# **Colley Lane Primary Academy**

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Newsletter - 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short but very productive week and great to be able to get outside more.

There has been a little confusion around the final day for this term due to Dudley dates and the day we have published being different. I would like to clarify and confirm that school will finish for the summer on **Thursday 21st July at 1pm.** Children will have lunch in

school as normal and will go out the usual doors.

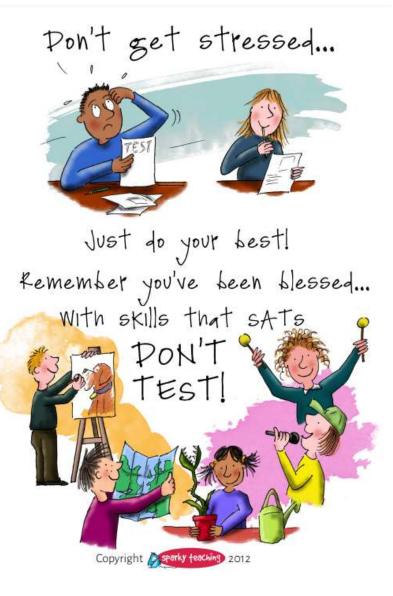
Next week, Year 6 pupils across the country will be sitting their SATs tests. We know that our children in Year 6 have been working incredibly hard, putting in lots of effort in preparation and shining brightly. All the teachers, parents and children at Colley Lane are behind you and we know that you will nail them!

So have a restful weekend, make sure to go to bed at a reasonable time on Sunday and we look forward to welcoming you to SATs breakfast club on Monday morning.

And remember:



Mr Dominic Simpson Headteacher



### Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am responsible
- I can be collaborative



#### **Colley Lane Primary Academy**

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	Key Dates	<u>Reminders</u>				
•	Monday 9th -Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week	School start and finish times Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am				
•	Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th May RDW Parents Evening (rescheduled)	Finish time -Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm				
٠	Monday 16th May - Young Voices Concert	<u>Breakfast Club</u> Due to staffing, please note that Breakfast club MUST be booked in advance. If you need to drop				
•	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Summer Half Term	your child off early due to an appointment/emergency, please book online or call				
•	Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 PGL Residential Trip	<i>the office to check if there is space. There is a charge of £3.50 per child.</i>				
•	Monday 13th June - Year 4 Think Tank Museum Trip	<u>Tuck Money - KS2 Please note there has been a</u> <u>slight_price increase.</u> Can parents please check their ParentMail account to make sure there is money if they would like their child				
•	Thursday 15th June - Year 5 ArtsMark Trip	to have tuck at break time. Please note that this also applies to families who receive free school meals. Items				
•	Friday 17th June Nursery Reception and Year 6 Photos	are 40p each, other than the Milkshakes which are 45p.				
•	Thursday 23rd June - Dance 'Frozen' Theatre Trip to London	Names in Coats Can we remind all parents / carers to make sure children bring a coat to school with their name on. We do still have limited coats available to buy from the				
•	Monday 27th June - INSET Day - School Closed	school office for just £5.				
•	Tuesday 28th June - Year 1 Sycamore Adventure Centre Trip	<u>Uniform</u> Please can all children's uniforms, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name.				
•	Friday 1st July - Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip					
٠	Last day Thursday 21st July closing at 1pm Nursery morning session only	PE All children are to come into school with their PE kits on their PE days.				
•	Friday 22nd July - Friday 2nd September - Summer Holidays	<u>Parking</u> Can we remind you that the car park is for <u>staff only.</u> If you need to use the car-park, please see the office for a				
		parking permit. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge.				

### Iris ParentMail

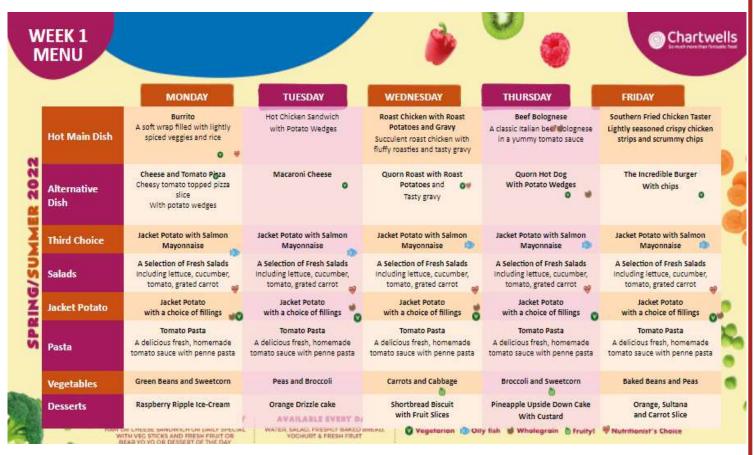
ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

We encourage all parents to register if you haven't already. For those who haven't and if you have an email address, you will be receiving a verification email soon via your emails. Please follow the link on the email to register. You will get notification when we send out forms for trips, all payments will be via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

## **General Reminders**

#### School Dinners

Just a reminder that you no longer need to book meals in advance, children can choose what they would like to eat on the day at the counter. Parents will still need to ensure that there is money in their child's ParentMail account but children will indicate they are having a hot dinner on the day in registration.Next week will be **Week 1 Menu, please see below:** 



The menus rotate on a 3 week cycle and all menus can be found on the website under 'School Life' then 'Essential Information'. You can also pick up a copy from the school office.

#### <u>Asthma</u>

Just a reminder that if your child needs an inhaler in school, please can you come to the office to fill in the relevant paperwork. You will be asked to leave one inhaler in school.

#### <u>Class Dojo</u>

Please sign up to Class Dojo this weekend using the letter provided from school. For more information please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

#### <u>PE Days</u>

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday

- Year 2 Thursday
- Year 3 Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4 4R & 4K Monday and Thursday, 4H Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 5 Tuesday and Friday
- Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

#### Walk to School

Well done to all the children who have been awarded a walk to school badge since January. We have managed to distribute 856 badges so far this year which is a great achievement.

We have three more months left at school and it would be great if we could give out 1000 badges or more for walking to school.



To help us achieve this target all you have to do is **walk to school once a week** and log this journey, when at school, on the travel tracker.

We will also be finding out soon who won the Walk to School design a badge competition. Fingers crossed for the Colley Lane entries.

## Attendance

#### If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know as soon as possible by;

- Calling 01384 900450 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a message.
- Sending an email to <u>attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u>
- Reporting their absence via the ParentMail App.

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend school. Thank you.

#### **Covid Absences**

If your child has a positive covid test result, the current public health advice is still for them to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The isolation period is still 5 full days. If your child tests negative with a lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature, they can return to school immediately on day 6. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two Lateral Flow tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest

# What's been happening in school this week?

### <u>Nursery</u>

What a busy 4 day week we have had in nursery! The children have continued to develop their understanding about other beliefs by hearing all about the stories from children who enjoyed Eid celebrations on Monday and Tuesday. We hope you all enjoyed celebrating with your families.



On Wednesday 48 children came with us on our trip to Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park. The children were very well behaved and all had a wonderful day. We got the chance to see a range of animals including meerkats, red pandas, monkeys and snakes. The children also enjoyed going on a coach and playing on the park!

In WCR this week, we unveiled our new book as 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' by Bill Martin Jr. The children have enjoyed being able to join in with the repeated refrains of 'what do you see?' and 'I see a...' throughout the book and many of them can tell us which animal is coming next!



In maths this week, we have been matching numerals to quantity and practising our careful counting. Children are very confident with their oral counting and are now working on matching the correct numeral to an amount of objects. You can help with this at home by asking the children to count out objects and matching it to a numeral written on a post-it note or scrap piece of paper.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

### **Reception**

Reception children have been learning about being respectful of other people's beliefs and respecting others by listening to their ideas and answers this week. Well done to all the children who have shown respect to others.



In Whole Class Reading, the children had a fantastic time making healthy fruit kebabs which were inspired by our story Oliver's Fruit Salad. It was lovely to see children try a range of fruits and use their beautiful manners when asking for different fruits. They really enjoyed eating their fruit kebabs and wanted to make more. Why don't you have a go at home!



In numeracy, the children have been learning to double numbers. Again because the children have listened so well this week they have really understood the concept of doubling using practical resources.

The weather has been lovely this week so children have fully enjoyed learning and playing outside. Children have developed their road safety knowledge through creating their own traffic light game. It was lovely to see the children listen to each other and learn how to stay safe.

In literacy, children have continued to practise writing sentences using their phonics knowledge and they have also worked hard on spelling tricky words correctly. You may have noticed some children coming home wearing a tricky word crown! We hope you have a great weekend.

## <u>Year 1</u>

We hope you all had a good Bank holiday weekend and also enjoyed your Eid celebrations.

Our Magic moments theme has continued this week and we have been looking at another artist that uses mini beasts in their work. Rosalind Monks uses lots of patterns so the children spent some time researching lots of different types of patterns. We looked at natural and man made patterns, geometric and organic as well as regular and irregular patterns. We then tried to create our own pieces, using Rosalind Monks' work as our inspiration.





In English we have continued working towards writing our own non chronological reports and so began by looking at information on spiders and ladybirds. We have generated lots of facts that we will include in our reports next week. Did you know that there are 5000 different types of ladybird and most spiders have eight eyes as well as eight legs? The children have enjoyed learning about these creatures and delighted in finding lots of ladybirds out on the playground this week. (Not so keen to look for spiders!)



We are continuing to revise our phonics this term in readiness for the national screening test next term. As well as our phonic lessons first thing in the morning we have a quick fire session straight after lunch. The children are

getting really confident, identifying digraphs in words and using the chunking method to break up longer words to read them more easily.

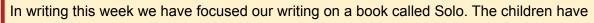
They are also far more confident at sounding out and blending 'alien' words. Keep practising at home too!

Have a lovely weekend!

<u>Year 2</u>

We have had a very creative week in Year 2 as our magic moment's theme has got underway. In art, the children have been adding to their wonderful Antarctica inspired collages by adding texture. The children added flour, salt and oats to the blue and white paint to look like the ice, water and snow found in this climate.

Maths this week has been lots of fun! The children have been exploring different measurements. They have used thermometers to measure and compare the temperature and have been investigating the capacity of different containers.





explored the vocabulary in this text and done some wonderful acting to help them remember the story. They have practised using adverbs to add more detail and recapped using different suffixes in their writing.

The children have carefully observed our caterpillars this week and discussed how much they have grown! In science they also created a poster explaining what animals and humans need to survive.

What a busy (but fun) 4 days we have had. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

### <u>Year 3</u>

A very busy four days in Year Three! We began our week immersing ourselves using 'Now Press Play'. We have been learning about how to keep healthy in Science, so we used the immersive experience to travel inside a child who hadn't eaten breakfast or had a drink. The children found out this meant little energy and a foggy memory! We discovered in Science that too much salt in our diet is not good for us and how important balanced meals are. Can your child tell you about rainbow coloured food?

In English this week we began our new writing genre; Fables. We have been reading lots of these short stories which have a moral/message. The children have been describing settings and looking at characters in Fables. Most of the characters are animals who talk!

Maths has seen us continue learning about right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. We have been identifying and drawing perpendicular, parallel, horizontal and vertical lines. You might be able to see examples of these lines in real life if out and about at the weekend.

We had lots of fun in our Music lesson this week. We were listening to and copying the rhythm in 'The eye of the tiger' song. We clapped the rhythm to begin with and then used basketballs to bounce the rhythm out! Slightly chaotic but fun!

We read the opening chapter in 'The Railway children' in Whole Class Reading and met the children in the story. It's set in the Edwardian period which came after The Victorian era we studied in Autumn. The children are enjoying reading about life in the early 1900s.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## <u>Year 4</u>

This week we have been very busy in the four days we have been in school!

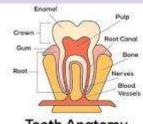
In English, we have been reading more Ananse stories which originate from Ghana in Africa. We learnt about 'Ananse and the Pot of Wisdom' and 'How Pig got his Snout'. In 'Ananse and the Post of Wisdom' we learnt that Ananse had collected all wisdom from around the world and needed to give it to the Sun King. However, he was showing off so much that he dropped the Pot of Wisdom and everyone gained wisdom as it fell to the ground. In 'How Pig Got his Snout' Anase borrowed money from Pig but did not give it back to him. When Pig came to get the money back, Ananse hid the money in a bamboo pole, so when he tried to get it out it snapped his trunk off and left a snout! We have listened to how boastful he is and how he likes to be a trickster! The children are really enjoying reading stories from another culture. Within our written work this week, we have focused on using conjunctions and adverbials.

In Maths, we have really tried to get our brain cells working hard in problem solving with measures. We have used tables frequently this week to record our results in a systematic way. We have tried to find out how long someone will run for if they add 8 minutes per day to their training time starting at 30 minutes, how many different ways there are to make 85p from 20ps, 10ps and 5ps and we have tried to calculate how much ribbon you can buy for a set length if the ribbons all have different measurements.

In Science, we have been investigating teeth and how each tooth in our mouth has a different function. For example, canine teeth tear food whilst molars crush and chew. In addition, we have set up an investigation into how drinks affect the decay of teeth.

In our Art lessons, we have finalised our TIngatinga paintings. Last week, we drew our African savannah backgrounds with pastels and this week we used the Tingatinga art style to create the animals with spots using cotton buds. We then combined these mediums to make our final pictures.

Don't forget the homework for this theme is on Class Dojo and, in addition, children should be practising TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed daily at home.



**Tooth Anatomy** 





<u>Year 5</u>

Although it has been a slightly shorter week, it feels like we've still managed to pack lots of learning and exciting activities into our week.

In maths, we finished the learning block: converting units. This was quite a tricky block but children persevered and were able to solve challenging problems. Children assumed the role of the Olympic planning committee and had to work out a list of materials that needed to be ordered to build a new Olympic stadium. The problem - some measurements were in kg and some were in tonnes. Children converted the amounts and multiplied by the quantity needed to find the total mass. Well done to all classes for doing this!

It was 5A's turn for a whole day of animation with our visiting artist. Children worked collaboratively in small groups to create their scene. When we reviewed the scene videos at the end of the day, everybody was rightly proud of

what they've accomplished. It looks amazing! 5W and 5C will be having their own individual days with our visiting artist after SATs week.

In our English lessons, we have continued our writing project on the short animation - Wing. Children began the week writing a prequel to the story from a character's perspective. They were then introduced to *pathetic fallacy*, which is something they realised they have heard it spoken and read in action but didn't realise what it was called until now. 5C and 5W also developed their ability to integrate dialogue into their writing (5A will be doing this next week).





We have read the first few chapters of our new class book War Horse by Michael Morpurgo and already children are hooked. At the start of each chapter we reviewed any

unfamiliar vocabulary and discussed synonyms to ensure that we clearly understood the writer's intent. Morpurgo does use a wide range of vocabulary within this book and it is great to see and understand its usage. We are all eager to continue reading next week!

Spellings will be sent home each Friday and practised in school the following Monday during our SPaG (spellings, punctuation and grammar) lessons. In addition to spellings and following discussions with parents - we are pleased to offer a short reading homework task to

be completed weekly. This is in addition to home reading and does not in any way replace it. Home reading should be undertaken regularly.

We wish everybody a happy weekend.

## <u>Year 6</u>

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy week again, leading up to the SATs tests next week. They have worked hard on their revision, focusing on their maths and reading skills and ensuring they feel ready for the coming week. We are very proud of all the hard work and revision they have put in over the past weeks and we know that they will achieve their very best next week. Over the weekend, we are encouraging the children to have early nights and rest before the week ahead. Short bursts of Century Tech or arithmetic practise would also prepare the pupils and ensure they feel ready for Monday.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children to our SATs Breakfast Club on Monday morning - the front entrance doors will open at 8:15am. If your child is not attending the SATs Breakfast Club, please ensure that your child is in school on time (8:45am), ready to begin the tests on time.

In Theme this week, the children continued with their dance project around Witchcraft and Wizardry. The children created a dance piece based on the broomstick scene from the film, demonstrating their skills around motif development - levels, turns, jumps and canon. It really was a fabulous lesson!

A quick reminder for next week's trip to Haden Hill Park -

We still have pupils across the year group who haven't consented to attending the park trip next Friday. Please use the same link to consent to the trip as the SATs breakfasts, even if they are not attending the breakfast club. A packed lunch is required. If your son/daughter requires a school packed lunch from the kitchen, please let a member of staff know via Dojo or on the door at the end of the day. Children should wear appropriate outdoor/PE clothes and trainers as they will be playing all day. They must bring a coat if rain is forecast and any medication if they require it. The trip will be during normal school hours. If you have any questions, please see a member of the year 6 team.

Have a wonderful weekend; we look forward to seeing the children bright and early on Monday morning.

### News....

#### Beaver Scouts group recruiting new members

If your child is interested in becoming a Beaver Scout, one of our parents has asked if we could mention the following:

Every Tuesday night from 6.00pm-7.15pm at the Scout Hut, Foxcote Lane (just past The Why Not Pub) the Beaver Scout group meets to do activities, games and crafts. Six year old boys and girls are welcome.

#### Colley Lane Website

If you haven't already, please take the time to look at our new website at <u>https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/</u> You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

#### <u>Audio Books</u>

Audio books are a fantastic way to engage readers and offer a perfect opportunity to enjoy sharing a book with your son or daughter at home. Sooper Books very kindly donated their entire library of audio books for children to enjoy at school so we will be enjoying these in our lessons. If you wish to dip into a sample of these books at home, please access them via our school website on the following link:

#### https://www.colleylaneprimary.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/reading-at-home/

Here you will find a range of award-winning fairy tales, bedtime stories, fables and poems. Some of the titles are samples and there are a few stories which are free to access all of the time.

We would like to thank Sooper Books for their generous donation. If you would like to sign up for a membership to Sooper Books from home, they are currently offering a 1 week free trial or a £3.00 monthly subscription.

#### Netflix Age Ratings

You will be aware that Netflix is hugely popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content that is recommended to viewers. Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and 100% of the content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this.

Here is a guide on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings. Parental controls on Netflix

### **Pupil Achievements**

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children: (Tuesday 3rd May)

RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	P
Child Absent	Child Absent	Rory	Noah	Child Absent	Child Absent	Nico	Bailey-Joe	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	60	6S
Sapphire	Eva	Daniel B	Hayden	Rhea	Anas	Toby	Sam	Adriano



A huge well done to Louie Morton (3W) who completed the Kids Great Birmingham run on 1st May and raised £285 for local charity - The Giving Hands Mission who support families in the area with food, clothing, housing, employment and so much more. Congratulations Louie, fantastic work!

Well done to Raniyah Ghaleb in 4K who won Player Of The Match over the weekend for the 5th time this season playing for Halas Hawks girls. Great news Raniyah!





Please email achievements to info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

# The Kindness Corner

#### Action for happiness





#### **Black Country Food Bank**

The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is now in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year.

If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please bring these along to the school office where we will collect them before donating them to help our local food bank and community.

Take a look at the amazing work they do by visiting their website at https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/

## **Diary Dates**

#### Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Summer Holidays

Thursday 21st July finish at 1.00pm

Friday 22nd July 2022 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022

Return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### Autumn Half Term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Return to School on Monday 31st October 2022

#### Winter Holidays

Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Return to School on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

#### **Bank Holidays**

May Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

#### Inset Days

Monday 27th June 2022

#### Colley Lane Sports Club News

Well done to everyone who has attended a club this week. The children are doing really well learning new skills and practising ones learnt before. There are still places at most clubs so there is still a chance to come along and join in. Please can parents/carers come down off the car park to pick up children, there are lots of cars in the car park and the children don't always look before running to you. Clubs will all still be on during SATs week.

The price of clubs is £1 per club to a maximum of £3 regardless of how many clubs attended per week (this doesn't include JSB clubs.)

Unless your child has PE on the same day as a club they must come in school uniform and bring their kit to change into. If they are participating in a club before school they can come in their kit and bring their uniform to change into if they don't have PE that day, this also applies to the JSB club.

Sports Clubs									
	Before school (Start time)	Cost	After school (Finish time)	Cost					
Monday	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Cross Country (8.00)	£1.00	Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15) YR ,Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30)* JSB	£1.00 £3.00					
	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Tri Golf (8.10)	£1.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)	£1.00					
Tuesday			Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15)	£1.00					
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00					
Wednesdau	Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Athletics(4.15) N2 5 N/4 Dodgeball (4.20) * 159	£1.00 £3.00					
Wednesday	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB						
	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics -invite only (8.00) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cricket (8.00)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Rounders (4.15)	£1.00					
Thursday			Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)	£1.00					
Thursday			Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00					
			Y3 & Y4 Football(4.30) * JSB	£3.00					
	YR, YI & Y2 Football (8.00) *JSB	£2.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00					
Friday			Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30) Y4 Football trials	£1.00					
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) *JSB	£3.00					

# **Free School Meals**

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria.

However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax and not including any benefits)

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

#### Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in: reception class, year 1 and year 2 Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals click here <u>Free School Meals</u> or collect a form from the office.