



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

Family Bulletin



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. Firstly, I would like to thank families for understanding the new restrictions that the school have been placed under due to the new Omnicron variant. I will continue to write to families with updates. Many thanks to all those who have responded to our survey regarding remote learning preferences, this will help guide us in our preparations in the event of class closure.

Our attendance has been much improved this week with many children attending. Also, much fewer pupils have arrived late, meaning that all classes have had a much better start to the morning. We are very grateful for the continued support to address this current issue.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable weekend. The team and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,
Mr Milum



CLASS UPDATES



Dear Orchid families,

It has been lovely to welcome back Orchid class this week. We have begun our topic of Amazing Animals. We have started by looking at pets. The children had a brilliant whole class discussion about, what pets are, what kind of pet's people have, why certain animals aren't pets and finally told the class about the pets they have or pets a friend or family member has. I was very impressed with the respect they showed each other when listening.

The children have come back with the same amount of enthusiasm for writing, if not more! It has been wonderful to see them accessing the writing area and attempting to write CVC words independently.

In Maths we have been busy revisiting 10s frames. The children took part in an activity where they rolled a dice and then represented that number on the tens frame. I was impressed with how confidently they completed this task.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Miss Griffith





Hello Lavender families ,

It has been so lovely to have Lavender class back to start Term 3! And what a start it has been as we begin our topic of Amazing Animals! This week we have been thinking about pets discussing what kind of animals we would keep as pets and what pets we have at home. The children have really impressed me with their deeper thinking comparing 'wild' animals with pets and why you wouldn't keep some animals as pets.

This week we read the story 'I want a pet' the story ends with an egg and the children created some beautiful pictures to illustrate what they thought might be in the egg. I have been wowed by writing I have seen in Lavender class this week as the children have worked hard to write down different animals independently.

In Maths we have been working with tens frames and representing different numbers. The children really enjoyed rolling the dice and representing their number by drawing dots, numbers and pictures.

I am really proud of how they have come back with such excitement and enthusiasm.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Smith





Hello Daffodil Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been lovely to welcome children back to Daffodil class and hear all about their exciting Christmas breaks.

In Maths, we have been learning the days of the week and the months of the year and ordering them. We have learned that some days are weekdays, some are weekends and that there are 7 days in a week.

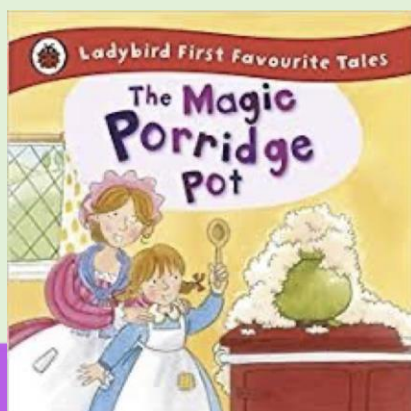
We have begun learning the story of The Magic Porridge Pot in English this week. We have also learned how to use 'and' to join two sentences together.

In outdoor learning we looked at and talked about our new playground that is waiting for us, then used the EYFS playground to experience what a playground is and what we liked about it. In DT this term, we will be designing our own playgrounds. Please can you save us any boxes (cereal size and smaller) that we could use to make our own models?

On Thursday, we took a trip to the school library and chose a book to read during our reading time at school. We were all excited and enjoyed hearing a story there too.

Have a fun filled weekend!

Mrs Connelly





Hello Sunflower families,

What a lovely first week back we have had. The children have really enjoyed sharing their holiday stories with one another as we settle back into school.

In English we have started a new story called Kassim and the Greedy Dragon which we will be following for a few weeks to see what it can teach us. We had some strange and very large eggs turn up in the classroom on Tuesday. The children guessed they were dragon eggs from the clues in the letter that was left with them. They built nests for them and then hunted for treasures around the school so they can feed once they hatch. These are greedy dragons you see and they only feed on crystals, diamonds and gold. We are very excited to see if they hatch.

Our topic for this term is “where in the world are we?” and we have started by looking at different types of maps and their features. The children had a go at creating their own sketch maps of the school and the surrounding areas.

In outdoor learning the children were challenged to think about the detail that they see, the panoramic views, the paths, climbs and tunnels that they may be travelling through all from the perspective of an ant. Then they used string to map the journey out and little twig flags to label the things the ant sees along the way.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Miss Lollover





Dear Iris families,

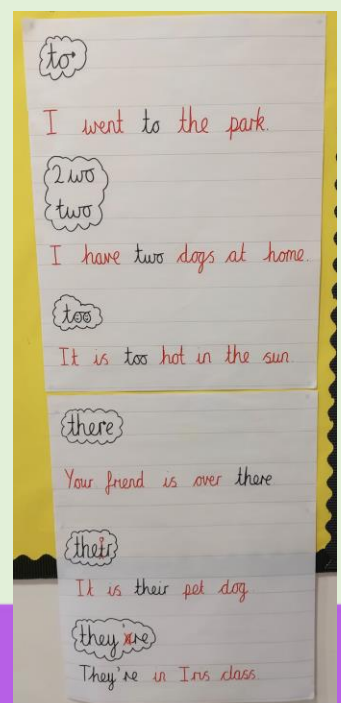
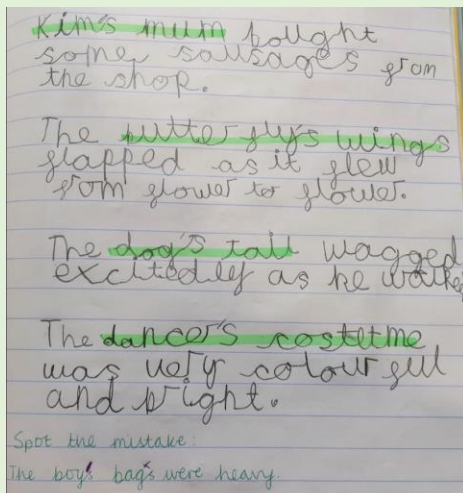
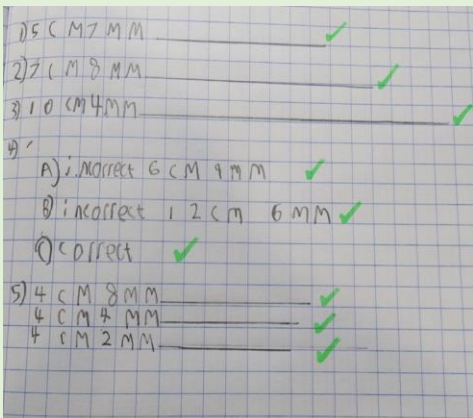
It has been lovely to have Iris back this week.

In English we have been learning how to use apostrophes for possession, prepositions and recapping the use of inverted commas. The children have worked hard on these skills, and we are looking forward to using them in our story writing next week.

For maths we have been estimating, measuring and drawing different lengths using centimetres, millimetres and metres. Next week will be converting between measurements and comparing.

We have been geologists in science this week and we have been identifying the different types of rock.

We have welcomed Miss Allard into our classroom this week who is a student teacher and will be with us until the end of January. The children got to know her briefly at the end of last term and are helping her to settle in. She has enjoyed her first few days in Iris class.





Dear Foxglove families,

Welcome back to term 3! We have loved getting to know Foxglove class this week.

In English this week we have been looking at the different language features in a suspense story. We have been recapping noun phrases and fronted adverbials and also how to use inverted commas and punctuation to write direct speech.

We have started reading a new book in our reading lessons which is *When fishes flew* by Michael Morpurgo. The class have enjoyed reading chapter 1 and look forward to continuing the story.

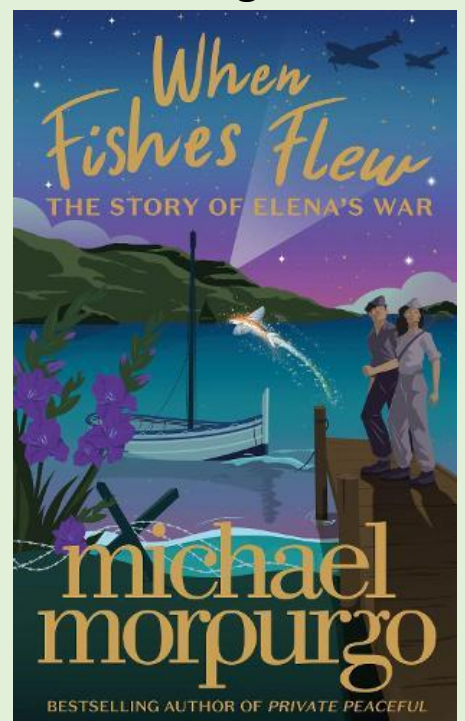
In maths we have been practising our times tables. The children have been spotting patterns in the times tables, in particular their 6, 7 and 9's. They have been working hard to practise these! Next week we will be learning fractions.

We began exploring spreadsheets in ICT on Thursday where we learned how to add data to cells. We will be continuing this over the next few weeks and learning more spreadsheet skills.

We are being historians this term and will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons.

We hope you all enjoyed your holiday!

**Best wishes,
Miss Kitchen and Miss Forde**





Dear Snapdragon Families,

What a fantastic first week back! The children have come back ready to learn and full of enthusiasm.

They really enjoyed listening to and analysing a song by Sam Cooke called 'A change is gonna come'. They showed a clear knowledge of the issues Sam Cooke was referencing and how the lyrics are still relevant today.

In English we have been studying the Highwayman. The children identified the features of the text before thinking of their own metaphors and similes. I was very impressed with their choice of language for their metaphors.

In Maths we have been looking at fractions. We explored identifying fractions using cuisenaire rods before finding equivalent fractions in a range of different ways.

We have began our Science topic of Forces this week. We identified a range of forces and how we can identify the stronger force. The children then thought of their own ideas of when forces are used.

It was great to see how many of the children achieved their reading bands last term and as ever we are aiming to see which child can earn the ultimate accolade of a black band! Due to their independence, the children can write in when they read but we do ask that you sign this off as well.

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the start of a new year,

With best wishes,

Mr Newman

Avanti PE lessons

Happy New Year all!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The break was greatly appreciated by all, with batteries recharged we're ready to go once again for a new term and new year. Bring on 2022!

Year 5/6 (Tuesday 4th) - We started our new topic of netball, focusing on the various techniques for passing, movement and spatial awareness, and learning the netball rules. Our PE Champion was Mia for showing excellent effort and developing her passing skills.

Year 4 (Wednesday 5th) - We started our new topic for term 3, dance. The children were all fantastic today and really engaged with their first session of dance. The children were very creative with their movements and made up their own routines.

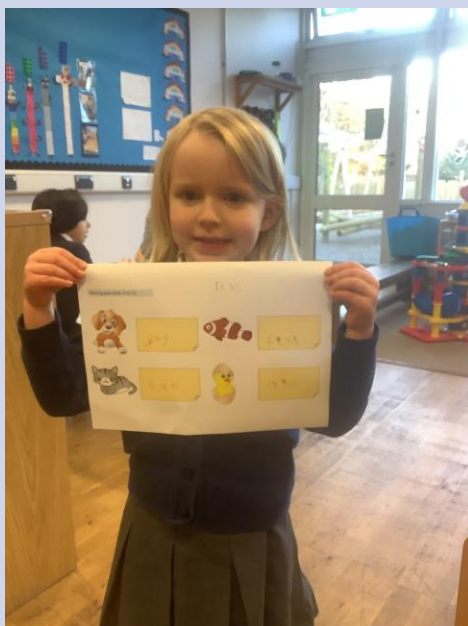
Year R (Thursday 6th) - The children in Orchid and Lavender were working on dance with a dinosaur theme! The children explored various to move like a dinosaur and used 'freeze frames' to impose a sense of stillness to the movement. Our PE Champions were Lucas and Tess.

Year 3 (Thursday 6th) - Our dance topic for year 3 started well today. The children began to create some of their own routines focusing on the dynamics of speed and effort. Ismail was our PE Champion for full commitment and varied dynamics within the routine.

STAR OF THE WEEK

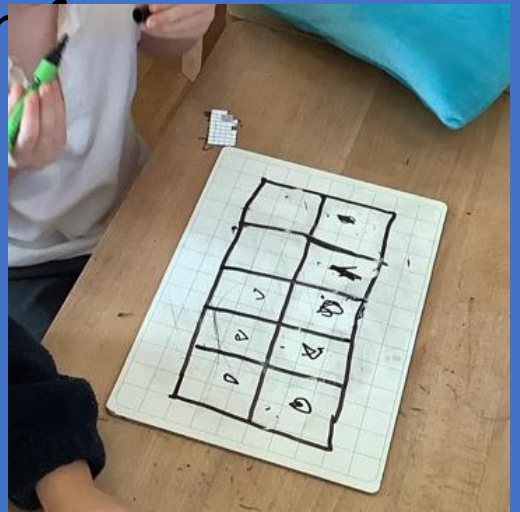
EYFS:

Orchid: This week's star of the week is Tess. Tess independently completed a writing activity where she wrote the words, dog, cat, fish and chick. She used her Fred fingers to make sure that she had all the correct sounds. Well done, Tess.



Lavender:

Our star of the week this week is Theo. Theo has worked hard in his writing and Maths this week. I was particularly impressed with Theo's understanding during our Maths activities as he independently represented different numbers in a ten frame challenging himself to add one more.



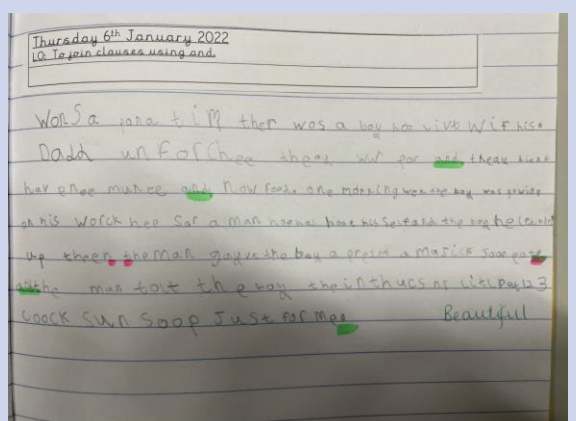
Year 1

Our star of the week in Daffodils this week is Amber Joy.

Amber Joy is always happy, smiling and has the most delightfully positive attitude to learning. She takes on every challenge with the 'I can' attitude and perseveres until the end.

She has produced a wonderful piece of independent writing this week and has been star of the day in Miss Jefferies phonics group too.

Well done Amber Joy!



Year 2:

Isobel for her amazing resilience in writing. She has come back with a great attitude to persevere when things are challenging, and the results are just fab! WOW just WOW!

Year 3:

Albert for brilliant work in maths this week. He has wowed us with his measuring, estimating and drawing of lengths. He is even able to convert between cm and mm.

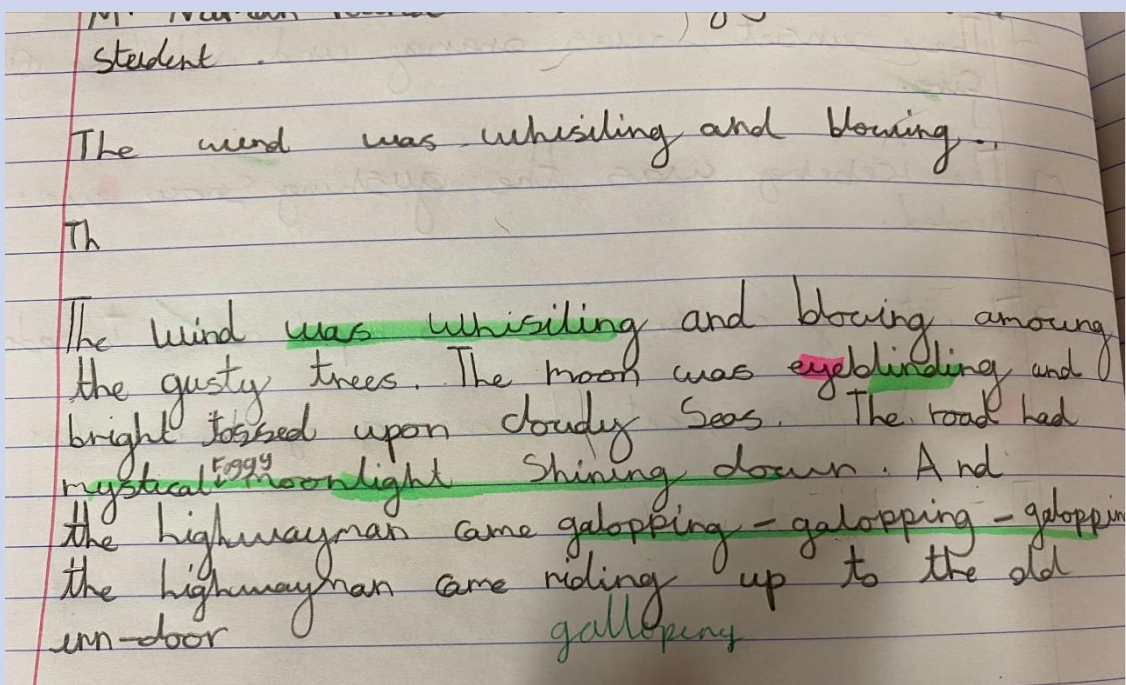
Year 4:

Our star of the week is Wren.

She has just joined Foxglove class this week and has been working hard to settle in. She has had a smile on her face every day and is a wonderful addition to the class.

Year 5/6:

Malena for her wonderful use of figurative language.



Notices

TOYS

We would like to remind you that we ask that children not to bring toys into school unless there is specific reason from the Teacher or SENDco.

Thank you for help in this matter.

Message from Govinda's regarding allergens

Please be aware that if your child is diagnosed with an allergy, then Govinda's require an updated allergy sheet from your GP/NHS. Without this, they will be unable to provide customised meals. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

Chinese New Year Craft Day Tuesday 1st February 22

The whole school will be awash with colour, as we celebrate the Chinese New Year 2022. This will be the year of the Tiger according to Chinese zodiac. We will celebrate with an array of Arts and Crafts to display to the local community. (Children only)

KS 2 Homework Club



Come and join our Home-work Club, every Monday from 3:15 – 4pm, starting on the 10th of January.

An opportunity to complete your homework with your friends and an adult available to supervise each year group. Staff will be on hand to support reading, maths and spelling activities.

There are 30 spaces available for children from Year 2 upwards. Ask your parents to book a space for a term via the Arbor. You will be signing up for the term.

This is available to book through Arbor now.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Avanti Gardens After School Clubs Term 3 & 4 - starting w/c 10th January

At Sporting Chance we understand that parents face complex demands, juggling childcare with work and other commitments. That's why they entrust their children in our hands because they know our club provision is affordable, safe and secure. Our clubs offer an entry route into sport with our overall aim being to build relationships, boost self confidence, and allow children to develop their skills. All our clubs are run on a skills focus and include multiple game scenarios in each session.

Tuesdays Basketball Club Years 3-6: (4 SPACES

REMAINING) Includes skill based activities such as dribbling, passing, shooting, defence and attack strategies. We offer the children the chance to engage in matchplay as part of the clubs and teach them the positions on court and the roles of each player.

Wednesdays Superstars Club Years R-2 (FULLY BOOKED): a variety of sport and activities throughout the term - examples of sports / activities include; team building and leadership games, mini-tennis, kwik cricket, rounders, mini-olympics, football, tag rugby, survival skills, dance, jungle gym, and dodgeball.

BOOK NOW FOR TERM 3&4 <https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2022/01/10/avanti-gardens-after-school-clubs-term-3-and-4>

OLDBURY COURT ESTATE OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we will soon be able to offer wrap around care at Avanti Gardens School. We are working with Oldbury Court Estate Club to offer their provision onsite. This should be available in term 4 or 5 as we are waiting for Ofsted approval for the set up. If you require wrap around care before this time, please do contact Oldbury Court Estate as they offer drop off and pick ups from the school to their current facilities.

Tel: 07747650611 email: enquiries@oldburycourtclubs.org.uk

Website link [Oldbury Court Estate Out Of School Club](#)



YogaAct is a space where the children can feel safe to share as well as learn skills and techniques to become more resilient & confident. We do this through, song, dance, posture work, improvisation, drama games, awareness techniques, drawing, breathing techniques, meditating, & deep relaxation.

Location: Avanti Gardens School

Reception/KS1: Tuesday after school until 4.30pm (currently full)

KS2: Thursday after school until 4.30pm (places available)

Please get in touch with Kate at katepenningkp@gmail.com to book a place or go onto the waiting list.

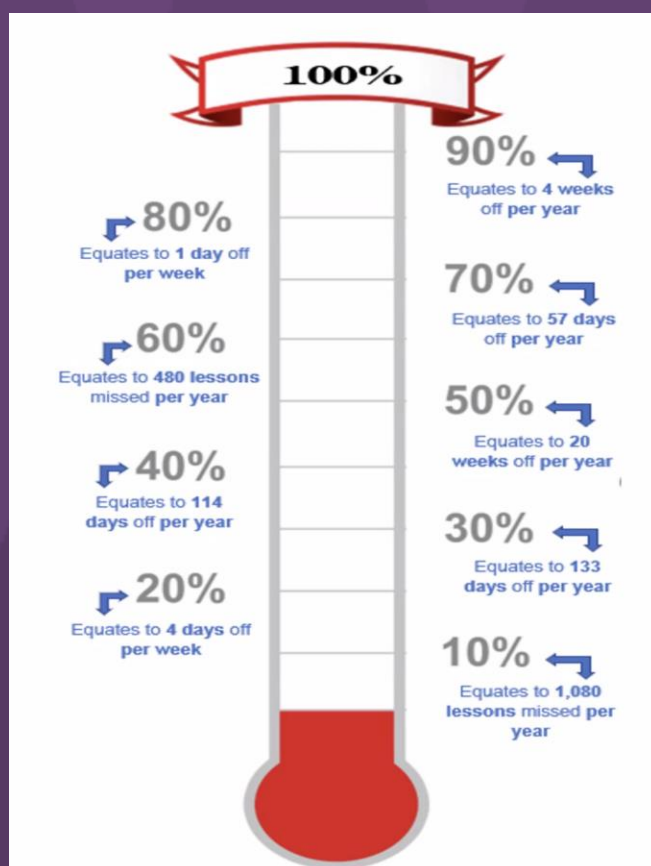
Saturday Sports Club - restarts in the new year from 15/1/22

Sporting Chance run the ever-popular Saturday Sports Club for children aged 4-9 years held at Mangotsfield Primary School. We have two sessions (9-10am for 4-5 years and 1015-1115am for 6-9 years). The club is hosted by Mrs Prosser (Avanti PE teacher) and Mr Williams. We run a variety of activities from week to week including; team building and leadership, survival skills, basketball, hockey, football, dodgeball, cricket, rounders, tennis etc. Check out our website for more information.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR
175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments

190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best Chance of Success		Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered		Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action	

w/c 03.01.22	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
93.5 %	B/H %	92.7 %	94.5 %	93.8 %	92.9 %



	Option	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Main Option	Mac & cheese (G, Mk or Vg*) or Black-eyed peas minestrone Soup (Ce, G, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily Topping	Bean and cheese quesadillas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Greens & cheese parcels (G,M, MK or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Hot dogs (G, Ce, S, Vg, M) or Cauliflower pea curry with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) Or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Stir Fry Noodles (Ce, G, S, Vg) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Mexican bean rice (C) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Apple crumble with custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Coconut Jam cake (G, Vg)	Chocolate mousse (Mk)	Strawberry Jelly (Vg)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)
WEEK 2	Main Option	Green pesto penne rigate (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Soup & bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Fajitas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Mediterranean tart (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Homemade sausage rolls (G, Ce, S, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable coconut curry with rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Lasagne (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Chana masala with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Couscous with Roasted Vegetables (G) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Greek style yoghurt with mango coulis (Mk or Vg*)	Chocolate Mousse (Mk)	Flapjack (G)	Orange Jelly (Vg)	Ice Lollies (Vg)
WEEK 3	Main Option	Roasted vegetable Pasta bake (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Roasted Tomato Soup & Bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Burrito Wraps (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Halloumi pesto burger (G, Mk) or Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Sausage Mash & Gravy (Ce, G, S, Mk or Vg*) or Matar paneer with Rice (Mk) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Pilaf Rice or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Pear Crumble with Custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Carrot Cake (G, Vg)	Flapjack (G, Vg)	Chocolate chip shortbread (G, Mk or Vg*)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)

Allergens

Mk - Contains dairy | G - Contains gluten | M - Mustard

Ce - Celery | S - Soya | Vg - Vegan | Vg* - Vegan option | GF* - Gluten Free option

Please Note: Fruits are available every day

Gluten Free & Vegan option available every day

Week 1 commencing: Aug- 30, Sep- 20; Oct- 11; Nov- 15; Dec- 06



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Next Link domestic abuse telephone help lines are open **10am – 4pm Monday to Friday**
0800 470 0280

Help is also available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** on the **National Domestic Violence Helpline – Freephone**
0808 2000 247

Anyone can ring First Response if they are concerned about a child or young person or if they think they need support.

First Response can help in different ways including:

- Providing information, advice and guidance about services to help families.
- Making a referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- Making a referral to a social work team.

NSPCC FGM helpline

If you need advice or information about female genital mutilation or are worried about a child at risk you can contact us 24/7.

FGM helpline (24 hours a day / 7 days a week, free from a landline) 0800 028 3550

(Run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC)

NSPCC FGM Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Website: www.nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Text helpline: 85888 (this service is free and anonymous)



Young Carer Support- Are you worried your child is a Young Carer?

Bristol Young Carers Website <https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/>

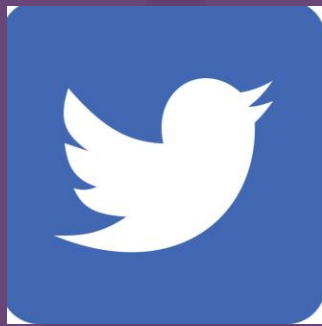
Or speak to Mrs Blackwell in school for accessing support for your child

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