

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Friday 20th December 2024

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Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully festive and busy week it has been!

We began the week with some of our children representing our school at Beechwood for the Trust Christmas Concert. Their singing and performances were truly outstanding, and we are so proud of them.

On Tuesday, EYFS and Year 1 had a special visit from the Healthy Smiles team to learn all about proper tooth brushing. That same morning, we enjoyed the Rock Steady concert, where several of our children dazzled us with their musical talents.

Wednesday brought a festive highlight as all the children tucked into a delicious Christmas lunch. A big thank you to CATERed for providing the wonderful food and to our WM team for helping set up and serve—it was much appreciated.

Another highlight of the week was Thursday's EYFS nativity. It was a joy to see the children perform so beautifully, and we're grateful to all the parents who attended to support them. In the afternoon, we welcomed parents back for a fun-filled stay and play session, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Today, we wrapped up the term with an end-of-term celebration assembly and a festive hot chocolate Friday! As we say goodbye to Mrs. Hawker at the end of this term, we thank her for her dedication to our school and wish her every success in her new senior leadership role. In January, we are excited to welcome Miss Jemma Tumilty as the new Year 3 class teacher. Miss Tumilty, who currently works within our Multi-Academy Trust, is familiar with our curriculum and eager to get to know the children and families. Miss Toner will remain as the class teaching assistant, ensuring continuity for the children. We look forward to this new chapter for Year 3!

Unfortunately, due to a wave of sickness this week, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Fayre and carol concert. While this wasn't an easy choice, the health and well-being of our children had to come first. Rest assured, we have plenty of exciting events planned for the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, 6th January 2025**.

The Weston Mill Team

Attendance

We are continuing to strive for our attendance target of 96% and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. If your child's attendance is less than 90%, you will be asked to attend an attendance meeting with Mrs Gleed. It is important that these meetings are attended to ensure that we are providing the right support for your child to continue to attend school regularly. Our attendance policy can be accessed using the following link:

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

A gentle reminder to parents that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 9.10am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance for 16th December to 20th December

The UK Government expectation is **96%**. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week, our whole school attendance is **81.7%**

This week's winners are : **MOZART Class** and **TCHAIKOVSKY Class**.

MOZART	91.6%
PRICE	74.2%
ZIMMER	77.4%



BRITTEN	74.4%
DUN	74.5%
HOLST	87.3%
TCHAIKOVSKY	87.6%

Celebrating Success

13.12.24

Year	Value awards	Star Learners
Nursery	Maisie	Ollie
Reception	Heerva	Joshua
Year 1	Nico	Ruby
Year 2	Oliver	Sophia
Year 3	Jaxson	Lucas
Year 4	Archie	Travis
Year 5	Sienna	Mahima
Year 6	James	Toby G



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Nursery	Aleesha	Jace
Reception	Wolf	Youseff
Year 1	Evie	Reggie
Year 2	Kenzie	Jenson
Year 3	Archie	Denver
Year 4	Lettie	Moses
Year 5	Louie	Ivy
Year 6	Lyla	Lexi



THANK YOU!

AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU
TO RELAY ENGINEERING



Our Learning

Last week Mozart class visited Vicarage House and sang Christmas songs and shared sweet treats with the residents. The children brought lots of Christmas cheer and were praised not only for their beautiful singing but for their wonderful manners and behaviour. We are very proud of you all.



Our Learning

Zimmer class hang tree decorations on our tree.



Our Learning

Last week, Y6 had a 'Blast from the Past' visit. They dived into History by exploring the story of the Mayflower told by a 'pilgrim'. The day was filled with fascinating facts and hands-on activities, including a treasure hunt to find stamps and facts and a timeline activity, detailing the events of the Mayflower voyage. The children loved learning about this period in history and we were incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and curiosity.



Our Learning

Last week, some of our amazing children participated in Age Kurling, and we couldn't be prouder! 🌟

A team of our Sports Leaders from Plympton Academy hosted 7 schools today for some festive fun learning to play a new sport. Teams from Courtlands, Weston Mill, Boringdon, Montpelier, Compton, Old Priory and Pilgrim were given some instruction by our leaders at the beginning and then we got straight into playing some games. Played in it's original form, New Age Kurling is a target-based sport that has been adapted from curling so that it can be played indoors, on a flat surface. Each player delivers a 'stone' towards the target at the other end by sliding it smoothly across the floor. The score is then determined by the number of stones closest to the centre of the target. A few schools

They showed fantastic teamwork and had so much fun. Well done, everyone—you're all stars! 🌟



Our Learning

Last week, we received a very exciting delivery—a beautiful Christmas tree, kindly sourced by one of our wonderful parents! 🎄 We are incredibly grateful and can't wait to decorate it with the children's handmade decorations next week 🎁🎁



Our Learning

Some of our wonderful award winners! 🌟 From Stars of the Week to Values Awards, Reading Certificates, and Times Tables Certificates, what superstars we have! 🌟



Our Learning

Hot Chocolate Friday-Last Week.



Our Learning

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On Friday, we proudly unveiled our brand-new Book Vending Machine, and it's already sparking so much excitement among the children! A huge thank you to our incredible families and PTFA—your hard work and fundraising over the past year made this wonderful addition to our school possible!

Standing proudly in our library, the vending machine allows children to insert a golden token, choose a book and take it home to enjoy. Our children LOVE reading and we hope this continues to develop a love of reading across our school and that it inspires a sense of achievement on their reading journey. 📖

Here's how it works:

- 📖 Each week, children will earn a raffle ticket for reading at home 3 times or more.
- 📖 When children meet a reading target—whether it's reading a certain number of times a week or achieving personal goals like confidently reading aloud to the class—they will be entered into the half-termly raffle for even more chances to win.
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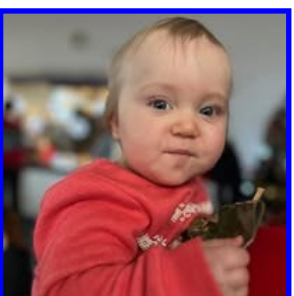
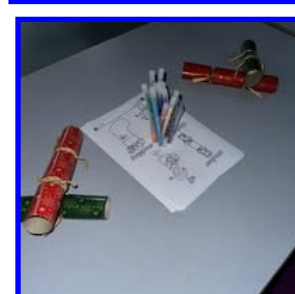
Father Christmas Visit

🎅 A Magical Morning! 🎅

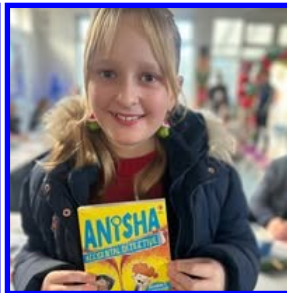
Last Saturday, we hosted our very first Breakfast with Santa! It was wonderful to see so many families come together to enjoy a delicious breakfast, a festive story, and a special gift from Father Christmas himself.

We hope everyone had a fantastic time and left with smiles and memories to treasure.

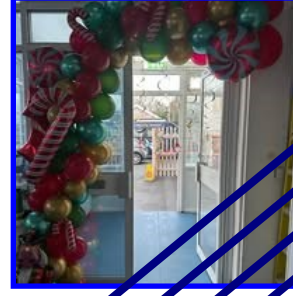
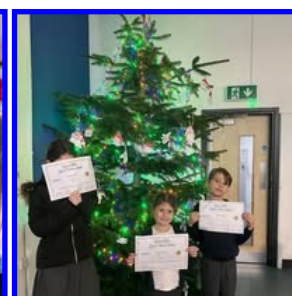
A massive thank you to our PTFA for making this event possible, and a special shout-out to Mrs Seaman, Mrs Triscott, and Mrs BK for their hard work and dedication 🎅



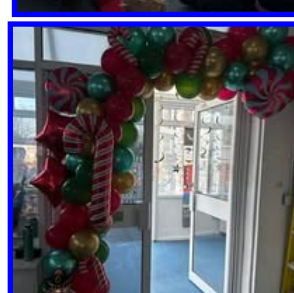
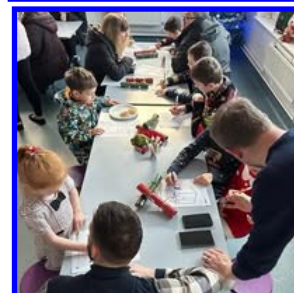
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School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. If you require additional items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Lavers who will be more than happy to help from our spare uniform.

here's a 10% discount code for your parents to save money on uniform from [MyClothing](#).

Code = **UNIFORM10**

Expires 20/12/2024

Compulsory Uniform Items

Navy school jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)



White or blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)



Trousers or shorts, or skirt (mid grey)



School Uniform

Update Below!

Parents are reminded that their child should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days. We ask that children wear their school jumper/cardigan as part of their PE kit only. **Hoodies are no longer permitted.** We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.

PE Kit

White polo shirt or t-shirt
(with or without logo)



Black shorts



Navy/Black jogging bottoms



Important Dates

Class Assembly Dates

Year 4 Friday 31st January 2025 @ 9.15

Year 3 Friday 14th February 2025 @ 9.15

Year 2 Friday 21st March 2025 @ 9.15

Year 1 Friday 4th April 2025 @ 9.15

Year EYFS Friday 23rd May 2025 @ 9.15



Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

For all events and any changes click below:

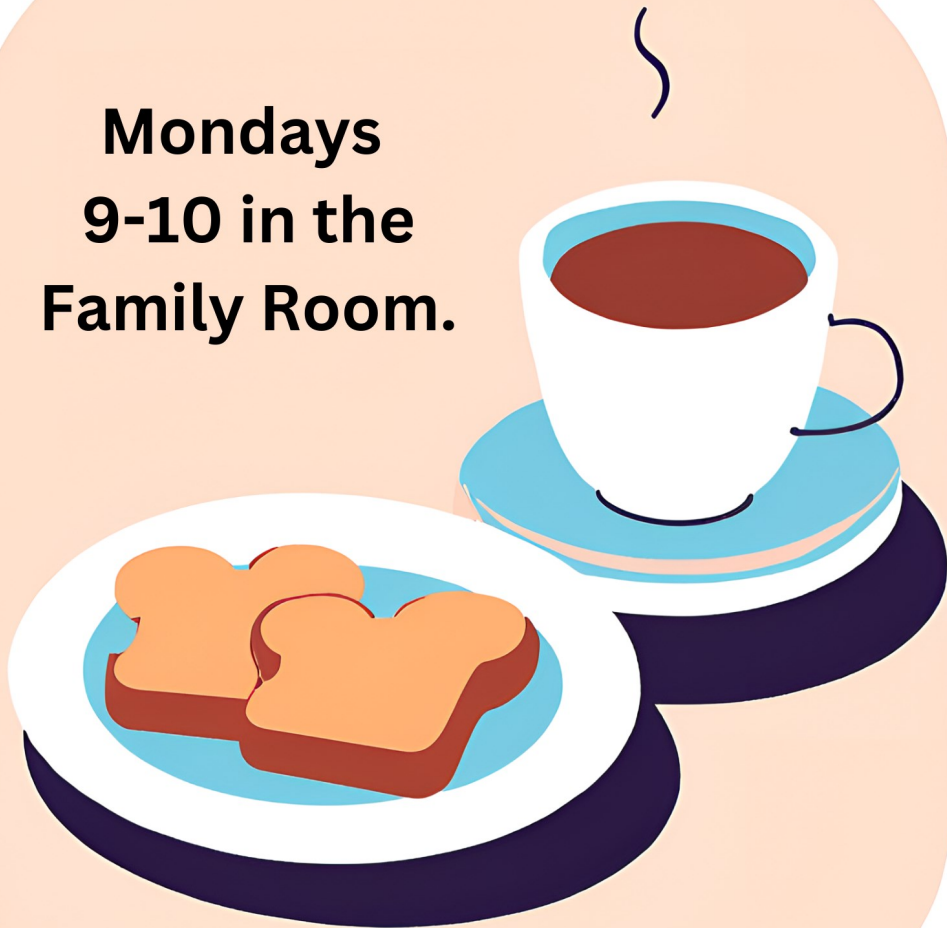
[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)



Important Dates

Tea, Toast and Talk

**Mondays
9-10 in the
Family Room.**



**just pop in for a quick chat and
a cuppa**

Email Addresses to Remember

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Nursery	j.bulley@discoverymat.co.uk
Reception	n.gray@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 1	j.gooding@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 1	l.field@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 2	k.kombostiotis@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 3	t.hawker@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4	j.butson@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4	s.mann@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 5	a.hewlett@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 6	l.wallace@discoverymat.co.uk

Family Support Team

			
Mr Steve Mann Assistant Head of School Deputy Designated Lead for Safeguarding Safeguarding Behaviour Attendance Family Support	Mrs Zoe Lavers Family Support worker First Contact to Signpost Parents Foodbank Courses for parents/Carers Services Families Community Support School Life Parents Questions & Answers Local Issues Coffee mornings Under 5 Group	Mrs Becca Gleed Head of School Designated Lead for Safeguarding Education and Curriculum PTFA Contact Family Support	Mrs Laura Harris INCO SEND Support SEND and Behaviour Support for Parents School Nurse Referrals DLA Applications GP Letters

Lunch Menu

Our new lunch menu starting Monday 4th November.

Please note week 3 Friday will be fishfingers instead of fishcakes.

Hot paninis will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Cheese or Ham.



Lunch Menu










WEEK 1

W/C - MONDAY: 4TH NOV, 25TH NOV, 16TH DEC, 13TH JAN, 3RD FEB, 3RD MAR, 24TH MAR

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Margherita pizza with potato wedges</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice</p> <p>Allergens: (Su)</p>	<p> All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<p> CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)</p>	<p> CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)</p>	<p>Meat Option Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p> <p>Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)</p>	<p>CHOICE 3 - H, V Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<p> DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (E)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter or Yoghurt</p> <p>Allergens: (Su), (Mi)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Fruity cornflake tart with custard</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Bar)</p>

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT 

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DIET, V = VEGETARIAN

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanut (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Egg (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain

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DID YOU KNOW
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Tilda



Lunch Menu



WEEK 2

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY: 11TH NOV, 2ND DEC, 30TH DEC, 20TH JAN, 17TH FEB, 10TH MAR, 31ST MAR

MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Baked bean and sausage pasta bake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Katerveg mince chilli and rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken chow mein Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 Fish fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)
CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H, V Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruity flapjack Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, W, V Westcountry root cake Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (Glu), (O), M/C: (Wh), (Bar)	DESSERT - H, V Zesty cake with custard Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi) m/c (Bar)

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Lunch Menu



WEEK 3

WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

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W/C - MONDAY: 18TH NOV, 9TH DEC, 6TH JAN, 27TH JAN, 24TH FEB 17TH MAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W</p> <p>Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh) m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Chicken paella</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Tasty Katereveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Crispy samosa with rice</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</p> <p>Quorn nuggets with diced potato</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V</p> <p>Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c (Se)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</p> <p>Quorn fingers served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<p>DESSERT - V VE</p> <p>Fruit salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Orange honey cake</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Custard biscuits with fruit slices</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit Platter</p> <p>Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V, VE</p> <p>Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>

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Climate Friendly

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Lunch Menu

ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS



NOVEMBER **BONFIRE NIGHT** (TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER)

Hotdogs with seasoned wedges, Warming chilli and rice, Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese, Toffee apple cake and custard



DECEMBER **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** (SEE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DATE)

See your schools poster for the full Christmas menu and date



JANUARY **SIX NATIONS** (FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY)

Fish fillet and chips or pasta, Cheese and leek plait, served with French green beans and carrots, Melting moments



FEBRUARY **TEDDY BEAR DAY** (MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)

Winnie the Pooh honey chicken with seasoned wedges and coleslaw, Kung Fu Panda stir fried noodles with veg, Paddington Bear marmalade cake



MARCH **INTER. SCHOOL MEAL DAY** (THURSDAY 13TH MARCH)

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, Italian Frittata, Lamington tray bake, Salad bar includes Swedish beetroot and apple salad



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Head Lice

Dear Parents

RE: HEAD LICE

Following a few cases of head lice at school, please use the information on this sheet when you look through your child's hair.

FOR THE FOLLOWING TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE WE ADVISE THE FOLLOWING: -

IT IS MUCH EASIER TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE IF YOU HAVE WET HAIR.

Wash your child's hair and rinse.

Put conditioner on the hair and comb through (roots to ends) with a head lice comb. Rinse off conditioner as normal.

If you find head lice, please repeat this every day for ten days. You should then get rid of all the lice.

Please repeat for each member of the family, if you find head lice.

If you have big problems please visit your GP surgery, where they may prescribe lotion to treat.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EGGS NEED TO BE TAKEN OUT ONE AT A TIME. COMBS OR LOTION DO NOT GET RID OF THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE GLUED TO THE HAIR.

Please see the NHS advice below for further information.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask call 01392 342 678 and a consent form can be completed over the phone and you will be assisted with booking into one of our community clinics to have the vaccination done.

Anyone who has already completed a consent form and their child did not get the vaccine for any reason will automatically receive and email inviting them book into a community clinic.



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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