books That Support SEND

[Reading Well](#) for children provides quality-assured information, stories and advice to support children's mental health and wellbeing. Books have been chosen and recommended by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families.



What's Going On Inside My Head?

Molly Potter, Sarah Jennings



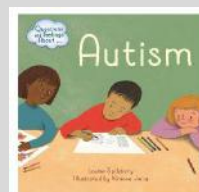
The Illustrated Guide to Dyslexia and Its Amazing People

Kate Power, Kathy Iwanczak Forsyth, Richard Rogers



Feeling Angry!

Katie Douglas



Questions and Feelings About: Autism

Louise Spilsbury



Year 5 have been an absolute pleasure to teach this term. After learning how to tie knots and lashings, the class made stickmen and moved on to create a trench. This followed their trip to the trenches earlier in the term. Lilly, Archie and Isaac used the hammer to make an 'Army gas bell' - this was something they all enjoyed making. A group of children also used their knots and lashings to tie a hammock between two trees - thankfully the knots held.

## Forest School Willow Class







Children were very sensible this week when they used the fire striker to light a piece of cotton wool. We were all mesmerized by the sight of the fire weaving its way through it. Some said it looked like the scene from a city when flying over head in the dark and others said it reminded them of lava rock. The children have learnt so much this term, I am super proud of every one of them.



## ***Forest School Willow Class***







# Times Tables Rock Stars



**W/E 05.05**

## **Most Valuable Player**

1st Edward of Sycamore  
2nd Jeremiah of Sycamore  
3rd Nihaal of Sycamore

**W/E 12.05**

## **Most Valuable Player**

1st Ronak of Cherry  
2nd Edward of Sycamore  
3rd Jeremiah of Sycamore

**W/E 19.05**

## **Most Valuable Player**

1st Edward of Sycamore  
2nd Nihaal of Sycamore  
3rd Samuel Yanis of Sycamore

**W/E 05.05**

## **Winning Class**

1st Sycamore  
2nd Cherry  
3rd Elm

**W/E 12.05**

## **Winning Class**

1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Aspen

**W/E 19.05**

## **Winning Class**

1st Sycamore  
2nd Willow  
3rd Cherry



## **Marvellous Me Peg Up Points** **Congratulations to you all!**

### **Silver Peg Up Points**

**W/E 05.05**

Amaryah, Alice, James, Kian, Maddie, Alfie B, Darcie, Niamh & Sahib of Aspen. Parker, Ann, Harry, Urte, Brandon, Brian, Maisie, Emily, Lilly, Brooke, Tabitha, Corben, John, Isher, Rylan, Destiny, Fraser, Arturo, Dylan S & Mia of Elm.

**W/E 12.05**

Oliver F of Sycamore

**W/E 19.05**

Charlotte, Harjot, Poppy, Harry, Tany, Isabella B of Aspen, Aman, Max, Kamahni of Elm, Cerys, Isabella of Willow, Jeremiah of Sycamore.

### **Gold Peg Up Points**

**W/E 05.05**

Leo D of Oak, David of Cherry, Oliver M, Edward & Arabella of Sycamore

**W/E 12.05**

Martin of Sycamore, Harry & Blake of Cherry

**W/E 19.05**

Tommy & Charlie of Cherry, Zachary, Ronnie, Raelie, Luna. Henry, Freya, Felix, Emily, Devan, Amber, Annabelle, Emily of Oak, Evelyn of Palm, Samuel L, Leah Marie & Louie of Sycamore.

### **Bronze Peg Up Points**

**W/E 05.05**

Jude of Willow



## **Gold Mathletics**

**W/E 12.05**

Ronnie of Oak

**W/E 19.05**

Ronnie of Oak

**Congratulations for all your hard work!**



### **Platinum Peg Up Points**

**W/E 12.05**

Tess & Thomas of Cherry





# ***Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners***



## **Week Ending 05.05**

### **Acorns Class**

**Archie for Respect, Charlie for Self Reflection & Louie for Independence**

### **Oak Class**

**Felix for Self Reflection, Darcy & Annabelle for Independence**

### **Palm Class**

**Alicia for Respect, Jack L for Perseverance & William for Self Reflection**

### **Sycamore Class**

**Louie for Independence, Freddie for Respect & Nihaal for Perseverance**

### **Cherry Class**

**Lucas for Perseverance, Alfie for Independence & Blake for Respect**

### **Willow Class**

**Oliver & Isabella for Independence, Lily for Self Reflection**

### **Elm Class**

**Tabitha for Perseverance, Destiny for Respect & Ann for Independence**

### **Aspen Class**

**Amaryah & Bobby for Self Reflection, Darcie for Respect**

## **Week Ending 12.05**

### **Acorns Class**

**Aubany for Respect, Jacob F for Independence & JJ for Self Reflection**

### **Oak Class**

**Tyler & Leo H for Perseverance, Raelie for Self Reflection**

### **Palm Class**

**Saskia for Independence, Stanley for Self Reflection & Nevaeh for Perseverance**

### **Sycamore Class**

**Leah Marie for Self Reflection, Delphine for Perseverance & Ruby WN for Respect**

### **Cherry Class**

**Theo & Poppy for Perseverance, Millie C for Independence**

### **Willow Class**

**Ollie & Archie for Independence, Rohan for Respect**

### **Elm Class**

**Whole Class for Perseverance**

### **Aspen Class**

**Whole Class for Perseverance**

## **Week Ending 19.05**

### **Acorns Class**

**Arlo, Frank & Jacob T for Independence**

### **Oak Class**

**Chase for Self Reflection, Bobby for Independence & Iyla for Respect**

### **Palm Class**

**George for Independence, Bobby for Respect & Sujaan for Self Reflection**

### **Sycamore Class**

**Esme, Lucas & Ruby H for Perseverance**

### **Cherry Class**

**Tess & Molly for Self Reflection, Alisa for Respect**

### **Willow Class**

**Olivia for Self Reflection, George for Independence & Carlyle for Perseverance**

### **Elm Class**

**Whole Class for Respect**

### **Aspen Class**

**Whole Class for Respect**



# Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 1

Monday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges	Sweetcorn <b>Ve</b>
	Margherita Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake <b>V</b>

Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Peas <b>Ve</b>
	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Carrot Cake <b>V</b>

Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Seasonal Greens <b>Ve</b>
	Macaroni & Cheese <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vanilla Ice Cream <b>V</b>

Thursday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Steamed Carrots <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable & Bean Burrito <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Maryland Cookie <b>V</b>

Friday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge <b>V</b>

Freshly Baked Bread: Pesto Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 1:

20<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October

Available Every Day:  
Fresh Fruit **Ve**  
Yoghurt **V** or Jelly **Ve**

## Pabulum Salad Bar

Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

## Week 2 Week Commencing 22nd May

Week 2

Monday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Beef Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges	Carrot Sticks <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable Burger in a Bun <b>V</b> with Baked Jacket Wedges <b>e</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Lemon Drizzle Sponge <b>V</b>

Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Beef Lasagne	Sweetcorn <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable Fajita Wrap <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Flapjack <b>Ve</b>

Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans <b>Ve</b>
	Ratatouille Pasta Bake <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Orange Shortbread Biscuit <b>Ve</b>

Thursday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Chicken Paella	Broccoli <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable Pasanda with Rice <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Apple Crumble <b>Ve</b> with Custard <b>V</b>

Friday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
	Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Apple & Parsnip Cake <b>V</b>

Freshly Baked Bread: Tomato & Herb Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 2:

27<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October

Week 3

**V** - Suitable for vegetarians  
**Ve** - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Monday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Chicken and Beef Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Peas <b>Ve</b>
	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Cheese Sauce <b>V</b>	Apple & Carrot Flapjack <b>Ve</b>

Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Beef Chilli with Steamed Rice	Steamed Carrots <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Cheese <b>V</b>	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie <b>V</b>

Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Spicy Potato Wedges <b>Ve</b> & Coleslaw <b>V</b>
	Margherita Pizza <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Cherry Cornflake Cake <b>V</b>

Thursday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Green Beans <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable Pasta Bake <b>V</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>	Vanilla Ice Cream <b>V</b>

Friday	<b>Main Meals</b>	<b>Vegetables</b>
	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans <b>Ve</b>
	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket <b>Ve</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce <b>Ve</b>	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit <b>Ve</b>

Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Rosemary Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 3:

6<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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February 2023  
All products are subject  
to availability

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

