



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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Value of the week: HOPE

WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY—ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK



This week in assembly, in honour of World Wildlife Day, the children learned all about reptiles through the fascinating life story of Joan Procter. Joan was a reptile enthusiast from childhood, at a time when such interests were not expected or encouraged for girls and women. She had an amazing life and worked tirelessly to demystify reptiles, even holding children's tea parties among the Komodo Dragons at London Zoo, where she worked.

The children enjoyed listening to the story of *Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor* by Patricia Valdez, which brought her incredible contributions to life and inspired a newfound appreciation for reptiles.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH OUR BOOK SALE!



Our book sale, which has been going on for two weeks now, has raised a whopping **£128.50** towards buying new playground equipment! This means that the children have bought an impressive 257 books between them. What a lot of book worms we have in school!

It has been lovely to see the children going into the hall at break times to pick a book. We are now considering how we can continue this on a smaller scale for the rest of the term.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE BIRDS



Last Friday, Jim teamed up with Mr Allen to locate two bird boxes around the school site. These beautifully crafted boxes were made by children attending Newnham Farm.

Jim took the initiative to research the best spots to attract birds, learning that they are ideally placed in a sheltered area facing between North and East, away from direct sunlight, wind, and rain.

Jim was super happy to help Mr Allen find the perfect locations for the bird boxes. We are all looking forward to observing if any feathered friends take up residence!





CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BAKE OFF WEEK?

We need your help to make Red Nose Day a success!

Please bring any donations of cakes on the morning of 17th March (no nuts or nut products, please). Get creative with the theme of Red Nose Day—think funny or anything related to playtimes. Half of the proceeds will go to Comic Relief, and the other half will go towards buying playtime equipment.

The cakes will be sold from 3 pm in the hall Monday to Thursday that week so please don't forget your extra pennies!

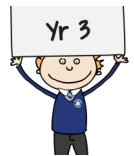
We look forward to seeing your delicious and creative creations and thank you in advance for your support in raising money for these fantastic causes!



FORMER PUPIL, HANNAH 'MADE IT HAPPEN!'

As part of our careers focus, Year 3 had a special visit from Hannah, a former pupil at Newchurch Primary and now a nurse at the Bay Medical Practice. Hannah shared her journey, explaining the qualifications needed to become a nurse and the importance of training in different areas before deciding on a specialization. She told the students that even at their age, she knew she wanted to do something related to caring, although she didn't yet know she would become a nurse.

The talk was inspiring and informative, providing the children with valuable insights into the nursing profession and the dedication required to pursue a career in healthcare.



Year 5 and Year 6 were lucky enough to meet Nurse Sue on Thursday this week. She spoke to the children about a career in nursing and in medicine in general. Year 5 and Year 6 are also looking forward to a 'Step into the NHS' webinar which they will take part in next Thursday.



THANK YOU TO RICH FOR SHOWING US HOW HE MADE A DIFFERENCE

We were very lucky to have Rich, one of our school Governors and dad to Theia L in Year 1, come in to speak to different year groups about his previous career. Rich spent 10+ years coaching professional football in one of the best football Academy's in England with a Premier League club!

Being a footballer came out top in our children's future career choices and so the children really enjoyed hearing from Rich. He was able to talk to them about the fact that being a footballer isn't the only career choice for people who want to have a career in that area. He taught us that all of the top football teams need coaches, physiotherapists, nutritionists and so many more roles that are connected to football



Thank you to Rich, Sue and Hannah for coming in to see us to talk about your interesting careers. We know you will have inspired some of our children to be the nurses and football coaches of the future!



YEAR 5/6 GIRLS SHOW RESILIENCE – FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday afternoon, the Y5/6 girls football team travelled to Smallbrook for an island tournament. Each school was paired up with five other teams in a mini league.

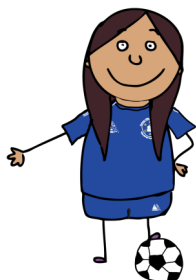
Our first match was against Hunnyhill, we knew it would be a tough game as we had played them before in a previous tournament. It was a thrilling game, with both teams having chances to score. In the final minutes, Hunnyhill got a penalty. Maisie, without hesitation, stepped up to be the keeper and made an incredible save to deny them. The score remained 0-0 at the full time whistle.



In our next game, we faced The Bay. They took an early lead, putting us 1-0 down. Newchurch showed incredible determination and fought hard to win the ball back and created some good attacking chances but unfortunately were unable to equalise. Final score 1-0.

Our third match was against Godshill, another close game. Both teams gave it their all, Scarlett and Liv made some crucial tackles in midfield and great passes to the forward players. Some fantastic defending from Leah and Amelia at the back, and super saves from Thea stopped Godshill from scoring. The match ended in a 0-0 draw. Next up was Carisbrooke who unfortunately for us, scored another early goal against us. Newchurch showed great resilience and kept attacking throughout but they just couldn't seem to get the chance they needed to equalise. Final score 1-0.

In our final game of the league, we faced Priory. The girls started strong and showed some amazing attacking skills. Grace executed a flawless dribble up the field and then passed the ball to Isla. Isla then made a perfect through ball to Maisie, who scored an incredible goal! Newchurch continued to pass the ball around well, showing great link up play to create lots of chances to score. Two goals in quick succession, from Maisie and Isla made the final score 3-0!



We secured third position in our league and faced St. Blasius in the final match. The girls displayed remarkable teamwork and made numerous attempts at scoring, but unfortunately, each shot narrowly missed the goal. The final score was 0-0.

We ended up tying for 5th place in the tournament! It was a fantastic afternoon of football, and everyone played their part to the best of their ability. Well done, girls!



TALENTED ARTISTS 'MAKE IT HAPPEN'

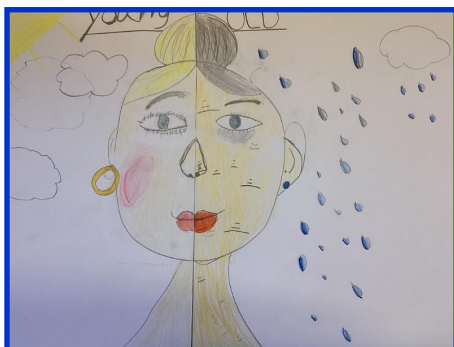
This year, the theme for the Peach Arts Exhibition is Change. We are proud to announce the three entries selected to go forward from Newchurch Primary School. One of these pieces will definitely be displayed at the Quay Arts Centre...watch this space to see which picture they choose:

Mia (Year 3): *Beach and Arctic*, showing a change in seasons using collage.

Posy (Year 4): Showing a change in seasons using tissue paper and paint.

Remy and Anna (Year 3): Showing a change as we age using coloured pencils.

We are excited to see which artwork will be featured in the exhibition!





U9 BOYS SHOW GREAT RESILIENCE: NEWCHURCH VS. GURNARD

On Tuesday, our U9 Boys Football team travelled to Gurnard Primary for an exciting and competitive match. The boys were full of energy and enthusiasm from the moment they arrived, ready to play on a perfect day for football.

The match began with Newchurch starting strong, confidently keeping possession and controlling the ball for a good period of time. However, Gurnard quickly found their rhythm and began to dominate possession. Despite the pressure, Newchurch's defence remained solid, with the boys working together to hold off several attempts on goal. Unfortunately, Gurnard managed to break through and score the first goal of the match.

Newchurch never lost heart, continuing to play with determination and enjoying the game. Even as Gurnard scored a few more goals, the boys kept their heads up and continued to push forward, showing great resilience. The team showed plenty of fight and created a number of chances, but Gurnard's defence proved too strong for the Newchurch strikers, and they were unable to find the back of the net.

The game finished with Gurnard as winners, but the effort and hard work the boys put in throughout the match, their commitment, positive attitude, and determination were something to be proud of. Well done, boys! Keep up the great work!



YEAR 5/6 GIRLS BUILD RESILIENCE: NEWCHURCH VS GODSHILL

On Wednesday, the Y5/6 girls football team travelled to Rookley for a friendly match against Godshill.

Newchurch started strong and showed amazing defensive skills to keep Godshill at bay. However, Godshill caught them on the break and scored the first goal. A few minutes later, Newchurch had a great chance on goal, and a foul in the area from Godshill awarded them a penalty. Maisie calmly stepped up and scored a fantastic penalty, making the score 1-1.



In the second half, Newchurch continued to defend well and created some great chances to attack. Unfortunately, a corner from Godshill took an unfortunate deflection, putting them 2-1 ahead. Despite Newchurch's incredible resilience and determination, they couldn't get the chance they needed to equalize.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR HOLIDAY BOOKING!



We know that our community love their holidays!

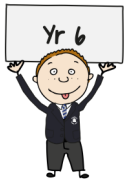
If you are thinking of booking a family holiday (out of term time!) Tui are offering a £100 school donation for every holiday booked via easyfundraising up to the end of March.

If 5 families book a holiday that is an extra £500 for our school!

Other popular brands also commit to supporting good causes through the easyfundraising scheme and it is 100% free to use. Our school is now registered as a good cause and so please take a look to see if your regular purchases could support us with some extra pennies!

More information can be found at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>





YEAR 6 MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE

As part of their DT topic (and in celebration of Pancake Day), Year 6 designed and made some delicious banana pancakes. In class, they discussed natural alternatives to using sugar in snacks and decided to put some of them to the test. They used banana and vanilla essence for sweetness and topped the pancakes with fruit, honey, or maple syrup. Everything was going well until someone found the sugar in the baking cupboard—oops!

The children had a great time making and tasting the pancakes, learning about healthier alternatives, and celebrating Pancake Day in a fun and educational way.



PLEASE MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK!



We know that dealing with headlice can be stressful and frustrating for parents especially when confronted with them for the first time.

This website has some further helpful information for parents about how to manage the problem and we would encourage you to take a peek

<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>



KEY DATES FOR 2025



The statutory Key Stage 2 tests are scheduled from **Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025**. It is crucial for all parents of children in **Year 6** to take note of these dates and ensure that students are present for these important assessments. Please avoid scheduling holidays or other commitments during this time.

In addition, **Year 4** will be undertaking a statutory **Multiplication Tables Check** in the summer term. Schools must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period starting on **Monday 2 June 2025**.

Pupils in **Year 1** are required to take part in a **Phonics Screening Check**. Schools must administer the phonics screening check within the 1-week period starting **Monday 9 June 2025**.

These assessments are a fantastic opportunity for the children to demonstrate their hard work and understanding. It's their chance to shine and show how much they've learned.

Please note that the school must adhere to statutory Department for Education (DfE) guidelines and cannot alter the schedule to accommodate individual circumstances. Your cooperation in ensuring your child's attendance on these dates is greatly appreciated.





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - ONLINE

There is so much amazing content online for children and young people. However, some of it isn't suitable for younger eyes and ears. Many concerning types of content are being viewed and consumed at home, often in a child's bedroom. It's vital for parents and carers to know that there is plenty of help and support available.

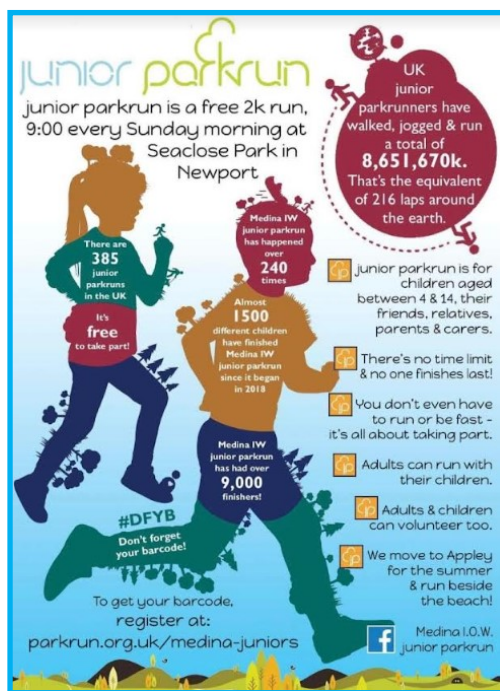
One valuable resource is Internet Matters, which offers a fantastic advice guide on making online viewing safer for children. This guide is especially helpful for parents who want to:

- **Implement Filters and Parental Controls:** Learn how to set up filters and parental controls on devices to block inappropriate content and manage what your child can access.
- **Watch and Browse Together:** Discover the benefits of watching and browsing online content together with your child, creating opportunities for discussion and learning.
- **Manage Screen Time:** Get tips on setting healthy screen time limits to ensure a balanced online and offline life for your child.
- **Understand Online Safety:** Gain a better understanding of the risks and challenges children face online, and learn how to address them effectively.

Promote Healthy Habits: Find advice on encouraging positive online behaviours and habits, such as critical thinking and respectful communication.

You can access the guide [HERE](#).

MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO GET MOVING AT THE WEEKEND!



Junior Park Run is a **FREE** 2k run, that takes place at 9am every Sunday morning at Seaclose Park in Newport.

The Isle of Wight course is one of 385 junior park runs in the UK and almost 1500 children have taken part since it started in 2018.

The run is for children aged between 4-14 years, their friends, relatives and carers.

There is no time limit and no one finishes last!

To register an interest go to

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/medina-juniors/>

If your child takes part please share a photo with us on Seesaw as we would love to celebrate their efforts!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 10TH

TUESDAY 11TH

WEDNESDAY 12TH

THURSDAY 13TH

FRIDAY 14TH

Year 1 Trip

Under 9 Boys
football

Under 11 boys
Football

KS2 Celebrations

Year 1 Showcase

CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Comic Relief will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Red Nose Day on 21st March, only 2 weeks time!

The charity would like us to 'go big, give big and feel good together' and to embrace this campaign we will be hosting our own 'Big Bake Week' starting on **Monday 17th March**.

We welcome any donations of cakes but would love to see some made either to support the red nose/funny theme or our theme of play to embrace children's games and pastimes. So please get creative—we have included a simple recipe from a previous Red Nose Day to help you so why not have a trial run this weekend?

The more cakes we have to sell over the week the more of a difference we can make to our children at playtime but also to national good causes!

RECIPE ONE

RED NOSE CUPCAKES

Whip up a batch of these little beauties and you'll be fighting off the donations come cake o'clock.

For an added challenge, try to recreate the face of your favourite Red Nose in coloured icing.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Makes 12 cupcakes

YOU'LL NEED

For the cakes

- 100g soft butter or margarine
- 150g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 150g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 3 tbsp milk

For the decoration

- 150g icing sugar
- 2–3 tbsp water
- Glacé cherries or red sweets
- A tube of writing icing

MAKE THE CAKES

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas mark 4 and line a 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases.
2. Mix the butter and sugar together in a bowl until smooth and pale. Beat the eggs in a separate bowl then mix them into the butter and sugar, along with the vanilla extract.
3. Gently fold in the flour and baking powder, adding the milk a little at a time until the mixture drops easily off a spoon. Dollop the mixture into the paper cases until they're about three-quarters full.
4. Bake in the oven for 10–15 minutes, or until golden-brown on top and a skewer poked into one of the cakes comes out clean.
5. Set aside in the tin for 5–10 minutes, then move your cakes to a wire rack to finish cooling.

GET DECORATING

1. Sieve the icing sugar into a bowl and add the water a few drops at a time until the icing's smooth but still thick. (You don't want it running straight off your cakes.)
2. Spoon some icing onto each cake and gently spread it towards the edges.
3. Pop a cherry or sweet on top for a nose, then add eyes and a mouth with writing icing. Or get creative with your own design!

TOP(PING) TIP

Use lemon juice instead of water to give your icing a zingy twist.

CHOC TIP

Swap the vanilla extract for 20g of cocoa powder and a little extra milk to make your cupcakes chocolatey.



SO HOW HAVE WE SETTLED IN?

REC



This week Donaldson Class have been reading *The Three Little Pigs*. We have loved retelling the story and joining in with the repeated refrain in some very deep wolf voices. We have been busy role playing the story and have been building our own houses and dens in our outside area and have been looking out for the big bad wolf! In drawing club, we drew our own wolf and described them. Some of them were hairy, smelly villains and some of them were kind and fluffy heroes. In maths we have been comparing groups of objects and talking about who has more, fewer and the same. We've also been thinking about how we could make it fair by adding more or taking some away. In circle time we have been thinking about who looks after us at home and how we can help look after our special people. There have been lots of promises to help our grown-ups tidy up!

Rosen class has had a super productive week! We have been continuing to work with numbers to 50, looking at the multiples of tens within 50 as well as ordering the numbers and finishing missing numbers. Throughout our history lessons we have started to look at Grace Darling and why she was the first woman to be awarded a medal for bravery at sea. The children were great at looking at pictures of when Grace Darling rescued people from a sinking ship and guessing what was happening and how long ago. In Science we have continued to look at plants and have been looking at the difference between bulbs and seeds. We have compared and sorted them, before dissecting them to see what is on the inside and then trying to label the different parts. As part of our careers week we have been watching some short videos on different careers such as being a pilot, a potter or a baker. We also enjoyed an assembly by Rich Lloyd who spoke to us about working with a premier league football club.

Yr 1



Yr 2



This week, Year 2 has been very busy! In English, they continued reading *Toby and the Great Fire of London*, comparing London now and in 1666, and writing descriptive sentences based on pictures of the Great Fire. In Maths, they focused on multiplication, using groupings to write multiplication sums. In Science, they studied the lifecycle of plants, exploring different types of seeds and their similarities and differences. During phonics lessons, they learned about spelling rules for adding 'ing' to words with short vowels. The students also enjoyed lots of outdoor learning and play, taking advantage of the lovely afternoons in the sun.

In Wharton Class this week in Maths we have started our topic of length and perimeter. In English we have been looking at shape/concrete poetry to help us with ideas for our poem about the dark related to our reading book *The Night Box*. In Science we have been continuing to look at the properties of materials as well as looking at the viscosity of liquids. We had a lovely visit from a nurse at The Bay Medical Practice who used to attend Newchurch Primary School. She was able to tell us about the path she followed to enable her to become a nurse. In PSHE we have been looking at fact and opinion, we have talked about how people can see an event from a different viewpoint.

Yr 3



Yr 4



Angelou class have been working hard to master some very tricky concepts this week. Firstly, we looked at the present perfect tense in English. We learned about how we need an auxiliary verb to link with a past tense verb to show that an action that was completed in the past is still relevant today. We created our own magical object and imagined a scenario that this could have been used to get up to mischief before writing a howler to reprimand the character and had a go at including the present perfect tense. In maths, we learned about equivalent fractions and used a fraction wall to help us see which fractions were equivalent. We noticed a pattern and realised that we could multiply the numerator and denominator by the same number to get an equivalent fraction. We then went on to use the highest common factor to simplify fractions. We concluded our electrical circuits unit in science by carrying out an investigation to see if increasing the voltage of a battery increased the brightness of a bulb. We made sure the test was fair and used a lux meter to measure the brightness before recording our results in a table. We were lucky enough to be visited by nurse Hannah, an ex Newchurch student, as part of careers week. She told us all about her job and also about some of the other jobs in the NHS. She brought along some of her equipment and let us have a go at listening to each others hearts, taking temperatures and putting on bandages. Mrs Illman even had her blood pressure taken!

Duffy Class have ventured on to a new topic in maths, this week. Decimals and percentages. Following on from our last topic on fractions, this will hopefully demonstrate to the class the close relationship between the three concepts. This week we have been looking at numbers to one and two decimal places and equivalent fractions. In English, we have looked at the story of 'The Dam', from the little girl's point of view. We participated in some drama 'freeze frame' activities, acting out different stages in the story and then talking about how this made us feel. We then used these insights, to write a diary entry from the perspective of the young girl. We have also started our new history topic on 'The Anglo-Saxons'. We discovered when and where they came from and started to look at the impact they had on Britain. We also had a visit from Veronica from the RSPCA, our class chosen charity. She kindly came in to talk to us about how we can raise money for the charity, stories about the animals and even told us how she found herself working in the animal sector. We finished off the week with our Year 5 Showcase Assembly, showing off our brilliant work and skills.

Yr 5



Yr 6



This week, our Year 6 students have been busy with a variety of exciting activities! In English, they wrote instruction texts on how to "kill a Blucher" (a fun creative challenge), while in Maths, they began exploring line graphs and statistics. In Design Technology, the children made healthy pancakes using bananas and vanilla as substitutes for sugar. They also designed and created pancake-themed games for their buddies in Reception class. In PSHE, they created respect posters showcasing famous people they admire and respect. It's been a week full of creativity, learning, and teamwork!

CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

YEAR R

Talk to me about ... The Three Little Pigs

Words to use ... huff, puff, chimney, villain, hero,

Top tips ... have a look on Seesaw for Phonics and Maths app recommendations

We have been reading ... The Three Little Pigs

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... grouping of items, e.g. we have 2 groups of 3 bananas

Words to use... short vowel and long vowel

Tips for the week... check your child's bag for the homework spelling sheet.

We have been reading... Evie and the Animals by Matt Haig

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... calling the emergency services

Words to use... 999, police, ambulance, fire service

Tip of the week... can you learn your home address in case you need it in an emergency?

We are reading... Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by JK Rowling

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... homophones.

Words to use... words, spelling, meaning, dictionary.

Tip for the week... can you count how many different fruit & vegetables you eat over the weekend.

We have been reading... "Boy in the Tower" by Polly Yo-Hen

YEAR 1

We have been learning ... all about plants and Grace Darling

Words to use ... Seed, bulb, roots, stem, lighthouse, rowing boat, bravery

Tips for the week ... Look at different plants in your garden or close to your home- do you think they have grown from seeds or bulbs? Why do you think this?

We have been reading ...Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow, by Sarah Garland

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... fact and opinion

Words to use... growing up, media influence, responsibility, decision making, communication, independence

Tips for the week... talk about the news, the internet, the media in general is everything we see or hear facts or are some opinion

We have been reading... The Night Box by Louise Greig and Ashling Lindsay

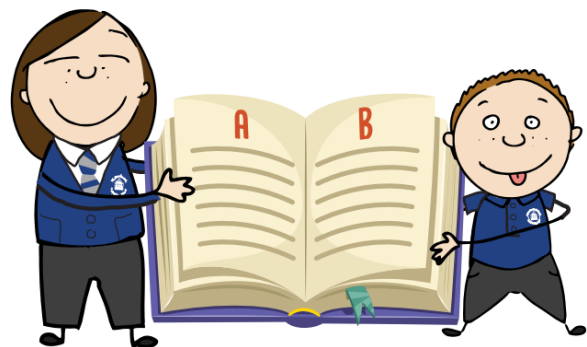
YEAR 5

Talk to me about.....RSPCA.

Words to usecharity, animal shelter, vet bills, donations.

Tips for the weeklook out for the RSPCA charity shops on the Island.

We have been reading.....The Dam by David Almond



Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly



Year R: Forrest R

Year 1: Benjamin P

Year 2: Albee T

Sticker Cards:

RED:

Mia W (1) Brandon B (4) Annabelle M (1) Jack W (2)

BLUE:

Autumn T (1)

GREEN:

Harper-Rose O (1)

WELL DONE!

We are so proud of all of our winners!

Posie S



Brandon B



William C



Jack W



Ava F



Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 10TH March 2025

	Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger & Wedges	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger & Wedges	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza	Veggie Fingers & Chips
Dessert	Flapjack & Fruit	Oat Cookie with Fruit	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie