



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

Family Bulletin

Children's
Mental Health
Week



Dear Families,

We have enjoyed a week of mental health awareness, where pupils have reflected on maintaining healthy mindsets and provided with extra time each day to focus on this.

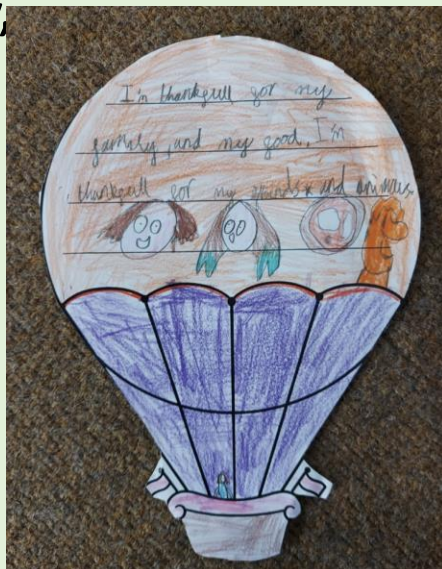
Attendance has been much better this week with increasing numbers of children in class learning each day. Thanks for this families!

The school would be grateful if families can support children to wear full uniform. This has improved in recent weeks, but we would like more families to follow our school rules on uniform.

Half term is fast approaching (21-25th). We have a non-uniform day on the last day of term for LGBT+ awareness.

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. The team and I look forward to seeing everyone at 08:40 on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,
Mr Milum





Dear Orchid families,

There have been lots of busy children in Orchid class this week. We have been learning all about baby animals. We have been comparing what the baby animal looks like in comparison to its parents, being sure to talk in full sentences. We have read books such as *The Odd Egg* and *Monkey Puzzle*.

In the classroom children have made their own chicks, designed their own eggs and made a puzzle.

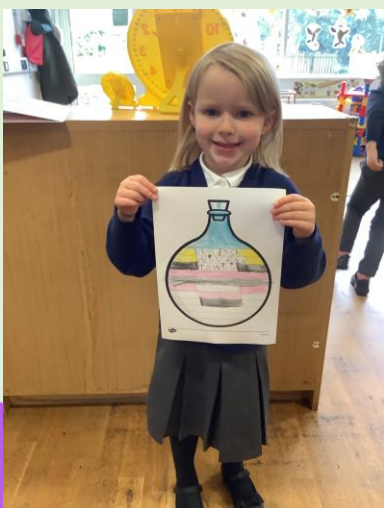
In English we have begun to learn the story of *The Enormous Turnip*. We have made up actions and have been using a story map to help our recitation. We have discussed some key vocabulary within the text and also explored some other fruit and vegetables and then used them to paint with the next day.

In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction. I have been blown away with how children have been applying this and showing their knowledge within the classroom.

This week it has been mental health week and we have had a variety of activities in our writing area linked to this. Children have written about who they are thankful for, they have thought about why they are proud of themselves, and they have written letters of kindness to people to brighten their day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Griffith





Hello Lavender families ,

Another busy week in Lavender class! The children have been learning all about baby animals this week reading 'Monkey Puzzle', 'The Odd Egg' and 'Little Chicks First Day'. The children have loved learning all about the different baby animals and what they are called. They have created some brilliant odd egg designs with some fantastic reasons behind what makes their egg odd.

In literacy we have been learning 'The Enormous Turnip' which the children have enjoyed so much they dedicated Tuesday this week to be turnip day! We have seen some brilliant progress in phonics this week and in literacy through story telling.

In Maths we have been exploring subtraction and Lavender class have blown me away with their enthusiasm and understanding. They have also been using their learning from last week in identifying numerical signs and adding to ten.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Smith





Hello Daffodil Families,

Wow! What an amazing week we have had to celebrate Mental Health Week!

Monday was Mindfulness Monday, and we completed some mindfulness colouring. On Tuesday we celebrated Thankful Tuesday - we thought of all the things we are thankful for – family, homes, food, teachers and pets were some of the things we mentioned! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a 'Wonderful me Wednesday' - we shared all the things that make us wonderful, from being a great friend, to helping at home. We are a wonderful bunch! Thursday saw us thinking of a kind message to 'brighten someone's day' - wow! Some children thanked their sister for being kind all the time, some children wanted to say thank you to their friends for listening to them and always letting them play their games. To end the week, we had some Friday fresh air fun and had an extra playtime on the new Trim Trail.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Connelly



Hello Sunflower families,

Another week has flown by and we are hurtling towards half term!

This week we have enjoyed revisiting fractions in Maths. We have been identifying one half and one quarter of shapes and clearly explaining in mathematical language what this means. We then moved on to finding one half and one quarter of amounts. There's been lots of practical application and investigation and the adults have been so proud of the engagement and focus of the whole class.

In English we have been writing our own "What happened next?" ending for the story of The Magic Paintbrush. When we read this story during storytime last week the children were so curious about what might have happened to the emperor, as this isn't explained. So, we decided to become authors and write our own ideas. We hope to send home published versions next week!

In science we have been investigating the properties of natural and manufactured materials and in DT children continue to work on designing and making their fabric tree.

In between all the fabulous learning we have been using 'Go Noodle' for movement breaks. The children enjoy this so much, they asked me to share with you so that you can have a go together at home. Happy wiggling!

Miss Roberts and Miss Lollover



Dear Iris families,

We have had a busy week in Iris this week, the children have worked hard!

This week has been mental health week and we have enjoyed doing lots of different activities for this, including thank you messages and mindfulness colouring.

In English, we researched, planned and wrote our own non – chronological report about an animal. I've learnt lots about pandas, turtles and even hyenas!

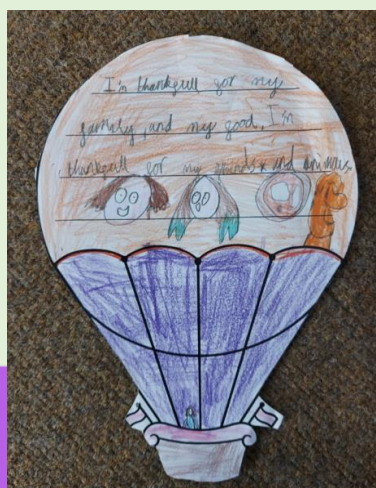
We've carried on learning about fractions in maths, identifying a unit and non – unit fraction and finding a tenth. Next week we will be counting in tenths and finding fractions of amounts.

We combined art and outdoor learning and the children created beautiful drawings of their own landscape. They were very proud of their efforts.

On Wednesday we became scientists and carried out our own investigation, identifying the properties of different types of rocks. The children then used laptops to type up their findings.

We've had lots more reading bands this week. Please keep reading at home and recording in the children's records.

Miss Dark





Dear Foxglove families,

It's been a great week for Foxglove class!

In reading this week we have been looking at the story of Beowulf. The first chapter has been exciting, we are looking forward to reading on next week.

In Writing this week we have been reading and writing poetry. Our focus has been on adding personification into our poems and it has been great to see the class's creativity in this.

In Maths, we've moved on to adding and subtracting fractions this week. Foxglove have been working hard to solve fraction word problems and create some of their own word problems too.

The class have also had time to play on times table rockstars to keep practicing their times tables. Keep up the good work!

In History this week we have been learning about some of the Anglo-Saxon kings and their role in Anglo-Saxon communities. The class have found this topic very interesting - quiz them and see if they can tell you some exciting facts!

Keep up all the reading at home! It's been great to see more children coming in with their reading records and being excited to show us all the reading they're doing at home.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Forde and Miss Kitchen



Dear Snapdragon Families,

It has been a whirlwind of a week with so much going on in class.

In English the children created their own inventions based upon the 'Snoozeatron'. This covered a huge range of useful devices from a 'Bake-a-tron' to a 'Hold-a-baby-atron' which would make a big difference around the house. They then explained how it was useful and how it worked. If they do develop them, I will certainly be purchasing a few of those machines!

In Maths, we have finished our topic on angles. In Year 5 we have been looking at measuring accurately with a protractor and began to look at adding and subtracting fractions. In Year 6 we have found angles within a range of polygons and have begun our work on coordinates.

The children's Science task was to identify suitable materials for a new bicycles' brakes. They tested a range of materials before deciding which one created the most friction and would be the safest choice.

We have begun our own versions of Rousseau's Surprised. The children have drawn their abstract rainforest backgrounds and are excited to finish these off next week by painting them.

Thank you once again for your support in reading. The number of children reading at home has continued to improve and I am handing out reading bands almost daily which is a testament to their hard work. Keep it up!

With best wishes,

Mr Newman

Avanti PE lessons

Year 2 (Monday 7th) - Franklin was our PE champion today in athletics for his speed bounce and agility. Our Yoga Master was Blessing for some excellent poses and technique.

Year 5/6 (Tuesday 8th) - today we played a hockey tournament to showcase all our skills of passing, control, dribbling, and moving to find space. Simeon was particularly good at the latter...always looking to create and find space for himself and others. Olivia was our Yoga Master for her flow between postures and remaining calm.

Year 4 (Wednesday 9th) - We have completed our work on dance for the term, so we spent some time exploring some more team based activities in attempt to work on this aspect the class. We will continue to work on team cohesion and dynamics to improve during term 4. Clover was our PE Champion for excellent leadership and communication in her group.

Year R (Thursday 10th) - Reception went to outer space today for dance! We were tasked with dancing like astronauts using large, slow, bouncy movements. Idris and Lucas were our PE Champions for moving to the music and letting the music guide their actions.

Year 3 (Thursday 10th) - Year 3 completed their dance session today with some more excellent choreography and worked specifically on relationships in dance between them and partners and the use of equipment too as props. Ember was the PE Champion for working rally hard with her partner and had some excellent ideas for working in unison. Elba was our Yoga Master for remaining calm and her depiction of the various animal postures.

Year 1 (Friday 4th) - In athletics this week there was some excellent performances particularly for their jumping skills. Herbie and Leo equally fantastic with the skills and their listening today so they are our PE Champions. Zezere was our Yoga Master for being beautifully still and calm.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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Orchid: This week's star of the week is Jaxon. Jaxon has been a subtraction superstar! Every day I have found him in the Maths area practicing subtraction questions. I have heard lots of meaningful discussions around subtraction and his understanding has blown me away. Well done, Jaxon!



Lavender:

Our star of the week this week is Hallie for joining in with her friends and making an excellent effort in her Maths learning. She has really enjoyed learning all about addition and subtraction using classroom resources to support her learning.



Year 1

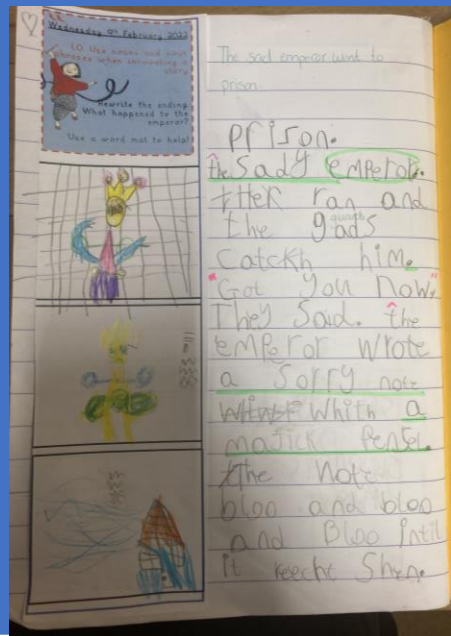
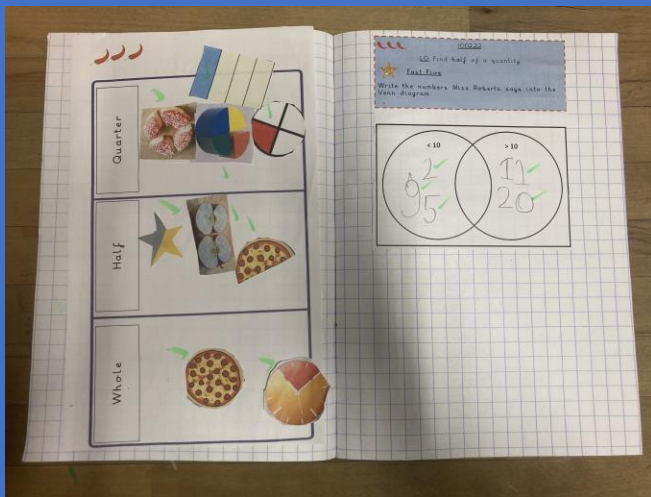
Star of the Week in Daffodils this week is Leo.

Leo has really impressed me with his efforts in writing this week. He has used his Fred Fingers to help him write new words and has remembered to use finger spaces too. He said, "Every time I write now, I am going to write loads of sentences to practice my sounds and spaces".

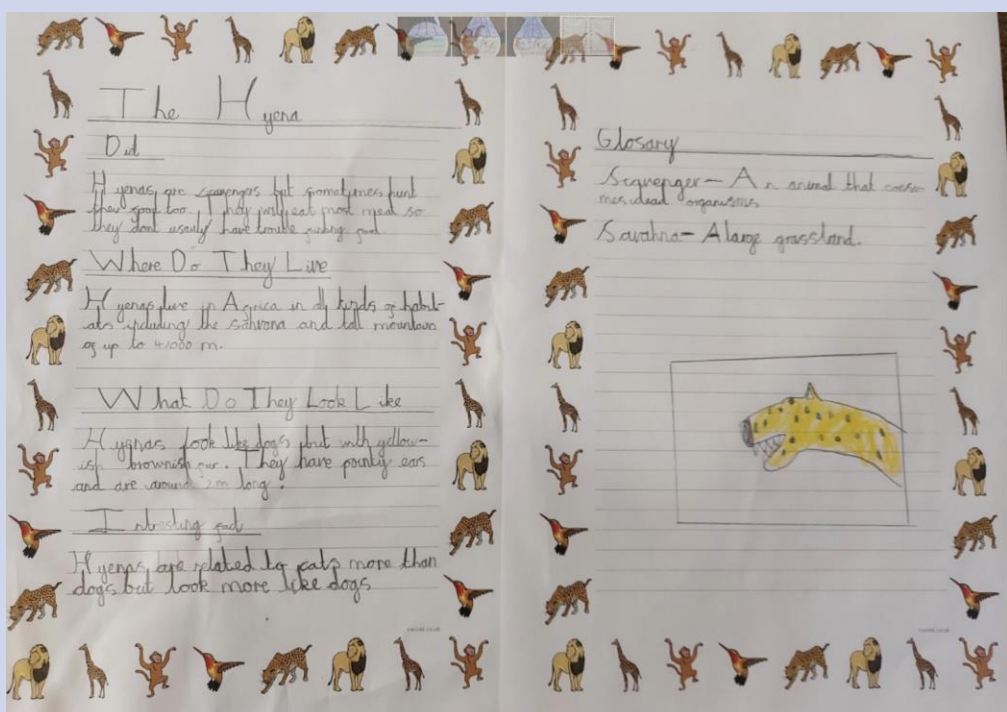
Leo, keep it up!



Year 2: Star of the week is Phoebe. She has been putting in so much effort across all subjects and is taking real pride in her work. Brilliant job, Phoebe!



Year 3: Our star of the week this week is Ben – he wrote a fantastic non – chronological report on hyenas and published it in beautiful handwriting. Keep up the great work!



Year 4:

Blossom for her hard work in writing this week where she created a poem that she was very proud of. Well done!



Year 5/6:

Zaki for his incredible attitude to school this week. Well done!



Notices

Medication

Please ensure that ALL medication comes through the school office/reception so that we can ensure that appropriate paperwork is completed, and processes followed. Please do not give to the class teacher. Medication cannot be brought in by your child as we must supervise administration of medication in school.

Books from home

Please do not let your child bring in books from home. For reading in school, we would like them to use their levelled books, or if a free reader they use the books from our library (screened by the teacher for appropriateness). Thank you for your support with this.

Lost Property

Lost property will be held at reception on the day it is lost. It will be then moved into storage and be bought out every Thursday at collection time, weather permitting. We will do our best to help you but please be aware that the receptionist may not be able to go into storage at other times. Please ensure items are labelled as this will help us return them to their class. Please do not allow your child to bring toys or objects from home unless this has been agreed by the school team

Pick up changes

If someone else needs to pick up your child who is not on your agreed pick-up list, please could you let us know before midday by either email or phone whenever possible.

Dates for your diary

Friday 18/02/22 - Last day of term – normal time

LGBT Non-Uniform Day, Colourful clothing welcome!

Monday 28/02/22 - First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 09/03/22 and Thursday 10/03/22 - Parents Evening – more info to follow shortly

Parent Teachers Association Update

The PTA Steering Group would like to let you know about our plans to create and constitute an Avanti Gardens School PTA next term. All those with parental responsibility and teachers will automatically become members of the PTA, and the following committee roles are open to election: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. To this end, there will be an initial Annual General Meeting held on **Wednesday March 16th at 3:30 - 4:15pm** in the school theatre.

Committee elections will take place at the meeting.

Anyone interested in nominating themselves for a role will have a chance to read the draft constitution and submit a self-nomination form ahead of the AGM. A letter further detailing the roles and the election process will be sent out next week, along with links to the online forms and instructions for completing them.

Please note, students and siblings are welcome to be present on-site, under the care of their parents for the AGM, but this short event will be focused on electing nominated persons into committee roles. Once elected, the committee can begin collaborating with members and students on next steps, including hopefully some seasonal spring activities!

SPORTING CHANCE

February Half Term Sports Camp

- 🏆 Monday **Football Frenzy** ⚽ ⚽ ⚽
- 🏆 Tuesday **Survival Skills** 🏠 🔥 ⌚
- 🏆 Wednesday **Multisports Mayhem** 🏹 🏀 🏹
- 🏆 Thursday **Mini Olympics** 🏊 🏠 ♂ 🏆 🏹
- 🏆 Friday **Tennis Grand Slam** 🎾 🎾 🎾

- ☆ Holiday Sports Camp for children aged 5-11 (Yr 1-6)
- ☆ [Mangotsfield Primary School, BS16 7EY](https://www.mangotsfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/)
- ☆ Open every day 830/10am to 330pm
- ☆ Ofsted registered childcare from £16.00 per day

To book please click the following

link <https://www.sportingchance->

[csp.co.uk/events/2022/02/21/february-half-term-sports-camp-](https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2022/02/21/february-half-term-sports-camp-)

Be the best version of you...

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

Please click on the link below for useful advice from the NHS as to whether your child may attend school if suffering from a variety of illnesses.

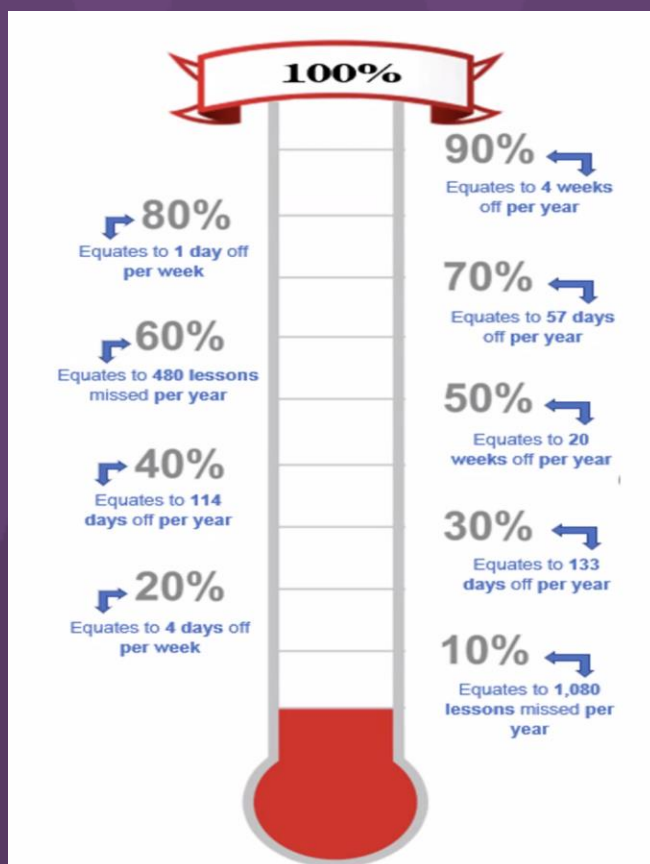
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175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

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 07.02.22	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
93.4 %	92.3 %	91 %	93.9 %	95.1 %	94.5 %



	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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