

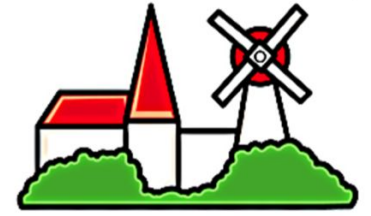
Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 3

3 October 2025

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Woodchurch CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe how quickly this term is flying by – and what a busy and enriching couple of weeks it's been! We've packed in a whole host of wonderful events and experiences. Our Harvest Festival was a true celebration, with the children speaking so confidently and singing beautifully – and we're so grateful for your generous donations. A big thank you also goes to everyone who baked or contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning, helping us raise nearly £100 for such a vital cause. We also marked European Day of Languages, where the children were immersed in a variety of languages through fun and creative activities. Kindness Week has brought a special atmosphere to our school, with stories, circle times, and thoughtful activities all focused on the importance of being kind – you'll see some lovely examples of this later in the newsletter.

We've also been delighted to welcome prospective EYFS families for tours of our school over the past few weeks. It's always a pleasure to show visitors the warm, vibrant, and nurturing environment created by our dedicated staff and wonderful children. If you know any families with children due to start school in September 2026, please do encourage them to book a personalised tour – we'd love to show them all that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Looking ahead, our teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you at next week's Parent Meetings. These will be a great opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into their class and how they're developing so far this term.

We hope you are enjoying our new school website. To help everyone get the most out of it, each newsletter we'll be shining a spotlight on a different section of the site. This week, we're highlighting the [Class Pages](#). These pages include a range of resources to help you keep up to date with your child's learning and find out more about what's happening in class. Why not take a look and explore?

Warm wishes,
Mrs Ridley
Head of school



Celebration Awards



Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class:

Rabbit Class: Maddie

Woodpecker Class: Ivy

Blackbird Class: Lillie

Fox Class: Viola

Squirrel Class: Huxley

Owl Class: Lily-Anne

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Max

Rabbit Class: Monty

Woodpecker Class: Bella




Blackbird Class: Iris

Fox Class: Isaac

Squirrel Class: Elija

Owl Class: Robyn

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th October	Parents Evenings Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm Thursday 5-7.30pm	
Friday 10 October	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day - Non-uniform wear yellow in exchange for a donation	
Monday 13 October	Flu Vaccinations (click here to consent)	
Friday 17 October	Show Racism the Red Card Non-uniform with a red theme in exchange for a donation	
	FOWSA Autumnal Bake Sale	
	Last Day of Term 1	
Monday 27 October	First Day of Term 2	
Friday 31 October	FOSWA Glow Disco	
Thursday 6 November	New EYFS (starting sept 2026) Open Evening - 6pm	



FOWSA run a second hand uniform shop offering a low cost, more sustainable option. Second hand items are in good used condition and are priced at £1.

The school page is here:

https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/school/Woodchurch_Church_of_England_Primary_School/10994

When you have placed your order you will receive a message asking you to confirm if you wish to collect from the school office or have your items given to the child to bring home. You will receive email notification for the message so please check your junk mail.

FOWSA will endeavour to have your item(s) ready within 3 school days.



Attendance

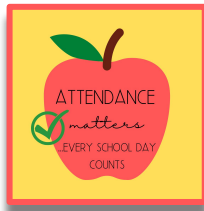
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
93.7%	93.9%	94.7%	95%	97.1%	93%	95.8%

Whole school attendance: 94.8%

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




My RUN Cross-Country – Key Reminders

 **17** Date: Tuesday 7th October

 Location: The Spearpoint, The Ridge, Kennington, Ashford TN24 9ET

 Transport: Parents/carers must provide transport to and from the event

 Arrival Time: By 10:30am

 Kit: Come in PE kit, ready to run

 Packed Lunch: Needed for Years 5 & 6

 Race Start: Approx. 11:00am

 Families welcome to watch!

Volunteers

We would love to welcome parent helpers into Hedgehog Class this year. Your support makes a huge difference, whether it's listening to children read, helping with art and craft activities, or supporting small groups on trips and outings. If you have some time to spare, even just an hour a week, we would be very grateful for your help.

Please let us know if you are interested and we can arrange a time that works best for you.

Thank you,

Ms Van Wyk

Family First Aid Course



Kent Family Learning courses and workshops are free, parents, carers and grandparents, who are aged 19 years and above and who live in Kent and are intended to help create a better family life.

"Family First Aid" – a vital course designed to equip families with life-saving skills in managing incidents involving illness or injury. Whether it's a minor scrape or a more serious medical emergency, this course provides essential knowledge and practical techniques to help families respond effectively until medical help arrives.

07/10/2025 at 1pm–3pm at Woodchurch Primary.

Please book a space:

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/courses/family-first-aid-as-h152228qpf/>

 Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day 

On Friday 10th October, we'll be taking part in Hello Yellow to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Children are invited to wear something yellow to show support and help spread a little sunshine!

In school, we'll be talking to the children about how we can look after our mental health, express our feelings, and support each other with kindness. It's a great opportunity to remind everyone that it's okay not to be okay, and that we're never alone.

Year 2 Local Area Walk

Year 2 became explorers this week by seeing what features we could spot in the village that might be significant to help us with our Geography project 'From Woodchurch to Tocuaro'. We had great fun discussing lots of interesting features such as the windmill, the water pump and the Old Model Shop!



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Kindness Week!



This week we have been promoting that it is good to be kind to support the NSPCC's Kindness challenge to raise awareness of the importance of this charity.

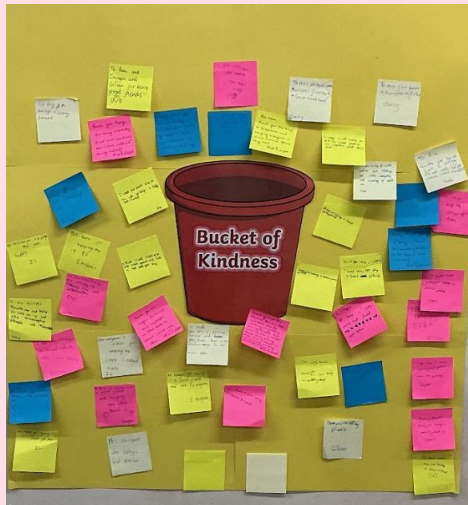
All classes have been busy exploring stories, different activities around kindness and completing their own acts of kindness around school.



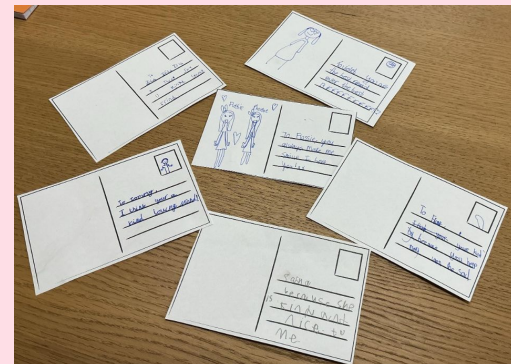
Year 2 shared a story about how to show kindness to others.



Hedgehogs made friendship bracelets.



Owls wrote kindness comments for their classmates and staff.



Year 4 have been writing each other kindness postcards!



EYFS & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop



Friday 31st October



2-3PM in the School Annex



Please come along to learn more about how to support your child with their phonics and reading at home.



I hope to see lots of you there!

Mrs De-Keyzer



In loving memory of Mrs Priest



WOODCHURCH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHINE BRIGHT FILM NIGHT

£5

16TH OCTOBER 4:15PM-6:30PM

JOIN US FOR A COSY EVENING

★ “Shine Bright” Film Night

As part of our plans to celebrate the life of our dear colleague, Mrs Emma Priest and help us all remember her, we are planning a small event to raise funds for a new stage lighting system in our school hall. This will be a lasting tribute to her love of the performing arts, giving children the chance to shine in future plays, nativities, and concerts.

✨ “Shine Bright” Film Night

We warmly invite your child to join us for a film evening in the school hall on Thursday 16th October. We'll be showing *Matilda the Musical*, and to make it extra cosy, children are welcome to come in their pyjamas, and bring cushions and blankets if they wish. Doors will open at 4:15pm, with the film starting at 4:30pm. We ask that you collect your child at 6:30pm.

Tickets are £5 each, which includes popcorn and a drink. All proceeds will go directly to our Performing Arts Fund in memory of Mrs Priest. Tickets are on sale now via ParentMail.

We hope to see as many children as possible for this special event. If you can't make the event or wish to donate to the fund, please feel free to do so, via the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

FOWSA Update

We hope you are well. It's definitely feeling very autumnal now!

✨ Glow Disco – Tickets on Sale Now!

The event will take place on Friday 31st October in the school hall, with two sessions:

EYFS & KS1: 3.15–4.15pm

KS2: 4.30–5.30pm

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and there will also be a tuck shop available- please bring some cash.

Fancy dress optional. Dancing shoes essential! We hope you can join us!

We're excited to share details of an additional activity this side of Christmas. Professional photographer and school mum, Mareen McCommas, will be offering Christmas-themed family portraits at school on one weekend day in November. Think inviting festive backgrounds and props – a perfect keepsake and for sending to family and friends. More information to follow soon.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, ideas, or if you'd like to get involved.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead, Your FOWSA Committee, Danielle, Ela and Emma

WOODCHURCH PUMPKIN FUN!

Join in by creating your FUN pumpkin
&/or

Join in by finding Pumpkins from 25th Oct!



- 1) Create a 'blooming' pumpkin planter or carve a fun illuminated pumpkin
- 2) Place it in front of your house by 25th October
- 3) Find your favourites around the Village & share on WIB fb page or drop a note into the HUB!

HAVE FUN BEING CREATIVE!

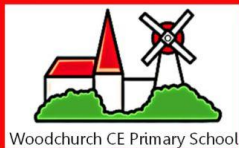
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GLOW DISCO

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER
EYFS & KS1: 3.15- 4.15
KS2: 4.30- 5.30

£5.50 / TICKET

INCLUDES HOT DOG, DRINK & SNACK
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE



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Start Your Child's Journey With Us!

At Woodchurch C of E Primary School, we provide a warm, inspiring, and nurturing start for your child. Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) offers play-based learning, a caring environment and endless opportunities to grow.

Open Evening

Thursday 6th November at 6:00 PM

Join us for an informative and welcoming evening to meet our team, see our setting, and learn more about our EYFS curriculum.

Personalised tours throughout October & November

A tour tailored to you and your child

CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK A PERSONALISED TOUR
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Woodchurch Early Explorers

A fun story & song session for children starting Reception in September 2026.

📖 Stories & songs

💛 Meet staff & families

🏠 Explore Woodchurch Primary

🌟 Come and experience our school community!

Thursday 30th October @ 9.30am

Wednesday 5th November @ 9.30am

Tuesday 11th November @ 2.45pm

Monday 17th November @ 2.45pm

Please let the school office know if you can attend.

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ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

ROCK STEADY

IGNITE THEIR SELF-BELIEF

- Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- Exam-free. Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE

0330 715 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate) rocksteadymusicsschool.com

ROCK STEADY

LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC IN A BAND THAT'S FOR EVERYONE.

Choose from: Keyboard, guitar, bass, drums or vocals.

Inclusive and hassle-free!
Takes place in school. Instruments provided and no experience necessary!

Taught by professional musicians
Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

Progress at their own pace
Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

Have fun and learn by playing
Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

Much more than music
Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

End every term on a high note
Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

"Her confidence has grown so much, it has helped her in all aspects of her life." - Louise

"My son actually wants to go to school on his Rocksteady days! It has given him an alternative to academic learning." - Michelle

"I've seen him flourish socially and have friends across the year group." - Bekki

£4.48 per month (no payment in August). **Money back guarantee for the first month. Cancel at any time.**

START THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY

0330 715 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate) info@rocksteadymusicsschool.com

TRINITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Community Notice Board

MODEL FEST

AT THE MUSEUM 10am - 4pm

18TH-26TH OCTOBER 2025

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

A series of model displays including:

- WARHAMMER 40,000
- SCALEXTRIC
- BOLT ACTION

Usual Museum entrance prices apply, see webpage for more information

@RAF Manston History Museum
info@ramanston.co.uk

Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, weather conditions, mechanical breakdown or shortage of volunteers and/or exhibitors.

Talking Walk ins

Ashford

Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist or other staff.

Just turn up – no need to book!

If the session is very busy, it might not be possible for everyone to speak to a speech and language therapist. On these occasions you can speak to one of our assistants who can signpost you to an alternative date if needed.

These sessions are only for families with pre-school-aged children. The service also runs in other parts of Kent.

Family hubs	Day/session
The Willow Family Hub, Spoonfields Road, Ashford, Kent. TN13 4ST Tel: 03000 418800	1st Thurs of month Time: 9.30-11.00am 3rd Friday of the month: 1.30-3.00pm
Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Ashford, Kent. TN12 2SQ Tel: 03000 418700	3rd Weds of month Time: 1.00-2.30pm
Rockhanger Family Hub, Belmont Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. TN24 9LS Tel: 03000 418600	4th Monday of month Time: 9.30-11.00am
Tenterden Family Hub, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden, Kent. TN30 8BA Tel: 03000 418400	5th Wednesday of the month (when occurs) Time: 1.00-2.30pm

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or involve you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service. They run in school holidays, but not on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year. Check the Ashford Family Hubs Facebook page for updates.

Kent Family Hub NHS

Kent's No.1 for Kids Holiday Camps

Venture Camps deliver the very best in children's activity camps during the school holidays. Each day is different with themed activities that include Reef Battles, Make a Fort, Wacky Racers, Archery Tag, Assault Courses, Arts & Crafts and Inflatables; there's something for every child.

"Children are very excited to come into the camp. The staff are welcoming and ensure children settle and engage in activities as soon as they arrive. Children feel happy and safe as they interact with new and existing friends. They are keen to join in with the exciting range of activities on offer"

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Dates & Locations	Week 1	Week 2
Folkestone	Sandgate Primary School 20th - 24th Oct	
Ashford	The Wyvern School 20th - 24th Oct	27th - 31st Oct (at Godwin Primary week 2)
Canterbury	Simon Langton Boys 20th - 24th Oct	
Beardsted	Bpearsted Primary Academy 20th - 24th Oct	27th - 29th Oct (Mon - Wed)
Sandwich	Sir Roger Manwood's School 20th - 24th Oct	
Tenterden	Tenterden Infant & Juniors 20th - 24th Oct	27th - 29th Oct (Mon - Wed)

For children ages 4-11 (Schools years R - 6).

FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football camps that focus on the development of each individual child and the enjoyment of football. For ages 6-12 years. In Canterbury & Folkestone during the October half term. Max 20th - Wed 22nd October. Single day bookings available.

Camps days run from 9am - 4pm. Drop off from 8.30am at no extra charge. Childcare vouchers and Tax Free Childcare accepted. Book online; spaces fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Book for either a 3 day, 2 day or a full week camp!

Venture Camps run in Ashford (The Wyvern School) - Week 1, Godwin Primary - Week 2), Canterbury (Simon Langton for Boys), Folkestone (Sandgate Primary School), Beardsted (Beardsted Primary Academy), Sandwich (Sir Roger Manwood's School) and Tenterden (Tenterden Infant & Juniors).

For more information visit venturecamps.co.uk

07548 294 804 | info@venturecamps.co.uk

Venture camps

HOLIDAY CAMPS

OCTOBER 2025

Ofsted Approved

Ashford, Beardsted, Canterbury, Folkestone, Sandwich & Tenterden Themes, Multi-Activity & Sports

WACKY RACERS, NINJA WARRIOR, MAKE A FORT, Pirates, Arts & Crafts

Folkestone Model Railway Club

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ

Sat 4th & Sun 5th October 2025, 10am-5pm

ADULT (16+): £8, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £22

Supported by: accurascale, MINGS, FOOTPLATE

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TOTS & TALES

A LOVE FOR READING

A SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR AGES 2-4

STORYTIME • MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ARTS & CRAFTS • FUN LEARNING GAMES

MONDAYS (TERM-TIME ONLY)

9:30 - 10:30AM OR 11:00 - 12:00PM

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£8 PER SESSION OR £45 FOR 6 SESSIONS

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- UNDER 25 FREE WITH SIBLING
- SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
- ADULTS GO FREE

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BUILDING CONFIDENCE, LEARNED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS, LEARNING THROUGH PLAY, SOCIAL SKILLS

APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2025

BROW WITH US
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WEEKLY MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

21ST APRIL
12TH MAY
9TH JUNE
30TH JUNE
21ST JULY
1ST SEPTEMBER
22ND SEPTEMBER
13TH OCTOBER

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

Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas

Jammy Finger **1,6 VG**
& Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells **1,7**
Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Seasonal Vegetables

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

Sausage Roll & Gravy **1,6**
Quorn Sausage & Gravy **1VG**

Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans,
Carrots

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 Pasta **1**, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

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

Fish Fingers **1,8** or
Salmon Fish Cake **1,7,8**
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Baked Beans,
Diced Cucumber

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

WEEK TWO

28TH APRIL
19TH MAY
16TH JUNE
7TH JULY
8TH SEPTEMBER
29TH SEPTEMBER
20TH OCTOBER

Vegetable Nugget with Katsu Sauce
1VG
Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas

Vanilla Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Beef & Onion Pie **1**
Cheesy Pasta Twists **1,7 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli, Carrots

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

BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges
Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Cauliflower, Coleslaw **9**

Spiced Apple Focaccia **1,3 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Tuna Penne Pasta **1,7,8**
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

5TH MAY
2ND JUNE
14TH JULY
15TH SEPTEMBER
6TH OCTOBER

Pork & Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells **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**

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

Rice, Green Beans, Carrots

Peach Sponge **1VG** & Custard **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, Cabbage, Swede

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

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

Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers

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

Chicken Bites **1**
Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets **7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9**

Ginger Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

**AVAILABLE
DAILY**
Primary 3K

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.

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

WE ♥ VEGGIES

