

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher
Update



Issue 78

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a really busy term and this week has also been a packed few days! KS2 House Point winners Widdowson went on a cinema trip and saw the film 'Kangaroo' (I bet you can't work out what the film was about!). We are now currently planning a treat for KS1 members of Widdowson House. I wanted to thank all parent helpers who join staff and children on school visits - your help is always really appreciated and a lot of our visits could not happen without you.



Today Zafirah in Curie Class and Scarlett in Donaldson Class won the attendance competition. For every 'unbroken' week this term (a week where the child has attended for five days) each child receives one 'golden ticket'. This way everyone has a chance of winning but the children with a higher number of unbroken weeks have a greater chance. If any of your children have missed time off school for evidenced medical appointments, they are still included in the competition. The winners each received a £25 voucher for Smyths Toys whilst their parents received a £25 Costa voucher to have a coffee on us! The competition will take place again next term.

There has been lots of Easter activities this week including making chocolate nests which looked delicious! We have lots planned for the summer term which always culminates in the Year 6 production which is always something the whole school looks forward to.



As we approach the Summer term, we wanted to provide you with a brief overview of the statutory assessments that your children may be taking part in. We know that the word "assessment" can sometimes cause a little anxiety, but please be assured that these are a standard part of school life designed to help us understand how best to support your child's learning journey.

The statutory assessments taking place this Summer term are:

- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) - Reception
- Taking place between April and June, teachers will complete this profile to assess each child's development against the Early Learning Goals. It is primarily based on everyday observations of your child learning and playing.
- Phonics Screening Check - Year 1
- Taking place in June, this short, light-touch check assesses your child's ability to decode and read words. (Note: Any Year 2 children who did not meet the standard in Year 1 will also take this check).
- Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) - Year 4
- Taking place over a two-week period in June, this is a quick, online assessment to check how fluently children can recall their times tables up to 12x12.
- Key Stage 2 SATs - Year 6
- Taking place in mid-May, these are formal assessments covering English (reading, grammar, punctuation, and spelling) and Mathematics.



(Please note: Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 are now non-statutory, which is why they are not included in this list).

If you have any questions or concerns relating to these assessments in the meantime, please do speak to your child's class teacher. They are always happy to discuss your child's progress, explain how the checks work in the classroom, and put your mind at ease.



Finally, we would like to thank the fabulous PSA for providing a lovely Easter egg for all children and staff!. They work so hard for the school community and I am sure there will be lots of happy children and staff taking their eggs home - I wonder how many Easter eggs going home will make it intact until Easter Sunday (or even until tomorrow for that matter!)

Have a lovely Easter everyone!



Mr. Haddock



Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already!
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PSA Updates

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THANK YOU!

This Term we have raised over £1250!

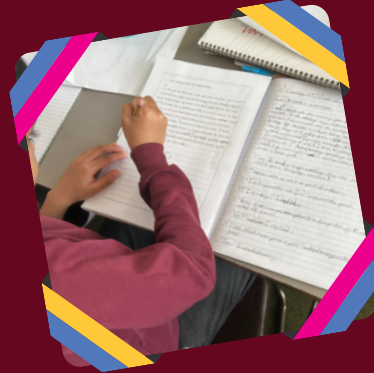
Friday 17th April PSA meeting 2pm at school looking for new helpers and ideas



Friday 15th May
Donation Mufti:
Snacks and Bottles



Happy Easter



Around our school
this week



Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
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
02.07.26	Year 1,2,3,4,5,&6	Sports Day
07.07.26	Reception	Sports Day

This 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

Next academic year

Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2026/27

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

Curriculum

Update - EYFS

N We have had a fun week this and have enjoyed tasting hot cross buns and we made yummy chocolate krispy nests in preparation for Easter. We also enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the garden!

After the Easter break, we will be moving on to our topic based on living things. We will be covering growing plants, stages of human life and baby animals.

Please can all children still bring a coat to Nursery for the time being. We spend a lot of our time outside and it can still be very chilly, especially in the morning.

We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term!



R What a fantastic and busy last week of term we have had in Reception! The children have been learning all about Easter and finished our transport topic off by reading Animal Airport in our reading sessions. The children have created some beautiful Easter cards for you all and their own chocolate nests to enjoy. We used our number knowledge to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt outside in the pen and count how many we found.

After the Easter holidays, we will begin our new topic called 'Mini beasts'. We will enjoy exploring different life cycles, habitats and have an exciting workshop which you should have received a letter about.

Thank you to everyone who put into our voluntary £3 donation for the resources in the classroom. This meant we were able to supply resources for play dough, the messy tray and our Easter chocolate nests.

Have a lovely break and we cannot wait to welcome you back for the Summer term!



Curriculum Update KS1

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We are so proud of how hard Year 1 children have been working, especially with their phonics, maths and English!

In English and story time, we looked at the book 'Good Little Wolf'. We used that story to help us discuss what makes a good wolf and how to make sure we are always doing the right thing ourselves!

In Maths, we have been recapping adding and subtracting number sums up to 20.

In Design and Technology, we have made our own windmill to help Mr Reader with the leaf mess. We designed a sketch and then made it using materials we thought would be suitable for a windmill.

We hope you have a restful break and see the children refreshed in Summer 1!

PE days next term:
Goodall - Tuesday & Thursday
Attenborough - Tuesday & Friday

In English, the children finished off their instructions to their own inventions! Well done to the children for coming up with some wonderful and wacky ideas!

We finished off our unit on multiplication and division this term (focussing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables).

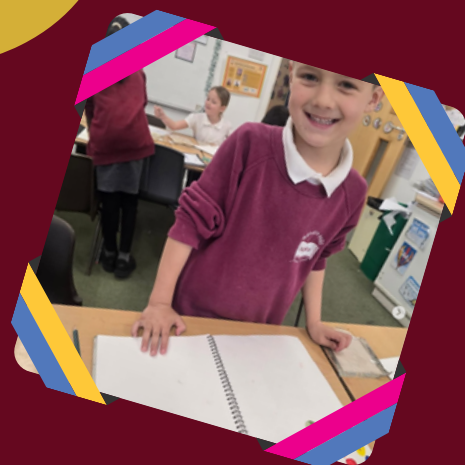
Next half term, we move onto measurement and fractions. We will start with looking at length and height. Perhaps they could start measuring objects (or people) in centimetres and metres during the half term to get started!

In DT, we designed and made our own gift boxes. Although they found putting the box together a bit tricky, they loved creating their own box for someone else.

In Science, we finished our unit, 'animals, including humans'. In our last lesson, the children learnt about influential scientist, Rachel Carson and enjoyed creating their own 'Save the Ocean' poster.

PE days - Summer Term
Ali & Owens Class - Mondays and Wednesdays

We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing the children when we return in the Summer Term!



Attendance and Punctuality this week

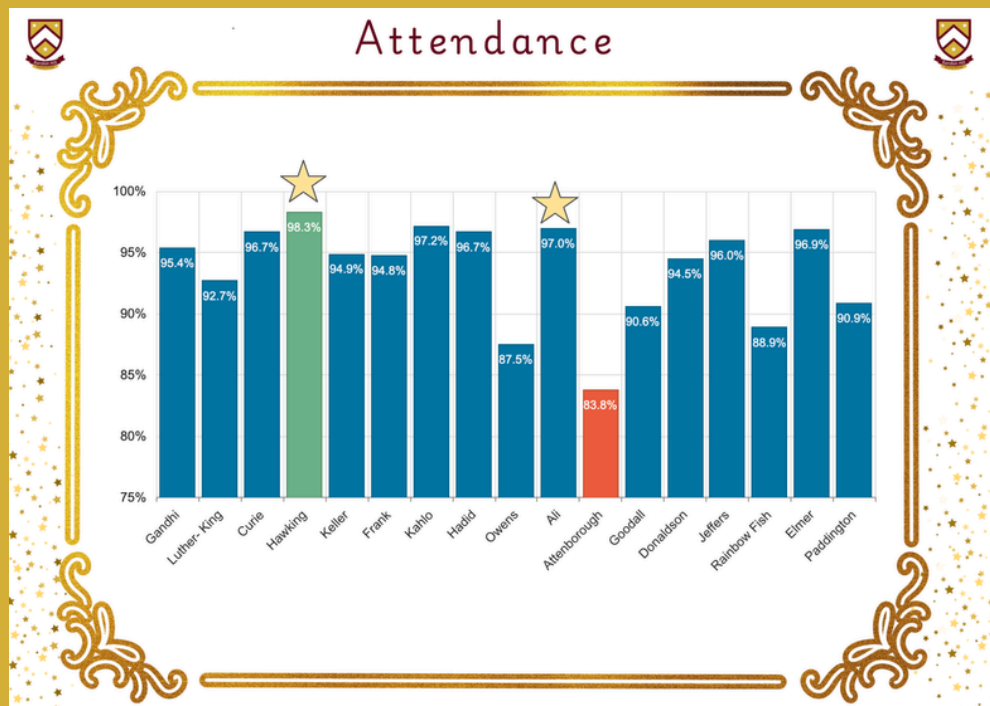


EYFS/KS1

Attendance: Ali 96%

KS2

Attendance: Hawking 98%



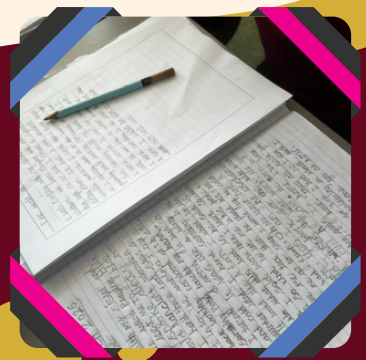
Curriculum Update KS2

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We've had a lovely final week of the half term in Year 3. Our Geography lessons have taken us through a range of topics around rivers over the last few weeks. We have been learning about what rivers are and how they are involved in the water cycle. We have also learned about the River Thames and other rivers in the UK. If you are taking a trip to London at all over Easter, perhaps you could take a look at our city's main river or even a boat trip on it?

We have spent this final week finishing our narratives based on "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". The children have worked really hard to make their narratives interesting and exciting to read by including a range of adjectives, similes, adverbs and inverted commas for speech.

As Easter is fast approaching, we have been looking at the Easter story in our RE lessons and learning why this is an important time of year for those of the Christian faith. A little reminder that children should not be bringing in little items like toys, badges, keyrings and things like this should not be given out to other children or swapped at school. They don't take toys out to play and they can become a distraction if brought into the classroom. We also don't want to see anyone getting upset if precious items get lost. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again in April!!



It has been an absolutely wonderful half term in Year 4! We have been so impressed by the children's curiosity as we journeyed back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya. From uncovering the secrets of their towering temples to learning about their clever inventions, it's been a historical highlight.

In Maths, we've had a fantastic time mastering fractions; the children have shown great resilience using hands-on tools to visualize parts of a whole. Our literary adventures took us to the jungles of Serendib as we studied *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*. Chaya's daring escapades sparked incredible discussions and inspired some truly brilliant descriptive writing. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term. We hope you have a restful break, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for even more excitement next half term!

PE days for Summer 1
Frank: Monday and Wednesday
Keller: Tuesday and Thursday



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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..

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or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



Curriculum Update KS2

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It has been a fantastic final week of the term for Year 5, filled with hands-on learning and seasonal excitement!

The highlight for many children this week was our Design and Technology day, where the children took on the role of bakers to knead and shape their very own bread rolls—we have loved seeing pictures of the final creations once baked at home!

In our other subjects, we have been tackling some significant topics: in Geography, we explored the complex impacts of climate change on our global environment, while in Science, we focused on the 'Senior' stage of the human life cycle, discussing the changes that occur as we grow older.

To top off a brilliant week, the children had a wonderful time burning off some energy during our festive Easter egg hunt.

It's been a busy and productive term, and the Year 5 team is incredibly proud of how hard everyone has worked.

Please note that for next half term, both classes will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Have a wonderful break!

We have had such a fantastic term with our Year 6s and we are looking forward to the excitement that the Summer Term will bring! The hard work and resilience that the children have shown over the term has been fantastic to see and we are so incredibly proud of them.

Over the week the children have been involved in an 'Easter Egg Heist'! Their task was to write a set of instructions to steal an Easter Egg from their teacher's desk without getting caught! Some innovative ideas were created but only a few were successful in the execution of the heist! Well done all!

During the Easter break, we would like the children to engage in some writing homework. On Thursday, a pack of resources was sent home with your child and we would expect the homework to be handed in as normal on the first Friday back after Easter. This homework will be formally marked with feedback provided by your child's class teacher.

PE days for Summer 1:

Gandhi - Monday and Friday
Luther-King - Monday and Thursday

We hope you have a restful break!



MCAS Updates



If you are not receiving notifications, try deleting the app and reinstalling it. Log in again and ensure notifications are turned on.

1. What do I need to use the MCAS App?

To use the MCAS App you will need access to a Smart Phone, Tablet, iPad or PC.

2. Where can I get the MCAS App?

You can find this on the App Store on an Apple device or Play Store on an Android device. If accessing on a PC you need to search www.mychildatschool.com.



3. I'm inputting a new password but MCAS won't accept it?

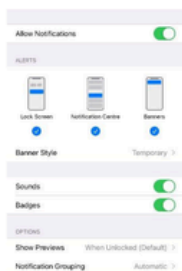
Passwords need to be a minimum of eight characters long and must contain a Capital letter, a number and a special character (i.e. !, ?, £).

4. My child at another school uses MCAS so I already have an account. Do I need to set up a new account?

No, you don't need to set up a new account. Parents with siblings already registered with MCAS just need to add their child on at login.

5. I am not receiving pop-up notifications?

Depending on what device you are using you would need to go Settings, Notifications, and activate for the MCAS App.



6. I am unable to change my personal details?

The only details which you are able to change on MCAS are: Address, Telephone Number and email. Any other details which you require to be changed (i.e. name) will need to be requested via the school office.

7. What do the colours mean on the Academic Calendar?

Green – normal school day
Yellow – school holiday
Red – school event

8. Can I send a message directly to my child's class teacher from the MCAS App?

No. If you send a message from the MCAS App this will be sent automatically to parents@stbedeacademy.org and will be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

9. What can I pay for using the MCAS App?

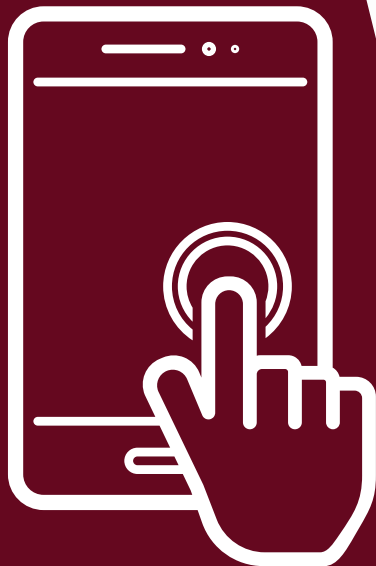
At the moment we can only receive payments for dinner money via the MCAS App. We need to do further work setting up the system to receive payments for other things, such as snack money and trip money, which need to continue being paid for by cash or cheque in the meantime.

10. Since I have signed up to MCAS I no longer receive emails from school, should I still be receiving emails?

No. When you sign up to MCAS, all communications sent from school are sent through Bromcom, which means you will receive the notification via the MCAS App. Please ensure that you have set your phone to receive notifications (see Question 5).

11. I don't want to use the MCAS App, how will I receive communications from school if I don't sign up?

Although we encourage as many parents as possible to use MCAS, if you would really prefer not to you will continue to receive communications via email. We also have other communication channels such as Twitter, Facebook and our school website.



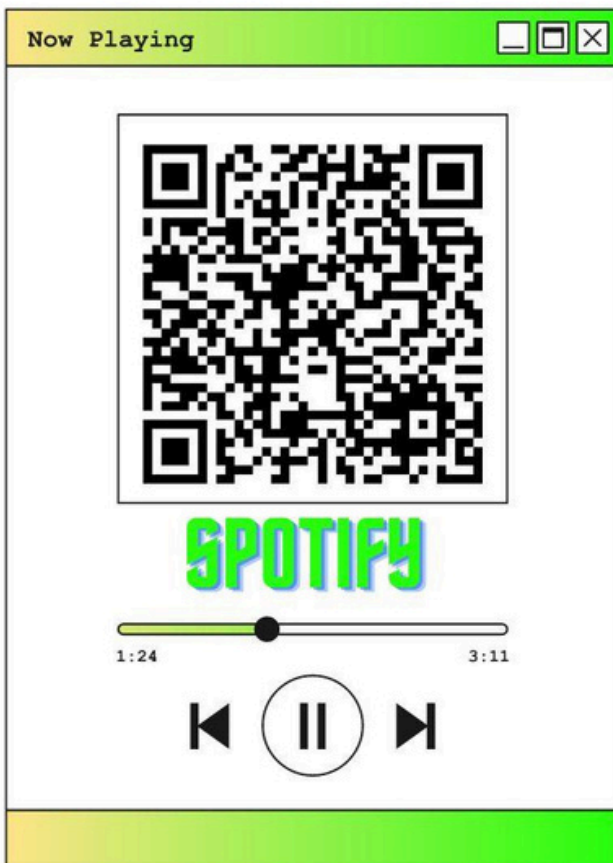
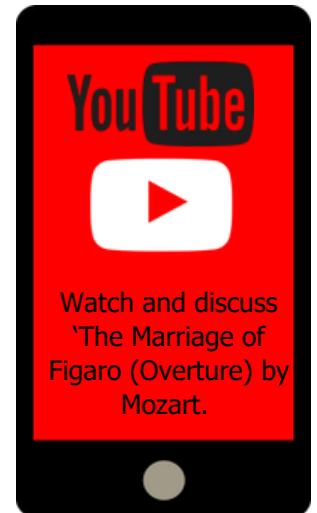


HOME INFORMATION



March's Musician of the Month

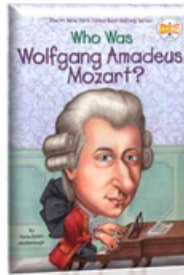
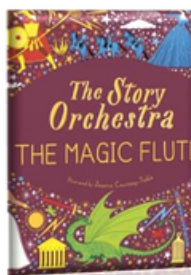
*Wolfgang
Amadeus Mozart*



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

thought
friend
work
touch
won
cheese



Year 2

Group 1: last, past, father, class,
grass, pass, plant, path, bath, rather

Group 2: his, big, bus, sun, but



Year 3

Group 1:
address, mention, arrive, occasionally, certainly,
probably, experience, reign, history, sentence

Group 2:

zoo, moon, boots, tool, food, soon, pool, spoon,
afternoon, boom

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



Year 4

Group 1: surprise, separate, group, height, potatoes,
though, particular, through, caught, woman

Group 2: address, mention, arrive, occasionally,
certainly, probably, experience, reign, history, sentence

Group 3: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, there, here, they



Year 5

Grp 1: accompany, communicate, conscience,
desperate, disastrous, interfere, nuisance, queue,
restaurant, rhythm

Grp 2: address, mention, arrive, occasionally, certainly,
probably, experience, reign, history, sentence

Grp 3: dad, day, do, don't, down, for



Year 6

Group 1: accommodate, definite, identity, queue,
knock, castles, designed, doubt, prey, ceiling

Group 2: address, mention, arrive, occasionally,
certainly, probably, experience, reign, history,
sentence



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

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.

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Week 1

MONDAY	Cheesy Pasta 2, 6	Cheese Pizza 2, 6	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Chocolate Brownie 2,3
TUESDAY	Pasta Bolognaise 2	Plant balls in Tomato sauce 2	Peas & Garlic bread A/F	Fruit Jelly A/F
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken Yorkshire 2, 4,	Vegetarian Parcel 2, 6	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Apple Crumb Cake 2, 4
THURSDAY	Chicken Focaccia 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels 2, 6	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Vanilla Shortbread 2
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers 2, 4	Vegan Fingers 2	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection pf Pudding

**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

Week 2

MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Bake 2, 6	Pinwheels Beans & Cheese 2, 6	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Strawberry Mousse 6
TUESDAY	Beef Burger 2,	Veggie Burger 2,	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Ginger Cake 2,6
WEDNESDAY	Turkey Roast Yorkshire 2, 3,6,	Quorn Sausage Roast 2, 6	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Shortbread 2, 6
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry 2, 6	Creamy Chickpea Coconut Curry 2, 12	Mix Vegetables Rice	Citrus Drizzle Cake 2, 3
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 4	Quorn Nuggets 2	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

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little bites for every future

ring provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust. All
facts are locally sourced wherever possible. All food is
red fresh on the school site each day.
are dedicated to minimizing our carbon footprint by
ily reducing food waste throughout our operations,
sourcing to serving. Through staff training, supplier
laboration, and customer engagement, we are
mitted to making a positive environmental impact.*

**GREENSHAW
LEARNING TRUST**

ALLERGEN KEY

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



Education
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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support
for parents of primary aged children
to support their child's common
worries and anxieties, or support
children's everyday challenging
behaviours.
Speak to your school to find out more.



**Encouraging Healthy Habits
in Children with Autism**

29TH APR 12.00PM-1.30PM

11TH May 7.00PM-8.30PM

**Supporting Primary School
Children with Toileting**

12TH May 1.30PM-3.00PM

Problems

**Understanding and
Managing Screen Time for
Primary School Children**

10TH Jun 7.00PM-8.00PM

11TH Jun 1.00PM-2.00PM