

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

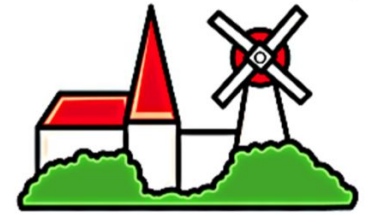
"Let your light shine..."



Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks have continued to be jam-packed, particularly for our Year 6 children, who completed their SATs before heading off on their residential. We were incredibly proud of the maturity and resilience the children showed throughout SATs week. It was wonderful to see the confidence and composure they demonstrated each day.

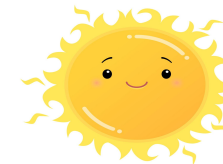
The residential was absolutely fantastic, with the children showing courage, enthusiasm and determination in every activity they took part in. From climbing, abseiling, stand-up paddleboarding and archery, to teamwork activities involving problem solving and survival skills, the children embraced every challenge with positivity and excitement. They had the best time and were truly a pleasure to take away. I think it is fair to say we had some very exhausted children – and adults – by Tuesday!

Today, we have thoroughly enjoyed our Flourish Together Day with our friends from High Halden. EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed a range of exciting activities including sports and crafts, while KS2 pupils at Woodchurch took part in sessions ranging from comic book creation to team-building challenges. The children have had a fantastic day and I would like to thank all the staff for planning such fun, creative and engaging activities.

Behind the scenes, staff have also been busily preparing for next term, planning exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum, organising trips, sports week activities and transition sessions. There is certainly lots to look forward to as we head towards the final part of the school year!

I would like to wish all of our families a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. Hopefully we will continue to see some warmer weather over the coming weeks and that everyone is able to enjoy some well-deserved time together.

Best wishes,
Mrs Ridley





Celebration Awards



Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Kade

Rabbit Class: Jack

Woodpecker Class: Florence G

Blackbird Class: Arthur

Fox Class: Evie

Squirrel Class: Jed B

Owl Class: Whole Class

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Merlin

Rabbit Class: Daisy-May

Woodpecker Class: Nancy

Blackbird Class: Miley

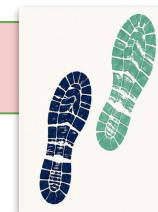
Fox Class: Beatrice

Squirrel Class: Ronnie

Owl Class: Louis

Diary Dates

Friday 22 May	End of Term 5
Monday 1 June	Inset Day (no children)
Tuesday 2 June	Start of Term 6
Saturday 6 June	Woodchurch Carnival Day
Sunday 7 June	Steps for Huxley - Woodchurch Green 2-4pm
Friday 12th June	Pyjamarama - Click here to donate
Monday 15-19 June	Sports Week
Tuesday 16-18 June	Yr 6 Bikeability
Friday 19 June	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 June	Yr 2 School Trip
Friday 26 June	Yr 5 School Trip
Monday 29 June	Yr 4 Egyptian Workshop
Friday 3 July	Inset Day (no children)
Sunday 5 July	FOWSA Colour Run
Wednesday 15 July	Yr 4 School Trip



We are really excited to share the PE and new Forest School session information for Term 6.

On PE days, children may come to school in their PE kit. On Forest School days, children should wear clothes and shoes they do not mind getting dirty and which are appropriate for the weather.

Please also send their school uniform in a bag on Forest School days in case they get wet or muddy and need to change.

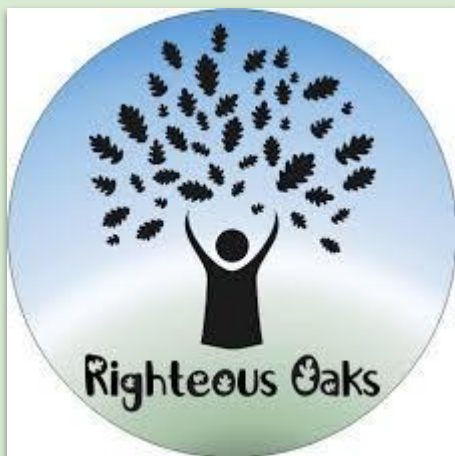
Please could the Year 1 & 6 parents click on the below links for forest school consent:

Year 1 - Please complete the consent form as soon as possible using the link [here](#)

Year 6 - Please complete the consent form as soon as possible using the link [here](#)

FOREST SCHOOL IS NOW BACK TO WEDNESDAYS

Below is the timetable for Term 6:



Class	Forest School	PE
Reception		Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Monday & Friday
Year 2		Thursday & Friday
Year 3		Monday & Friday
Year 4		Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5		Tuesday & Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Tuesday



We will remind you of these days via Class Dojo and will inform you of any changes due to weather or staffing as needed.



ROOTS TO FOOD

Active Education in Health & Wellbeing



We are excited to let you know that all classes will be taking part in Roots to Food workshops in June.

During the workshop, the children will be cooking an Indian-inspired dish and learning more about food, ingredients and cooking skills.

The workshops will take place on:

Wednesday 3rd June

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Thursday 4th June

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Please ensure that the school office has the most up-to-date information about any allergies or dietary requirements.

Attendance

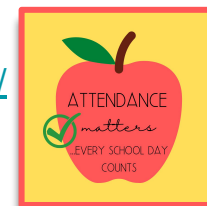
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.6%	94.8%	94%	94.3%	94.9%	94.4%	94.5%

Whole school attendance: 94.2%

The DfE has asked schools to share the following guidance with families. Please do ensure you have a read through as it might help you in the future:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



What we encourage...

We believe it is vitally important for children to attend school regularly and punctually. This will give them the best opportunity to progress and achieve their full potential. Good attendance and punctuality will also encourage children to become responsible and resilient individuals, which will serve them well in their future working lives.

Every child, in line with the Government's expectations, is expected to maintain a high level of attendance (at least 95%). We hope that you appreciate how crucial good school attendance is to your child's progress, achievement and chances in life and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child's attendance is the very best it can be.

Benefits of good school attendance

Children with good attendance:

- Feel happier and gain in confidence
- Achieve more academically and keep up with work more easily
- Develop well socially and find it easier to make and keep friends
- Establish good educational habits and routines at an early age
- Are able to make a positive contribution to school life in general
- Are much more settled into school life.
- LEARN!

All of these are important life skills for your child



♥ Woodchurch Carnival – Saturday 6th June 🎉

We're excited to be joining this year's Woodchurch Carnival with the theme "All You Need is Love" 💕 and would love families to join our walking float!

📍 Meet at The Green

🕒 12:00pm (parade starts 12:30pm)

Please wear red or pink 💕💖 and feel free to add fun "love"-themed accessories like hearts, flowers or sparkles ✨ We are also hoping to have some of our choir children perform in the arena at 3:00pm.

Please complete the form below to let us know:

- ✅ If your family will attend the parade
- ✅ If your child can perform with the choir

👉 <https://forms.gle/YGZEhePNjK4MwBuQA>



WOODCHURCH CARNIVAL

Woodchurch Green
6 JUNE 2026 from noon

FUNFAIR - PARADE - GAMES
FOOD & DRINK - DOG SHOW
MUSIC - PERFORMANCES -
SHOPPING - COMPETITIONS

📷  www.woodchurchcarnival.uk  

David Attenborough's Birthday

We had a fantastic morning celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a whole school walk, a shared snack and a special group photo to mark the occasion.

A huge thank you to Wade from our Woodchurch community, who used his drone to capture some incredible aerial photos and created an amazing video of our school community forming the number "100" together.

Check out the link below to see the brilliant footage!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X3ADUR8OupkuunWnLWN4CAGEWB2X8CyU/view?usp=drive_link



BATTING FOR HUXLEY

10 year old Huxley is part of our All Stars and Dynamos kids cricket family and is currently fighting cancer.

Become one of Huxley's Heroes and join us for an evening of fun to raise money for life saving treatment.

FRIDAY 29TH MAY FROM 5PM

STONE-IN-OXNEY CRICKET CLUB ♦ TN30 7JL ♦ GAMES
FAMILY CRICKET ♦ BBQ ♦ BAR ♦ RAFFLE ♦ MUSIC

 gofundme



Everyone welcome bring your family & friends!

Your support truly makes a difference.



BATTING FOR HUXLEY RAFFLE PRIZES

EUROSTAR TICKET PAINTBALLING TICKETS FOR 10 PEOPLE
NIGHT IN A SHEPHERD'S HUT RUMBLE WRESTLING TICKETS
HELL4LEATHER KIDS CRICKET BAT PADEL LESSON
WORLD OF WATER BREAKFAST FOR 2 KIDS GOLF LESSON
WEEKEND FAMILY TICKET FOR TRACTORFEST 2026
KENT CRICKET TICKETS ESTÉE LAUDER GIFT SET

VOUCHERS FROM GENEROUS FRIENDS AT:
HAIR AT FIFTEEN THE FERRY INN THE SALON ST MICHAELS
THE OLD POST OFFICE CAFÉ CHLOE'S CAKES & BAKES
RIGHTEOUS OAKS FOREST SCHOOL LYDD GOLF CLUB
PLURENDEN MANOR FARM BALFOUR SALON NO.1
KNIGHTINGALES FISHING HWS PHYSIOTHERAPY
JUMP KENT MR CRICKET HOCKEY BEAUTY ROOMS
ROCKITS SENSORY THE DUKE'S HEAD THE SALON RYE

£10 FOR 5 TICKETS

AVAILABLE OUTSIDE SCHOOL 2.45PM-3.10PM
MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 11TH MAY-22ND MAY

SPONSORED WALK

STEPS

for **HUXLEY**



SUNDAY
7 JUNE



2-4PM



MEETING POINT:
WOODCHURCH
VILLAGE GREEN





Small steps. Big difference. 

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A REAL IMPACT 

Steps for Huxley

As a school community, we are coming together to support a family connected to our school whose son, Huxley, is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Huxley is 10 years old and should be in Year 5. He has been receiving treatment and care at The Royal Marsden Hospital, but the next stage of his treatment will require private funding.

To support Huxley and his family, FOWSA are organising a sponsored walk on Sunday 7th June for our children, families/carers and friends   Everyone is welcome to join in, while helping raise vital funds. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer or responsible adult.

It is free to take part, but we are asking that each participating child raises a minimum of £5 in sponsorship, with any additional sponsorship very gratefully received. Every step taken and every pound raised will help make a real difference.

 100% of funds raised will go directly towards supporting Huxley's treatment.

If you are planning to take part, please register your details so we have an idea of numbers:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QsK92K6DnM>

Sponsor forms can be collected from the School Office.

We are grateful for your sensitivity in sharing and talking about Huxley's story with care and respect for the family's privacy as they navigate this extremely difficult time.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

Governor update

At the recent Federation Governing Body meeting, governors reviewed a number of important priorities across both schools. Membership of the governing body was discussed, including current vacancies, and governors encouraged anyone interested in supporting the schools to look out for the adverts on Kent Teach or share them with others who may be interested.

Governors reviewed and updated the Governing Body Action Plan for the year ahead, including a focus on "greener governance" and sustainability. Safeguarding updates from both schools were also shared, alongside wider contextual updates and discussions around current priorities and developments.

Attendance remained an important focus, with governors exploring attendance data in detail, particularly around persistent absence, and discussing the support in place for pupils and families. Governors also reviewed the Federation Improvement Plan and received feedback from recent governor monitoring activities, asking questions about trends, progress, and ongoing school improvement work.

As part of their ongoing development, governors reflected on the characteristics of an effective Church of England school and how these are lived out across the federation. Governors also received an introduction to school finance from the Executive Headteacher and Federation Business Manager, including an overview of the three-year budgets for both schools. Governors thanked Mrs Harling-Brown for her hard work in preparing these budgets and supporting the federation's financial planning.



Wear your pyjamas to school on this day and donate £1 to the Book Trust. Children are welcome to wear their slippers but we suggest bringing these in a separate bag to change into. To donate please click this page.

Mrs De-Keyzer will lead worship in the morning to share more about Pyjamarama day and why we celebrate it here in school.

Throughout the day, the children will be fully immersed in everything story and reading!

Look out on our dojo pages to see what we all get up to in our classes.



 BookTrust

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Welcome to Pyjamarama!

GO
ALL
IN.

National Year of
Reading 2026

“Let your light shine...”



Woodchurch CE Primary School

What is Pyjamarama?

Pyjamarama is an event where children around the country – at school, nursery or at home – spend a day in pyjamas to help raise money so every child can experience the benefits of reading. Pyjamarama will take place this year on [Friday 12th June](#).

Why are we running it?

At BookTrust, we want to get every child reading. The last few years have seen the disadvantage gap grow and there’s never been a more urgent time to make sure children in the greatest need don’t miss out on the life-changing benefits of reading.

Share a story

Each class will get the opportunity to hear a different adult from around school read to them through the day! Who will you get?



Each pupil will take part in the pyjamarama day scavenger hunt. Who will find everything on the list?

BookTrust

Pyjama Rama

£25



could provide 10 disadvantaged families with newborns with their very first books

£50



could provide 6 families from deprived communities with additional support through their children's centre to develop confidence in reading

£100



could help us work with a struggling secondary school to support teenagers to re-engage with reading



We look forward to seeing as many of you in your pyjamas or comfy clothes ready for this special celebration!



Please only donate if you can, the children can still join in with our day and wear their pyjamas. If you find it easier to donate electronically there will be a just giving page you can use to donate too.



Go and listen to a story read by one of our teachers at 2PM. Ask your teacher which stories are being read and sign up to one! Which story will you choose?

Join us for a **Pyjamarama Evening!**

Come back to school from **5:30 - 6:30 PM** for **Stories in the Hall!**

Mrs Ridley Reads a Story!

Sharing Our Own Stories!

Wear your Pyjamas, Bring your Teddies & Snuggly Blankets!

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

★ Bring your Own Books if you Want to!

FOWSA Update

Just like that, Term 5 has ended! As we break for half term, we just wanted to share a couple of reminders of some upcoming events.

We'd also like to give a warm welcome to our new committee member, Clare, who is joining the PTA as Treasurer. Clare's daughter, Ella, is in Reception and we're delighted to have her on board.



 *Sunday 7 June – Steps for Huxley Fundraiser*

We'll be raising crucial funds to help support Huxley's treatment with a sponsored walk taking place on Sunday 7 June. Join us for a short 2k walk across the fields in Woodchurch and help support this important cause.

It's free to attend but we ask that you raise a minimum sponsorship of £5.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QsK92K6DnM>

 *Sunday 5 July – Colour Run*

Our biggest event of the year is back! Bring the whole family along for a fun-filled afternoon of colour, music, food, drinks and lots of colour. We can't wait to see everyone there.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RUAXKk2a4e>

Have a lovely half term break and enjoy the sunshine!



KENT ART COMPETITION

THE KENT COUNTY SHOW
With Trail Blazers
FOR AGES 4-11

Create a piece of art inspired by farming or the countryside and have your artwork on display at the Kent County Show, 3-5 July 2026.

EVERY ENTRANT will receive one free child and one free adult ticket to The Kent County Show at Detling Showground.

1st Prize: Win a Trail Blazers Fishing Party or Forest Adventure Experience for you and 9 friends
2nd Prize: Receive a one to one fishing lesson and a two day fishing pass at a Trail Blazers Lake
3rd Prize: Win a family ticket to Biddenden Tractorfest for two adults and two children for the 15th or 16th August

ENTER BY 26th JUNE TO BE IN WITH YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Can you spare 2-3 hours a week to help a family in need?

Home-Start matches each individual volunteer with a family who is struggling. We offer a comprehensive preparation course and ongoing supervision and support. If you have experience of family life then please get in touch!

Contact us today to find out more
volunteers@home-start-ashford.co.uk

HOME START
Ashford & District

SELLINGE SOCIAL OPEN DAY

SAT 23RD MAY
12-5

LIVE MUSIC, STALLS, AND INFLATABLES

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE

TENNIS, BOWLS AND FOOTBALL OPEN FOR ALL

GREAT FREE FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sellinge Sports & Social Club
Find out more about our tennis club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DavidWeller>

NHS North East London NHS Foundation Trust

OSI Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

Being away from caregivers | General worries | School worries | Bedtime fears | Social worries | Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections) | & more

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

HOW TO ACCESS OSI

If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

We are kind. We are respectful. We work together with our communities.

1ST SHADOXHURST WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER

Skills for life
Help shape the future of our Scout Group!

Our Scout Group is run by volunteers, and the Treasurer plays a vital role in helping us manage our finances and make the most of every penny for our Cubs and Scouts.

ABOUT THE ROLE

- The Treasurer oversees the group's finances, ensuring we are well organised, transparent and financially healthy.
- You'll work with the Trustee Board and Group Lead Volunteer to plan, monitor and report on our finances.
- It's a key role that helps our amazing volunteers provide great opportunities for young people.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Managing income and expenditure
- Keeping accurate financial records and budgets
- Making payments and tracking income
- Preparing reports for Trustee Board meetings
- Ensuring we comply with charity and Scouting financial guidelines
- Working with others - you won't be on your own!

NO PREVIOUS SCOUTING EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
Support and guidance will be provided, and full training is available.

Behind the scenes, you'll help us make a big difference!

INTERESTED? WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?
Please get in touch - we'd love to hear from you!

Group Scout Leader Jack
07845 703 946
jack@darge.co.uk

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

Build skills. Make friends. Have fun.
Scouting helps young people grow in confidence and try new things.

BEAVERS 6-8 YEARS
NEW BEAVER COLONY STARTING SEPTEMBER!

cubs 8-10.5 YEARS

JOIN CUBS!
Adventure, teamwork and skills for life.

CAMPING | EXPLORING | TEAMWORK | CHALLENGES

CUBS MEET EVERY TUESDAY 6-7PM

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!
Try a taster session - new members always welcome.

CONTACT US
Jack - Group Scout Leader
Jack@darge.co.uk
07845 703 946

1ST SHADOXHURST SCOUT HALL
HORNASH LANE
TN26 1HT

Scouts
Do more. Share more. Be more.

APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2026
NOURISH



SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

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

Beef Bolognese Pasta **1**
Cheese & Pesto Swirl **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

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

Carrots
Mixed Peppers

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

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy **6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Cabbage
Swede

Fruit Jelly **VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

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

Rice
Green Beans
Carrots

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

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

Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas
Coleslaw **9**

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

WEEK TWO

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

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

Baked Wedges,
Carrots,
Peas

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

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

Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Summer Trifle **1,7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Samosa Puff **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli
Carrots

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

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

Rice
Tomato Salsa
Green Beans

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

Salmon Fish Cake **1,8**
Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips,
Peas,
Grated Carrot

Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK THREE

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

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

Rice
Peas
Mixed Peppers

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

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

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

BRUNCH
Pork Sausage & Bacon **1,3,6**
Or Vegetable Sausage **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Brunch Hash Potatoes
Baked Beans
Mushrooms & Tomatoes

Fruit Jelly **VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw **9**

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

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

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

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

Primary 3

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads **9**, Homemade Bread **1,3**. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE
DAILY

