



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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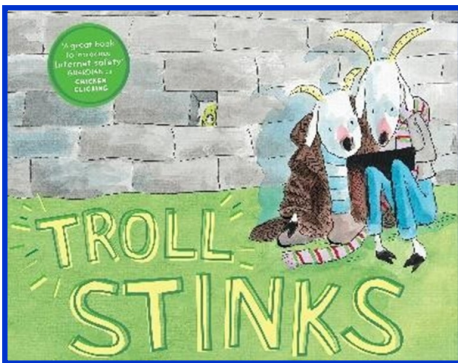
VALUE: RULE OF LAW



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

In assembly on Monday, Mrs Parkin continued the rule of law theme by talking about rules of staying safe online and particularly when using mobile phones.

Together they read a story called 'Troll Stinks!' by Jeanne Willis which is the story of Billy Goat and his friend Cyril who find a mobile phone and don't tell their parents as they know that their parents will say 'you're too young for a phone!' and take it off of them. The goats have fun taking photos of squirrels and then selfies of themselves and then finally, they decide to send some mean texts to troll to 'pay her back for stopping goats from using her bridge.' When they finally approach troll's cave to take a photo without permission that they intend to post on social media, they find troll crying in the cave because she is sad after receiving such mean messages. The goats are sorry for their actions.




Mrs Parkin spoke with the children about the fact that, sadly this has happened to some children in our school before and that school will always get involved if it is reported to us.

They discussed the importance of being kind in person and online and in messages. The children had some good messages to give one another such as 'treat others as you'd like to be treated,' and 'if you wouldn't say it in person, then don't say it in a message or group chat.'

IT'S A BOY!

We know that you will join us in congratulating Miss Hagon and her partner George, on the safe arrival of baby Teddy who was born yesterday morning!

We have all been eagerly waiting news of his arrival and can't wait to welcome him into our Newchurch family.

 This little one is already so very much loved and we look forward to meeting him very soon!



Yr 5

YEAR 5 MAKE IT HAPPEN IN GEOGRAPHY



On Tuesday morning, Year 5 had an exciting trip around Newchurch as part of their Geography lessons. They have been learning about how our local area has changed over time, and this visit helped bring their studies to life!

As part of their fieldwork, they've been studying maps and even drawing their own, highlighting the different land uses around Newchurch. During their walk through the village, they looked closely at the houses and discussed how their size and style can tell us about their age. It was fascinating to see how much the village has developed over the years.



The children also explored the new paths and bridge at the bottom of the village, which have made it easier to get around. From the cycle path, they had a great view of the industrial estate and thought about how these areas have changed too.

Building on their studies of the Isle of Wight railways from last term, the children were able to spot where the train tracks once ran through Newchurch. It was exciting to imagine how lovely it must have been to travel on the train, seeing the village and the surrounding countryside.



Throughout the day, Year 5 had lots of discussions about nature and how lucky they are to have such beautiful landscapes around them.

The trip was both educational and fun, and they all had a fabulous time discovering more about our local area!

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES—UPDATE FROM THE IOW NHS TRUST

Children's COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments at North Hospital

We have been asked to share that the Isle of Wight NHS Trust is offering COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children and young people at the Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's.

Who can attend:

- Ages 5-11
- Ages 12-15
- Ages 16-17

Vaccination Dates:

- **Tuesday, 3rd December 2023:** 8am to 11am
- **Monday, 16th December 2023:** 2pm to 5pm

Location: Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's. Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Booking: Appointments must be booked in advance. You can book by calling 119 or through the NHS website.

Eligibility: Children and young people are eligible if they are at serious risk from the complications of COVID-19 infection, which includes those with:

- Severe neurodisabilities
- Immunosuppression (weakened immune systems)
- Profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities (including Down's syndrome), and those on the learning disability register

For more information regarding children's COVID vaccinations, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team at: iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net.



NEWCHURCH MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH TABLE TENNIS TRIUMPH!

Last Wednesday, a team of eight enthusiastic students from Newchurch travelled to Smallbrook to participate in an exciting table tennis competition. The children were divided into two teams and assigned letters A-D, creating four groups to compete against other children based on their letter. The matches were a race to 11 points, with the first to win two games emerging victorious.



Newchurch started strong, with Team A and Team B each securing three wins. As the tournament progressed, the Newchurch players grew more confident in their table tennis skills, accumulating numerous victories. By the end of the tournament, Newchurch Team A had clinched first place, while Team B finished in a commendable third place. Both teams qualified for the final.

On Wednesday, Newchurch returned to Smallbrook for the table tennis final. Each player retained their previous letter assignments, hoping to replicate their earlier success. This time, the matches were best of five games, making the competition even more challenging. The Newchurch players represented their

school with great determination and sportsmanship, supporting each other throughout the event. Impressively, every player scored at least 10 points for their team.

As the afternoon concluded, the results were announced: Newchurch Team A had won the competition, earning the opportunity to compete in an upcoming event in Hampshire.

Congratulations to all the participants for their incredible resilience and determination in a sport that is not so familiar to them.

Squad Members: Elsie F, Isabel V, Sam B, Zak J, Jessie H, Grace S, Toby H, Toby FS



NEWCHURCH SHINES AT SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS!

On Monday, twelve talented students from Newchurch Primary School participated in the Indoor Athletics competition at The Bay. Competing against five other schools, the Newchurch team knew they were in for a challenging day.

Each student took part in a variety of field events, including the Chest Push, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Vertical Jump, Speed Bounce, and Javelin. After completing these events, every child also competed in two races. The team

spent the afternoon perfecting their relay changes, which paid off during the races. Their excellent baton exchanges ensured they didn't lose any time, contributing to their strong performance in the running events.

Thanks to their impressive results in both the field and running events, Newchurch finished in first place and have now qualified for the island finals after Christmas.

Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and determination!

Squad Members: Ted B, Oliver S, Maisie M, Katie P, Leah H, Stanley D, Isla G, Grace S, Scarlett B, Buddy J, Oscar H, Alfie J



MISS BARTLETT MAKES IT HAPPEN IN THE ARENA

Recently Miss Bartlett has adjusted her working hours at school to make more time for her passion of horseriding. Miss Bartlett is a very talented equestrian and we are super proud of her achievements and are keen to celebrate her success to provide inspiration for the many children in school that really enjoy their riding. Miss Bartlett has shown that dreams can come true!

A few months ago, Miss Bartlett and her horse, Radley, achieved a remarkable feat by qualifying for the British Showjumping Amateur Championships through a Wildcard qualification. Recently, they travelled to the prestigious Aintree Equestrian Centre in Liverpool, the renowned venue of the Grand National, to compete in the Championships.



The week-long competition was intense, with over 150 competitors in each class. Despite the fierce competition, Miss Bartlett and Radley performed exceptionally well, finishing in the top 20 and securing a place in the final. This achievement was a testament to their dedication, resilience and hard work.

Miss Bartlett has shared with us at school that the experience at Aintree was unforgettable, offering her the unique opportunity to ride around the gallops and pass some of the famous Grand National fences!



Adding to their successful year, Miss Bartlett and Radley have also qualified for the London International Horse Show in December. This upcoming event will mark their first International competition, and the school community eagerly awaits their performance—we can't wait to hear how well they do!

Congratulations to Miss Bartlett and Radley for their outstanding achievements and best of luck at the London International Horse Show!



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2024



At Newchurch, we believe that the mental health and well-being of our children are just as important as their physical health. We are committed to creating a supportive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive both emotionally and physically.

Our school is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and respected. We promote kindness, respect, and understanding among students and staff. Anti-bullying campaigns and workshops are regularly conducted to ensure a positive school culture and our work from the recent National Anti Bullying Week is now proudly on display in our corridor.

All of the children thought about the theme 'Choose Respect' and made kindness pledges that fill each of the letters in the word RESPECT. Please take a look next time you are in school.





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - SAFE ONLINE BUYING TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS

December is on the horizon, and families around the country are already putting up Christmas trees and decorating their homes. As we get ready for the festive season, it's important to remember that not all presents are created equally, especially when shopping online. There is a temptation this Black Friday to buy super cheap items but the Child Accident Prevention Trust have highlighted key risks with certain gifts. Unfortunately, not all of these sellers adhere to the strict manufacturing standards we expect. It's crucial to be vigilant and prioritize safety over convenience.

Here are some essential tips to ensure you buy safe gifts for your children this Christmas:

1. **Be Cautious with Online Marketplaces:** When shopping on platforms like AliExpress, Amazon, eBay, Etsy, Groupon, Joom, OnBuy, Shein, Temu, TikTok Shop, and Wish, be aware that some products may not have been safety checked.
2. **Stick with Known Brands:** If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and the price seems too good to be true, it might be unsafe.
3. **Extra Care for Under 3s:** Young children are most at risk from dangerous products. Ensure any gifts for them are specifically designed for their age group.
4. **Check for Recalls:** Visit gov.uk for a list of recalled products to ensure you don't buy something that has been deemed unsafe.
5. **Trust Your Instincts:** If a product looks unsafe or poorly made, trust your instincts and send it back.

For more information on dangerous gifts to avoid this Christmas, you can visit the Child Accident Prevention Trust's website [here](#).

By following these guidelines, you can help ensure that your children have a safe and joyful holiday season.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - ROBLOX INTRODUCES NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS.

Roblox, a popular online gaming platform among children, is introducing new features to help parents monitor and control their children's activities. This move comes after concerns about child safety on the platform. Miss Howarth has been completing safety surveys in school and we know that Roblox continues to be a popular game, therefore we would encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the new features:

Parental Dashboard: Parents can now see who their child interacts with, how long they play each day, and ensure their age is recorded correctly.

Content Restrictions: Children under nine will only have access to games rated "mild," while "moderate" content requires parental approval.

Chat Restrictions: Preteens will be blocked from using chat functions outside of games.

These changes aim to protect children from inappropriate content and interactions, ensuring a safer gaming environment.

Parents are encouraged to use these tools to have conversations with their children about online safety.



MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES—UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

We have been asked to alert parents to the signs and symptoms of threadworms (also known as pinworms), a common condition in young children that can be easily spread. While threadworms are not harmful and can be treated without a visit to the doctor, it's important to be aware so you can take action promptly.

What Are Threadworms? Threadworms are tiny white worms that can be found in your child's poo. They are most often seen around the bottom (anus), especially at night when the worms come out to lay their eggs.

How to Spot Threadworms:

- **Visible worms:** You might see tiny white worms in your child's poo or around their bottom.
- **Itching:** The main symptom is intense itching around the anus or vagina, especially at night.
- **Sleep disruptions:** Children may become irritable and wake up more frequently during the night due to the itching.

What Can You Do? If you suspect your child has threadworms, you can treat them without needing a GP visit. Over-the-counter medicine, such as mebendazole, is available at pharmacies. This medicine is usually in the form of a chewable tablet or liquid that helps kill the worms. Be sure to treat everyone in your household who is over 2 years old, even if they do not show symptoms. If your child is under 2 years old, or if you are pregnant or breast-feeding, consult with a pharmacist or GP before taking any medication.

Home Treatment and Hygiene Measures: Even though the medicine kills the worms, it doesn't eliminate the eggs. Eggs can survive outside the body for up to two weeks, so it's essential to follow strict hygiene measures for at least 2 weeks (or 6 weeks if you're not using medicine) to prevent re-infection.

Do's:

- Wash hands and scrub under fingernails, especially before eating or after using the toilet.
- Encourage children to wash hands regularly.
- Shower every morning.
- Keep fingernails short and clean.
- Wash sleepwear, sheets, towels, and soft toys in hot water every day.
- Disinfect bathroom and kitchen surfaces using hot water.
- Vacuum and dust regularly with a damp cloth.
- Ensure everyone in the household wears clean underwear at night and changes it each morning.

Don'ts:

- Don't shake bedding or clothing, as this can spread eggs.
- Avoid sharing towels, flannels, or other personal items.


At School: It's important to note that children with threadworms do not need to stay off school. However, maintaining good hygiene at home is key to preventing the spread of threadworms to others.

Prevention: Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, especially after using the toilet and before eating. This simple habit will help reduce the chances of re-infection.

If you have any concerns or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school nurse service on **0300 123 5224**



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

| MONDAY 2nd | TUESDAY 3rd | WEDNESDAY 4TH | THURSDAY 5TH | FRIDAY 6TH |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Farm | Cross Country | Year 6 Museum Visit | Year 3 Swimming | KS2 Celebrations |
| U9 Girls Football |  | | | Year 6 RUDE Workshop |
| | | | | CLUBS FINISH |



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—GADGETS FOR CHRISTMAS?

Is that the sound of sleigh bells ringing? The holiday season is almost upon us, and we know that many of our parents and carers will be taking advantage of it being Black Friday today (**Friday 29th November**) to grab the best deals for gifts ahead of Christmas.

We're sure that many of our young people have devices on their Christmas list, whether that's a tablet, phone, games console – the list goes on!

Getting a device can be an exciting time for young people, and there may be considerations for parents and carers to make as they consider buying it. Childnet have created this super useful guide for parents regarding gifting gadgets for Christmas and what to think about regarding keeping children safe in advance of them opening their gift. Please do take a look <https://www.childnet.com/blog/christmas-2022/>

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN - THE 'ELF SERVICE' IS READY!

Our Elves are ready to start their Christmas Card postal delivery service next week. They will be working each lunchtime to empty the school post box and deliver cards around the school.

We regard the sending of cards as a real and purposeful writing activity for the children and are very happy to support deliveries. All the elves need is for the recipients name and class to be clearly and neatly written on the front of the envelope.



Please note the last posting day will be on

Wednesday 18th December.



SANTA DASH 2024

KS2 Monday 16th December

KS1 Tuesday 17th December



A FUN walk or run around the woods

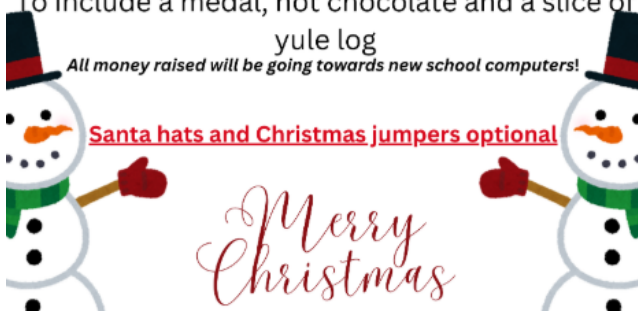
£5 a person

(to be paid by 6th December on school money)

To include a medal, hot chocolate and a slice of yule log

All money raised will be going towards new school computers!

Santa hats and Christmas jumpers optional



POETRY CORNER

Dave Dirt's Christmas Presents

By Kit Wright

Dave Dirt Wrapped his Christmas Presents

Late on Christmas Eve

And gave his near relations things

That you would not believe.

His brother got an Odour –Eater -

Second—hand one, natch.

For Dad he chose, inside its box,

A single burnt-out match.

His sister copped the sweepings from

His hairy bedroom rug,

While Mum received a centipede

And Granny got a slug!

Next day he had the nerve to sit

Beneath the Christmas tree

And say: 'OK, I've done my bit -

What have you got for me?'



SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?



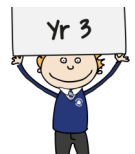
In maths this week, Donaldson Class have been looking at numbers that might be hiding behind the whole number. We watched Stampolines episode of Numberblocks and had a go at making our own 'stampoline' patterns for number 4 and talked about the shapes we could see. We realised that, although he's the smallest number, number 1 is very important as he is a part in ALL numbers. In phonics we have been learning to recognise the digraphs (two letters making one sound) ch, sh, th, ng and nk. We're also working super hard on our blending skills! We've been experimenting with water and talking about what happens to it when it gets really cold. We made a freezer full of icy hands to play with, explore and test. We have now learnt how to sign all of the animals and all of the colours in the story Brown bear, brown bear and we look forward to sharing it with you on Seesaw soon.

Rosen class have been working hard this week on learning 3D shapes. We have looked at the number and shape of the faces, the number of edges and the number of vertices. The children have been doing lots of activities in sorting and identifying these shapes. In Science we have been continuing to sort materials according to their properties. On Monday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Estelle Baker from English Heritage. She had with her a variety of toys from the past. We looked at how and what they were made from and how they worked. We had a lot of time to experiment and play with the toys and the children really enjoyed seeing what people in the past may have played with and how it differs from the toys we have today.



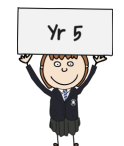
This week, Year 2 have been busy in English writing their own stories relating to The Queen's Knickers story. We began planning our story, then creating a story mountain, making sure we know what was happening in the introduction, build up, what the problem is, how it will be resolved and how the story will end. We have had lots of fun using our imagination for the story planning and we are looking forward to reading them to the class. In History this week, we were looking at how children lived in the Victorians times. We learnt that not many children went to school and instead they were made to work, to earn money for their family. In PSHE, we have been learning about 'valuing differences' and this week focusing on acts of kindness. The children had some lovely words to say about themselves!! We have been continuing to practice our Nativity and are SOOO excited that the stage has been put up for us. We have been busy making posters, learning songs and all our lines!!

This week in Wharton Class we have been working on problem solving using our knowledge of addition and subtraction. In English we have been looking at adverbial phrases to help us with making our written work more exciting. In Science we have been testing if more magnets together are more powerful than one magnet. In PSHE we have been looking at friends and neighbours understanding that people in the UK come from different origins. We have looked at differences and similarities between a diverse range of people from varying national, regional, ethnic and religious backgrounds. We have also had a zoom meeting with the PDSA where they talked to us about animal welfare and responsible pet ownership, enabling the children to understand the essentials required for pets to live happy, healthy lives.



We started a new class text in English this week - Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister. We began by watching some clips of the circus and using our senses to write expanded noun phrases about the experience. We made predictions about the text using the picture on the first page before reading the book. We then looked at a WAGOLL of a persuasive advert for a circus and identified the features that made it successful. In maths, we have started our new unit on multiplication and division. We learned some new vocabulary and used a triangle to show the relationship between the factors and the product. We used this to help us write multiplication and division facts. We looked at the organs of the digestive system in science and created life sized diagrams showing their location and function in the body. In computing, we wrote algorithms for the micro:bit to use data as a condition in selection. We used if, then, else programs to make the micro:bit light up when the conditions were dark enough.

This week Duffy Class have been looking at comparing fractions of fractions with different denominators. We used multiplication and division to calculate the equivalent fraction so we could compare them easily. We started with fractions that were less than one and then advanced onto comparing fractions greater than 1. Once we had the method, we could compare any fraction. In English we have been looking at the benefits of supermarkets selling wonky vegetables. We heard from the farmers and then planned our persuasive reasons, ready to put into a letter to the major supermarkets to encourage them to sell more wonky vegetables. We had a really productive D&T lesson, creating circuits and installing a buzzer (for the alarm) and a switch which will activate our alarm boxes. There was lots of problem solving and frustration but the class managed to create some really good circuits, ready to plan their own alarm boxes next week. We also went on a Geography field trip into Newchurch looking at the land use of the village.



This week, the class have started a new learning journey in English using the 'Christmas Truce' advert as a stimulus. We have explored characters' feelings and how we can show these by describing their actions and body language. In music, Year 6 have been practising for the Christmas Carol concert using the Boom Wackers to recreate some well known festive songs. Over the course of this half term, the class have been learning how to format and input formulas into spreadsheets. They have put their learning to the test this week and have had a go at budgeting for a party: inputting data and formulas to check their plans.

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 ... Ice

Words to use ... frozen, freeze, ice, icy, defrost, melt, melting

Top tips ... check your child's bag for the new sound and tricky word cards

We have been reading ... We're going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... What jobs children did in the Victorian times.

Words to use... More and Fewer

Tips for the week... Please practice the nativity songs.

We have been reading... Tiddler by Julia Donaldson

YEAR 4

Talk to me about...kitchen safety

Words to use... hazard, hygiene, bacteria, use by, best before

Tip of the week... can you spot any hazards in your kitchen?

We are reading... Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... respecting others.

Words to use... respect, tolerance, differences, identity, caring, diversity.

Tips for the week... remember to keep practising your times tables at home.

We have been reading... our own poems about World War II.

YEAR 1

We have been learning... 3D shapes, toys from the past

Words to use... faces, edges, vertices, cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, square based pyramid, triangular based pyramid

Tips for the week... which 3D shapes can you find in your house?

We have been reading... Night Monkey, Day Monkey, by Julia Donaldson

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... friends and neighbours.

Words to use... British Values, caring, community, diversity, emotional needs, identity, respect, stereotypes, tolerance, rights, LGBT+, relationships, sexual orientation

Tips for the week... talk about things that make us the same as well as things that make us different. .

We have been reading... The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

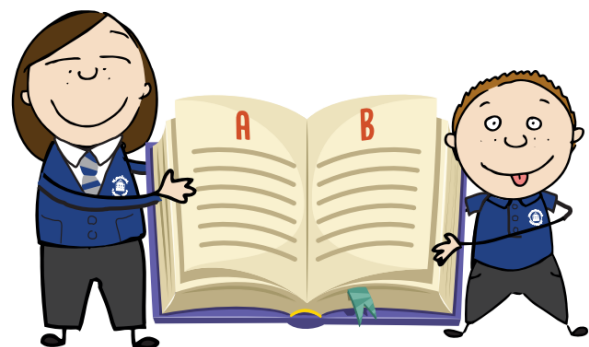
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... Newchurch.

Words to useland use, residential, industrial, commercial, recreational.

Tips for the weeksee if you can identify the land use in your area.

We have been reading.....The Land of Neverbelieve by Norman Messenger



Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly



Reception: Autumn Tate

Sticker Cards:

Year 1: Greyson G

YELLOW: Ezekiel M (1)

Year 2: Alfred E

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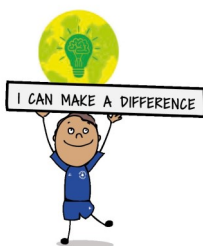
We are so proud of all of our winners!



Jake M



Mya M



Morghan HP



Henry P



Lucie D

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Children are more likely to eat fruit & vegetables

They make food fun in the dining hall with friends

Improved behaviour & concentration

Experience exciting tasty theme days



**THEY ARE FREE IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TODAY**

Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 2nd December 2024

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Main | Veggie Supreme Pizza | Beef Bolognese & Pasta | Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken & Vegetable Pie with Mash | Crispy Chicken Burger & Chips |
| Vegetarian | Vegetable Fajita & Rice | Chinese Vegetable Noodles | Winter Vegetable Hotpot | Macaroni Cheese | Quorn Dippers & Chips |
| Dessert | Crunchy Chocolate Mousse | Apple and Cinnamon Sponge & Custard | Fruits of the Forest Jelly | Chocolate Cookie | Orange Sticky Sponge Pudding |