

# BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher  
Update



## Issue 76

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, there has been lots going on at Bandon Hill Primary School this week. First, I would like to congratulate the school netball team who won their last match of the season at Foresters Primary - well done! The B team also did well, drawing in their last match. More celebrations were in order for the children in KS2 this week where we had our highest number of dream certificate winners to date. The photo below shows how proud they were!

The children for the mini-marathon have now been selected. Thank you for everyone who applied. KS2 children were told in assembly if they had been selected and our KS1 and Reception children attending are as follows...

Adam 2O, Maisie 2A, Jack 2A, Tian 2A, Yahya R Jeffers, Huda 2O, Noah 2O, Sri 2O, Harlie 2O and Magdalena 2O. A letter from Mr Corfield with full details will be sent to KS1 and KS2 children shortly.

Well done to Curie Class and Frank Class who gained as a class the highest attendance in KS2 last term. As a reward they will be going to a free cinema trip next week as part of the IntoFilm festival. Good attendance is so important in school and as such we always like to celebrate good or improving attendance in different ways. In two weeks we will be having our attendance draw for the term when a child in KS1 and a child in KS2 will be randomly selected to receive gift vouchers. Children get a 'ticket' for every unbroken week they have had during the term (weeks with no absence). This means all children have a chance at winning. As well as this, children who have authorised absences (such as for a doctors appointment with a medical note or letter) are included in the celebrations. This means that even if a child has to go to a medical appointment during the week, they are still able to be part of the 'ticket' draw.

Finally, thank you to the PSA for organising the Mother's Day gift shop. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that all mothers get a deserving rest!

*Mr Haddock*



# Read for Good

## Readathon!

Raising money for a good cause through reading.

It's been a great start to our Readathon! The children are enjoying logging their reading minutes so that they can see how their efforts compare with other schools. The friendly competition is really motivating them, and it is wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying books while working together to boost our school's total reading time. So far we have logged 13,510 reading minutes!

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. The money raised helps provide brand-new books and resident storytellers for children's hospitals across the UK. Even £1 or £2 can help make a difference.

The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too)!

You're reading  
to help children  
in hospital



Thanks to you, children in hospital will be able to read the best new books, and listen to amazing storytellers!

Keep reading, raising & being amazing!



Readathon | Track My Read | Brilliant Box of Books | Read for Good in hospitals

[readforgood.org](http://readforgood.org)



Children can record their reading minutes during the readathon by using the free Track My Read tool. Your child's personal username and password for Track My Read are in their contact books. The unique URL for our school is:

<https://trackmyread.org/school/ban-don-hill-primary-school-259238>

Remember, they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.

Happy reading and remember to keep logging those reading minutes!



# PSA UPDATES

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*Bandon Hill PSA Present*

## *Amigo's Magic Show*

*20th March 3.45 - 4.45pm & 5.30 - 6.30pm*  
*(Doors Open 20 mins early)*



*60 Minutes of Magic, Mayhem & Comedy!*  
*Magic & Joke Stall, Tuck Shop Available*  
*Real Rabbit & Illusions by a Member of The Magic Circle*  
*One Lucky person to be Sawn in Half*

*Tickets £6 per person*  
*Tickets-[www.pta-events.co.uk/bandonhillschoolpsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112092](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bandonhillschoolpsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112092)*

We have an amazing show for all the family to come and see.

Tickets £6 each by clicking here  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/bandonhillschoolpsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bandonhillschoolpsa)

## 7 tickets left sale ends Sunday!

Helpers are always needed and we can not put these events on without them.

If you have a couple of hours to help assist the children or sell some donuts please let us know



Around our school  
this week



To consider different herbs that could be added to bread.

Name	Draw #	Small / 10	Score / 10	Win / Lose
Thyme	10	10	Y	
Orange	10	8	M	
Mixed Herbs	10	10	Y	
Garlic	9	5	N	
Cinnamon	10	10	Y	
Mint	10	10	Y	
	10	9	M	



# Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

513

400

416

329



# Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
13.03.26	All	PSA Mothers' Day Shop
18.03.26	Year 5	Class Assembly - 2:30pm
20.03.26	All	PSA Magic Evening Show
24.03.26	All	Class Photos
24.03.26	Year 6	SATs Parents information meeting - 3:30pm in Luther King
27.03.26	All	Final Day of Term - Finish at 1pm
15.05.26	All	Mufti Day (Bottles of drink or sweets)
13.06.26	All	PSA Summer Fair

This academic year

Next academic year

**Bandon Hill Primary School**  
Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day 1  
 Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day 2  
 Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term  
 Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**October half term**  
 Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term  
 Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Christmas holidays**  
 Monday 5th January 2026 - First day of term  
 Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**February half term**  
 Monday 23rd February 2026 - INSET Day 3  
 Tuesday 24th February 2026 - First day of term  
 Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Easter holidays**  
 Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term  
 Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**May half term**  
 Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term  
 Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Summer Holidays**

**Bandon Hill Primary School**  
Term Dates 2026/27

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - INSET Day 1  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 - INSET Day 2  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 - INSET Day 3  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - First Day of Term  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - INSET Day 4  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**October half term**  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - INSET Day 5  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - First Day of Term  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Christmas holidays**  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - First day of term  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**February half term**  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027 - First day of term  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Easter holidays**  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - First day of term  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - INSET Day 5  
**May half term**  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027 - First day of term  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Summer Holidays**

# CURRICULUM

## UPDATE - EYFS

The children have enjoyed making Mother's Day cards this week, we hope you all love them and enjoy your special day.

We are so proud of how the children are progressing in their phonics work. They are beginning to blend sounds together and hear the words. They are also recognising rhyming words and initial sounds. It would be really helpful for you to practice rhyming with your child at home, it can be a tricky concept!

Next week, we will be making jam sandwiches with the children which they will then bring home. We are expecting this to be a very sticky activity!

Happy Mother's Day and have a lovely weekend!



In Reception this week we enjoyed creating all of your wonderful mummy's Mother's Day cards, we hope you have a special weekend. We have also been busy learning about transport on water like boats and cruise ships. The children had fun talking about their favourite transport on water, a hover craft was very popular. Next week, we will be looking at transport in the air. (Miss Heinpuu got the weeks mixed up - sorry!)

In Phonics, the children are blowing us away with their amazing reading, blending and sound knowledge. Please ensure you are looking through the tricky words at home as this is an area we are finding the children are struggling with.

In maths, the children have looked at doubling to 10 this week. It would be great if you could continue looking at this at home with them with some doubling games.

Have a lovely weekend.



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

# 2

# 1



Year 1 are really enjoying their science topic link to 'Plants.' We have been interested in growing our own beans and discussing what plants need to grow!

In English, we have been working on using verbs in our writing. We learnt that verbs are actions words and practised doing the action for the verbs we learnt. You could practise spotting verbs with your child and discussing if a word is a verb or not. We will be focusing on using nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing for the next 2 weeks. This is to give us a good structure to write our own sentences in English.

In Maths, we have been working on subtraction and using our knowledge of tens to work out the answers.

Reminder: Beddington Park Trip  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9- 12

Please remember to sign your child's permission slip before the trip. If you are able to help, please could you write a message in your child's contact book. Thank you from the Year 1 team!

What do you know about the Wright brothers and their first flight?

In History, the children enjoyed creating a freeze frame of when the Wright brothers' piloted the first flight which lasted 12 seconds in 1903! It was the world's first successful piloted engine-powered aeroplane.

In English this week, the children wrote some wonderful informal letters from Rosie the inventor to her Uncle Fred. They included lots of detail and informal language.

Outside, the children enjoyed practising their ball skills in PE. They were able to control the ball whilst moving it around their body.

In maths, we have been learning how to multiply aswell as divide by grouping and sharing. Next week, we are moving onto the 2 times table and 5 times table. If you could practise these at home, that would be great!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.



# Attendance and Punctuality this week

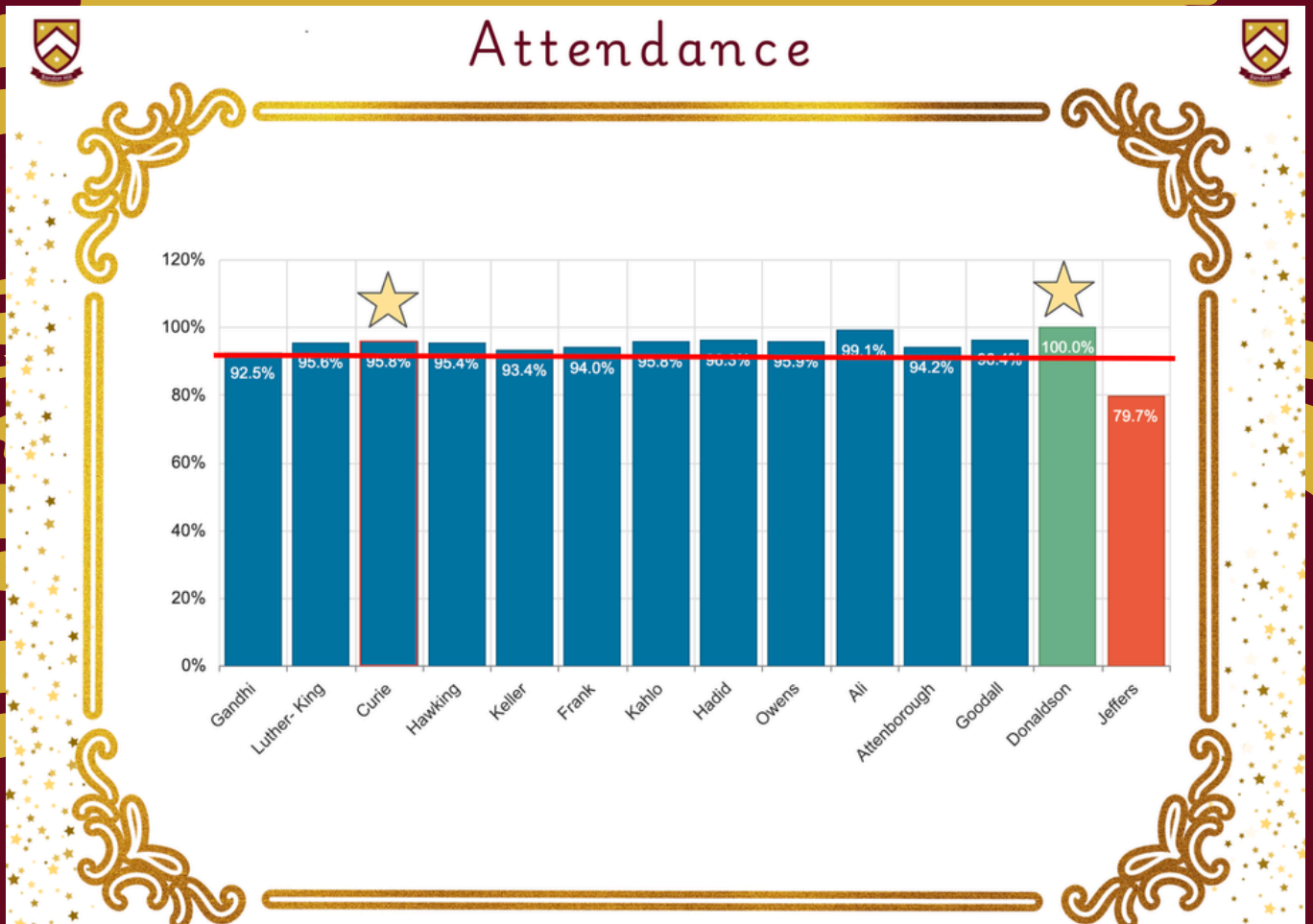


KS1/Reception

Attendance: Donaldson 100%

KS2

Attendance: Hadid 96%



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

# 3

This half term, Year 3 have begun looking at the famous artist Andy Warhol. We have been learning about his background and what was different about the art that he created. We looked at some of his famous pieces such as the Marilyn Monroe prints and the picture of the tomato soup tin! We are also beginning to experiment with bright colours as this is something he focussed on in his work.

We have been continuing our reading of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" in our English lessons. In our reading we have followed Lucy through the wardrobe into Narnia and met Mr Tumnus the faun and have also been introduced to the terrifying White Witch! We have been learning the tricky skill of using inverted commas for speech ready for when we write our own narratives later on.

Hopefully you have received information this week about the information that went out this week about the readathon happening at the moment. I know some of our children have already been tracking their minutes of reading using "Track my Read" online. usernames and passwords have been stuck in contact books and we are looking forward to seeing how much fantastic reading our children are doing at home. We are also logging our reading minutes at school too!

Have a wonderful weekend 😊



It has been a busy and brilliant week ahead for Year 4!

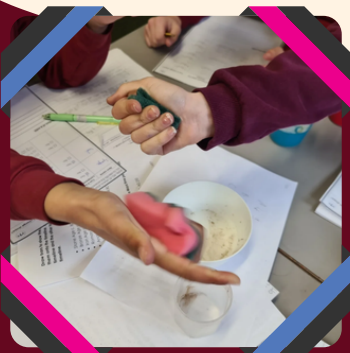
In English, we are swapping stories for facts as we begin drafting non-chronological reports all about the majestic Sri Lankan elephant. The children will be organizing their research into clear subheadings, focusing on everything from their unique habitats to their impressive diets.

Over in Maths, we are continuing to master fractions, building our confidence in finding equivalent amounts and understanding how parts make a whole.

Our historical journey back to the Ancient Maya also continues, as we delve deeper into their fascinating culture, daily lives, and incredible inventions.

Finally, in Science, we are putting on our lab coats to explore the states of matter. We'll be investigating how objects behave in solids, liquids, and gas forms.

It is going to be a week full of discovery and hard work across all our subjects!



# 4



# Wrap around care



Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
- ✓ Homework and Reading Support with experienced and qualified TA's
- ✓ Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- ✓ A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

For pricing and to book, please contact the main office.



Our wrap around care offer ensures that we are supporting not just our own pupils, but their whole family to..

*Dare to Dream*



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# CURRICULUM

## UPDATE KS2

# 5

# 6

Year 5 has been buzzing with activity this week as we dove deep into both our subjects and Year Group Assembly preparations!

In Maths, the children have been sharpening their accuracy by comparing and ordering decimals, navigating place value with confidence. Over in English, our imaginations have travelled to the West Indies as we explore Compere Lapin and the Good Sense from Trish Cook's Tales of the Caribbean. The children are currently busy drafting persuasive speeches to the 'Good Sense Day Committee' to formally complain about Compere Lapin's questionable conduct during the competition!

Finally, our Design and Technology sessions took a sensory turn as we began tasting and comparing a variety of aromatic spices. These taste tests are crucial research, helping the pupils decide exactly which flavour profiles will make their own culinary creations stand out.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Assembly on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, beginning at 2:30pm.

Have a lovely weekend 😊



This week in English, Year 6 have been busy writing their very own fractured fairy tales! We began by revisiting traditional fairy tales and then altering aspects of the stories to make them different to the original! They loved having ownership over this and making a traditional fairy tale their very own.

In maths, we have been reading and interpreting pie charts, as well as constructing them using protractors. To end the week, we looked at finding the mean/average of a set of numbers.

During our art lessons, we looked at the colour wheel. We revisited our knowledge on primary and secondary colours. The children will be using their knowledge of colours to create their own final art piece in the style of Frida Kahlo over the next two weeks.

In PE, we have been refining our hockey skills and how we dribble. The children have been fantastic and have even been able to apply these skills into a game.

Next week, we have our last round of mock SATs before the real SATs in May. We will mark these tests and see where the children may need further support in the run up to May.

**Date for your diary:** We will be holding a SATs parents' meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm in Luther King. If you wish to know more about the upcoming SATs and how to support your child, please do attend.



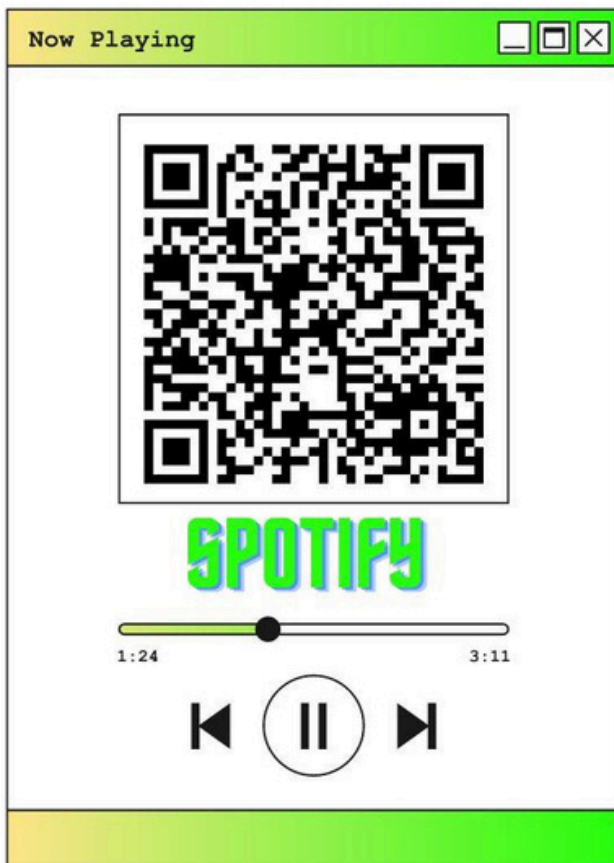
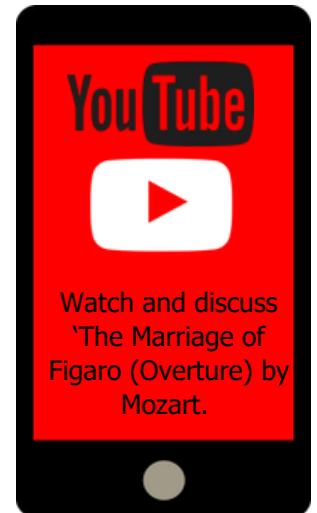


# HOME INFORMATION



## March's Musician of the Month

*Wolfgang  
Amadeus Mozart*



**About:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical period. Despite his short life, his rapid pace of composition resulted in more than 800 works of virtually every genre of his time. Many of these compositions are acknowledged as pinnacles of the symphonic, concertante, chamber, operatic, and choral repertoire. Mozart is widely regarded as among the greatest composers in the history of Western music. His Requiem was largely unfinished by the time of his death at the age of 35, the circumstances of which are uncertain and much mythologised. **Genres:** Classical, Opera, Chamber, Choral **Active from:** 1764-1791 **Origin:** Salzburg, Austria

Books to read...

If you like Mozart, try...



- Giuseppe Verdi
- Marianna Martinez
- Felix Mendelssohn



# SPELLINGS

## Year 1

reply  
yellow  
magic  
who  
whole  
where



## Year 2

Group 1: all, ball, walk, call, talk,  
always, fall, small, also, bald

Group 2: for, nip, fin, pit, wig



## Year 3

Group 1:  
basically, frantically, logically, tragically,  
magically, publicly, dramatically, historically,  
automatically, specifically

Group 2:  
better, summer, ever, river, after, sister, never,  
under, winter, brother

(Group 3 to learn the 5 spellings highlighted in red)



## Year 4

Group 1: musician, magician, electrician, politician,  
mathematician, technician, optician, beautician,  
physician, dietician

Group 2: basically, frantically, logically, tragically,  
magically, publicly, dramatically, historically,  
automatically, specifically

Group 3: better, under, summer, winter, sister, rubber,  
her, term, verb, person



## Year 5

Grp 1: although, bough, dough, doughnut, enough,  
plough, rough, though, tough, toughen

Grp 2: basically, frantically, logically, tragically,  
magically, publicly, dratically, historically,  
automatically, specifically

Grp 3: be, big, but, by, called



## Year 6

Group 1: antisocial, artificial, beneficial, crucial,  
facial, official, racial, social, special, superficial.

Group 2: basically, frantically, logically,  
tragically, magically, publicly, dramatically,  
historically, automatically, specifically.



**Our Little Free Cupboard**  
"Give what you can,  
take what you need."



We are very grateful to Neighbourly and Lidl for the 'Go Give a Fridge' grant last year. This allowed us to purchase a large freezer to store our food donations from Marks and Spencer, Sutton.

If you wish to access this frozen food, please ask in the office or a member of staff on the gate.

Additionally, if you are struggling at this time and need any particular food/household items, please contact Mrs Stirrat.

[istirrat@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:istirrat@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)

Here is a little reminder of our community larder guidelines:

- This larder is for the Bandon Hill community.
- Help yourself to anything you need, but don't hoard!
- Please add to the cupboard if you have food at home you won't eat or can afford a few extra items in your weekly shop.
- Do not add food which has been opened or is past its 'use-by' date.
- Adults only! Do not let your children take food.
- It is your responsibility to check food is fit to eat.
- **Do not eat any unpackaged items if you have allergies.**
- Please keep the cupboard tidy and put any stale items in the bin.
- Feel free to contact Bell Stirrat with any feedback/questions/comments.

# Spring Term Lunch Menu



## MENU WEEK 1



### ALLERGEN KEY

1. Celery
  2. Gluten
  3. Crustaceans
  4. Eggs
  5. Fish
  6. Lupin
  7. Milk
  8. Molluscs
  9. Mustard
  10. Peanuts
  11. Sesame
  12. Soybeans
  13. Sulphites
  14. Tree nuts
- A/F Allergen Free

MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 2, 7 	Macaroni Cheese 2, 7 	Garlic Bread Broccoli A/F	Chocolate Vanilla Mousse 7 
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger 2 	Vegetable Burger 2 	Wedges Potatoes Sweetcorn	Carrot Cake 2, 4, 7 
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken Dinner 2, 4, 7 	Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake 2, 7 	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Old School Sprinkle Cake 2, 4 
THURSDAY	Hotdog with Bun 2 	Vegetable Pasta Bake 2, 7 	Sweet Potato Fries Peas A/F	Fruit Jelly 
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5 	Quorn Nuggets 2 	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding



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**AVAILABLE DAILY**

Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes. Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements



GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

Catering provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust. All products are locally sourced wherever possible. All food is cooked fresh on the school site each day.



## MENU WEEK 2



### ALLERGEN KEY

1. Celery
  2. Gluten
  3. Crustaceans
  4. Eggs
  5. Fish
  6. Lupin
  7. Milk
  8. Molluscs
  9. Mustard
  10. Peanuts
  11. Sesame
  12. Soybeans
  13. Sulphites
  14. Tree nuts
- A/F Allergen Free

MONDAY	Pepperoni Pizza 2, 7 	Cheese Pin Wheel 2, 7 	Wedges & Salad A/F	Strawberry Mousse 7 
TUESDAY	BBQ Chicken With Rice 2 	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice A/F 	Mixed Vegetables A/F 7	Apple Cake 2, 4, 7 
WEDNESDAY	Sausage Roast & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7 	Cheese and Bean Parcel 2, 7 	Roast Potatoes & Carrots and Broccoli A/F	Fruit Crumble With Custard 7 
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Pasta 2, 7 	Vegetable Noodles 2, 4, 12 	Sweetcorn A/F	Lemon Drizzle Cake 2, 4, 7 
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5 	Baked Potato BBQ Beans/ Cheese 7 	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Selection Of Pudding



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# Summer Term Lunch Menu

Coming Soon!



## Week 1

<b>MONDAY</b>	Cheesy Pasta 2, 7	Cheese Pizza 2, 7 ✓	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Chocolate Brownie 2, 7
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pasta Bolognaise	Plant balls in Tomato sauce 2 ✓	Peas & Garlic bread A/F	Fruit Jelly 2, 4, 7
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Vegetarian Parcel 2, 7 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Apple Crumb Cake 2, 4
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chicken Focaccia 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels 2, 7 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Vanilla Shortbread A/F
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers 2, 5	Vegan Fingers 2 ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

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## Week 2

<b>MONDAY</b>	Cheese and Tomato Bake 2, 7	Pinwheels Beans & Cheese 2, 7 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Strawberry Mousse 7
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Beef Burger 2, 7	Veggie Burger 2, 7 ✓	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Jamican Ginger Cake & Custard 2, 4, 7
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Turkey Roast & Stuffing 2, 4, 7	Quorn Sausage Roast 2, 7 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Shortbread 2, 7
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chicken Curry 2, 7	Creamy Chickpea Coconut Curry 2, 4, 12 ✓	Mix Vegetables A/F	Citrus Drizzle Cake 2, 4, 7
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Cookie 2

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