Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has been shining on the last day of what has been a very busy yet productive term for children, staff and parents. From Parents evening, trips to Cadbury for Y6, Easter bonnet parades as well as many other events this term, the community feel of Colley Lane has shone through putting the past two years of restrictions behind us.

On Monday we shared our support for the families and children caught up in the Ukraine conflict. We were able to fill the school with messages of encouragement and thoughts as well as paper plate doves to show peace. The kind-hearted nature of the children was lovely to see

During the Easter holidays, there are a number of planned works from new carpets and painting to the start of a phased approach to replacing the interactive whiteboards in the classrooms. All of these will help to enhance the provision at Colley Lane.

Well done to everyone who took part in the painted Egg competition and the decorate a letter competition for the office. It was superb to see so many children entering for the fun of doing so and in assemblies today, it felt a bit like Saturday Night



Takeaway with Ant and Dec due to all the celebrations and prizes being given out. Well done everyone!

Thank you for all the support over this term and ensuring the links between home and school continue to strengthen. We wish everyone a peaceful holiday, a happy Easter and a blessed Ramadan. We send our best wishes and congratulations to Miss Holt who is getting married during the holiday and will return to school as Mrs Peters. School reopens on Monday 25th April at 8:40am.

Kind regards

Mr Dominic Simpson Headteacher

Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am creative
- I am responsible
- I can give and receive feedback



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Key Dates

- Monday 11th April Friday 22nd April Easter Holidays
- Wednesday 4th May Nursery Trip to Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park
- Monday 16th May Young Voices Concert
- Monday 30th May Friday 3rd June Summer Half Term
- Monday 6th Wednesday 8th June Year 6
 PGL Residential Trip
- Thursday 23rd June Dance 'Frozen' Theatre Trip to London
- Monday 27th June INSET Day School Closed
- Monday 25th July Friday 2nd September -Summer Holidays



Reminders

School start and finish times

Start time - All years - Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.55am

Finish time -Reception and KS1 - 3.05pm. All KS2 - 3.15pm

Breakfast Club

Due to staffing, please note that Breakfast club MUST be booked in advance. If you need to drop your child off early due to an appointment/emergency, please book online or call the office to check if there is space. There is a charge of £3.50 per child.

<u>Tuck Money - KS2 Please note there has been a slight price increase.</u>

Can parents please check their ParentMail account to make sure there is money if they would like their child to have tuck at break time. Please note that this also applies to families who receive free school meals. Items are 40p each, other than the Milkshakes which are 45p.

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 school office for just £5.

Uniform

Please can all children's uniforms, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name.

PΕ

All children are to come into school with their PE kits on their PE days.

Parking

Can we remind you that the car park is for **staff only.** 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 Parent Mail

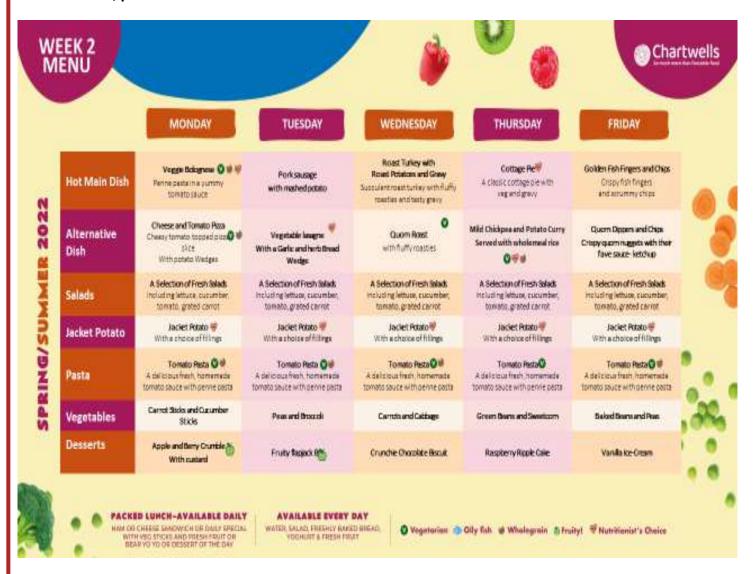
ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

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. The first week back will be **Week 2 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.

Asthma

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.

Class Dojo

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.

PE Davs

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - 4R & 4K Tuesday and Thursday, 4H - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Attendance



We would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back at 8.40am on Monday 25th April 2022.

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 attendance@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
- 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.

If your child has a positive covid test result during the Easter holidays please contact us using one of the above methods and leave a message stating their:

- Name and Class
- Date of Symptoms and what they are
- Date of positive test result
- Date your child will be able to return to school

Thank you.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery this week!

On Monday we came to Nursery in blue and yellow to show our support and raise money for UNICEF to support Ukraine. We spoke to the children about how Ukraine is a dangerous place at the moment and lots of children and families are having to move into different houses in different countries. We then spent some time decorating Ukraine flags to hang in the foyer.

On Wednesday we had a very busy day with our Easter bonnet parades and a Spring walk in the glade. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents out on the playground waving and clapping at their child as we paraded around. The hats which the children had helped make were all super and we appreciate all the effort that went into them! In between the parades we also went on our Spring walk into the glade where we were looking for signs of spring and comparing what we could see between Winter and Spring.



In WCR this week, we revealed our new book as Jasper's Beanstalk. At the start of the week we were introduced to the word impatient and learnt all about what it means to be impatient and not want to wait for things. When we

read the book we found out that Jasper was very impatient and wanted his bean to grow as soon as he had planted it.

In maths this week, we have been recapping our 2d shape recognition. We have looked back at the square, rectangle, triangle and circle and talked about how many sides and vertices each shape has. We have then been spotting the shapes during play.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break!

Reception

Reception have had a very busy week to end the term!

We started our week thinking about children in Ukraine and came into school wearing blue and yellow to show our support. During the day we raised money by buying books in a special book sale and wrote some wonderful messages of support for those in Ukraine.

We have explored lots of different celebrations already this year and this week we added two more to our growing list - Easter and Ramadan. The children learnt about Ramadan and explored what



happens in the 30-day festival. We also listened to the Easter story and discussed why Easter is celebrated. The children then chose to make Easter or Ramadan cards, using lots of creative resources to decorate their cards and writing special messages in their cards for their families.



Our Easter theme continued with the highlight of our week - our Easter Bonnet Parade! It was wonderful seeing the children with their amazing homemade bonnets and it was clear the children and their grown ups had put a lot of effort into creating something wonderful. We loved seeing parents and grandparents clapping and waving at the children as they walked around the playground. We also welcomed Year 1 who came out specially in the afternoon to watch the parade!

In Whole Class Reading we have been learning about vegetables and this week the children discovered that

our story was Olivers' Vegetables! We have had lots of fun talking about the vegetables we enjoy and don't enjoy eating. The children also got to taste some vegetables this week,including beetroot and radish!

I think we all deserve a well earned rest after such a busy week and Term! We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Year 1

Here we are already at the end of our Spring term. Time flies when you are having fun!

We had a brilliant start to our last week of term with an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Nock had left us riddles to read and work out where we needed to go to find our next clue. We ended up walking around most of the school and eventually found our eggs hiding in Mr. Simpson's office. The children had great fun and hopefully enjoyed their first egg of the season! We then used our exciting start to the week in our English lessons and wrote a diary entry all about it. We used all the features of a recount that we have been learning about over the past few weeks.

In maths we have been continuing with our measuring unit but we have now moved on to comparing mass. We have had great fun using the balance scales, comparing objects, making the scales balance with playdough and also using non-standard units of measure.

We had our fantastic finish to our history theme this week and had our own mini Great Fire of London, out in our

forest school area. It was great to watch and hopefully a very memorable end of the theme for the children.







We remembered that the houses were built very closely together and made predominantly out of wood, so the fire spread very quickly. We also experienced how the wind played a part back in 1666, as it did for us on Monday, and we saw how it helped to spread the flames.

Well done to all the children who entered our decorate an egg competition and to the winners. They all look so good and we have really enjoyed seeing them whenever we go up to the hall. It's a shame they can't stay!

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing the children after the holiday, for another exciting term!

Year 2

We started our week with the children coming to school in blue and yellow to show support for the families in Ukraine. We were very impressed with how respectful the children were and how they showed compassion for others. We reflected on what peace means to us and how we can share that message at Colley Lane. The children finger painted sunflowers, decorated plant pots and planted their own mini sunflowers.



The Year 2 children have had a very practical and creative week. They have concluded their learning all about the Titanic by producing some fantastic double page spreads! The children had to decide on their title, layout and information, where they could really show their creative side! The children have shown resilience and had to be organised to make sure their work was presented well. They should be very proud of their wonderful work!

In maths, the children have been learning about 2-D shapes and their properties. The children started their week by using the geoboards to make different shapes and describe how many vertices and sides they had. They then

enjoyed identifying right angles in shapes by becoming Sherlock cones and they also explored the lines of symmetry in shape too! The children have been very busy!

We have been reading a book called 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket this week. It had the children hooked! They were asking great questions and making lots of inferences about how the characters were feeling and why.

As part of the children's yearlong study of plants. The children have been looking at the different parts of a flower; discussing and explaining their



purposes.

We have had a fantastic spring term and we cannot wait to welcome the children back after their Easter break. Whatever your plans are, we hope you have a lovely one.

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Year 3

This week concluded our Tudor theme. The children found out about the Spanish Armada earlier in the week and discussed whether it was a significant event in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The children decided it was, especially loving the part where blazing ships were

sent towards the Spanish fleet scattering their crescent shaped formation allowing them to become open to being destroyed! The children have presented their Tudor knowledge across a double page spread with some great artwork and facts showing just how much they know now.

In Maths this week we have continued learning about fractions with a focus on equivalent fractions. The children have enjoyed looking for patterns and relationships between numerators and denominators.

The children have become illustrators and published authors this week in English. Everyone completed writing their tale; whether it was the tale of Red Riding Hood or a tale based around knights and castles. They have all shown resilience and stamina writing a longer narrative piece. Some of the children have illustrated their work and others have typed their story onto the computer to then print out their final piece of writing. Well done everyone.

We finished reading 'The Wind in the Willows' this week. The children have enjoyed the characters and their adventures and heard lots of descriptive language being used to describe the river and characters. They have completed a review of the book and watched an animation of the story which they really enjoyed; especially when Mr Toad's yellow caravan crashed!

It's been a busy, but great half term.

Have a lovely holiday and we'll see you back ready for the Summer term! Time is flying by.

Year 4

Well done to all year 4 children for getting through the term! We are proud of each and every one of you for your hard work and resilience this term!

In our final week of the term, we have been very busy making Easter cards to help Christians celebrate Easter after listening to the Easter story in assembly and learning about how Christians can forgive. We also made prayer flags for the Ukrainian people and coloured peace doves to stand in solidarity with them too.

We have completed our theme about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! On Thursday, we spent the day learning about King Alfred the Great and how the Viking period came to an end. We also drew some amazing longships and Viking warriors.

We have spent the week completing our non-chronological reports on the Vikings and they will now be displayed on our Viking longship! There was some fantastic work by the children who created their own titles, subheadings, pictures and layout!

Maths this week focused on finding the area of a shape rather than the perimeter and the children were introduced to metre squares.

We have finished our book 'The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker' in which the children found it quite challenging as one of its themes was loss but the ending was happy! Many children are also progressing very well on Accelerated Reader as we completed our reading assessments this week so please keep hearing your children read at home as it really benefits them.

Thank-you to all parents and adults for your support at home this term, it is greatly appreciated.

Happy Easter holidays to everyone! Have a great rest and enjoy those Easter eggs!

NEW PE DAYS SUMMER TERM 1

Monday and Thursday 4R Monday and Thursday 4K Wednesday and Thursday 4H

Year 5

As our second term in Year 5 draws to a close, we can reflect on the amazing progress and achievements of children across the year group.

On Monday, we had a time of reflection to think about the people of Ukraine. We discussed how things would be very different for Ukrainian primary school children and their families. We made prayer flags, sharing a wish for a better tomorrow. Following this, we made and decorated doves in the colours of the Ukrainian flag - blue and yellow.

During our whole-class reading lessons, we finished and reviewed our book - The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird. This book had us gripped as we followed eleven year old Solomon's story to Addis Ababa and back again. It certainly was a well written book and we are glad it is part of our reading spine.

In our English lessons this week, we recounted the Roman myth of Romulus and Remus. This involved applying writing skills practised during Year 5 and editing and upscaling our writing before classing it as finished. We are extremely proud of the end results. A massive well done to all.

Changes for the summer term:

- All Year 5 classes will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- During our Tuesday afternoons we will now have Spanish, PE and Music lessons.
- As part of Tuesday afternoons we will also be working with small intervention groups on reading and maths targeted work.
- Your child will still receive spellings on a Friday afternoon. However, the following Monday we will be
 practising the spelling rule in school (to complement home-learning) as part of our spelling punctuation and
 grammar (SPaG) focus time. Children will be tested on the Friday and then the cycle repeats with the next
 spellings being sent home. We are reviewing maths and reading homework for the summer term,
 responding to requests during Parents Evenings. Further information will be communicated on Class Dojo
 and our newsletter.
- On Thursdays, your child will be part of the Artsmark iPad project making an animation film. This concludes
 with a FREE trip to the Midlands Art Centre in Birmingham alongside other Trust schools, to preview their
 films live in the theatre. This will be a fabulous event which will showcase the pupils' achievements
 throughout the project. (Please see the separate letter regarding this project sent by Miss Holt.)

Finally, we would like to wish our families a safe and happy break. We hope everybody enjoys the rest and we can look forward to a busy but exciting summer term ahead.

Year 6

What a wonderful end to the Spring Term this week. Year 6 have, yet again, had another fabulous week, filled with hard work and fun. Such a great way to end their second term in Year 6.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a wonderful time on their Spring Trip visiting Cadbury World. The children had a chocolate-filled day where they learnt all about the Mayans and their use of chocolate, took an incredible tour around the Cadbury factory and even participated in a 4D cinema experience all about the world of a Chocolate Rollercoaster. The children were a credit to the school and as a treat, received lots of free chocolate from Cadburys. What a fabulous day for all of the staff and children!

Also this week, the children spent Monday afternoon reflecting upon the current situation in Ukraine. They were so respectful and compassionate, demonstrating their kindness and support for all those who are unfortunately suffering. The children wrote messages of support to the families who have been displaced and created Peace Doves to show their support. Thank you to all those who donated and brought items in for the Book Sale. It was such a great opportunity to reflect and support those in need.

In PE this week, the children have been learning to play Tag Rugby. The children are really starting to develop their skills in this and have really shown that they are very able and keep to play in team games. On Thursday afternoon, the children made pop-up Easter cards; it was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and being

incredibly creative. They can't wait to bring these home!

From the Year 6 team, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support again this term. We really value all of your help and input at home, pushing the children to do their very best in school. We look forward to a fabulous final term for all of the Year 6 children and wish you a very Happy Easter and a Happy Ramadan.

News....

Ramadan



Colley Lane Staff wish all our Muslim families the best of success and a blessed Ramadan!

If you wish your child to take part in fasting during school, could we please ask that you send a message to their class teacher. This is to allow us to monitor your child's wellbeing throughout the day and to offer support where necessary.

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 https://www.colley.dudley.sch.uk/
You will be able to find all the information that you need about our school including key information, news and dates and parent information.

Audio Books

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:

RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Reuben	Gabriella	Ariah	Oscar	Alfie	Fatimah	Hala	Renesmay	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6Н	60	6S
Summer	Emily	Jamie- Leigh	Lucas D	Scarlett	Layla Ab.	Elisa	Anthony	William

A huge well done to Eshara and Ariah who came 5th and 6th at their dance competition on Sunday, we are really proud of you both!









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

The Kindness Corner

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/

Looking for something to do this Easter?

Please use this link to access an article in the Halesowen news. The article contains lots of fun things to do in our local area with the children during the holidays.

https://www.halesowennews.co.uk/news/11133102.easter-events-across-dudley-borough-for-voungsters/





Diary Dates

Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Return to school Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Half Term

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Return to school on Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Holidays

Monday 25th July 2022 to Friday 2nd Sept 2022

Return to school on Monday 5th September 2022

Bank Holidays

New Year – Monday 3rd January 2022

May Day - Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset Days

Monday 27th June 2022

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane Sports Club News

On Tuesday afternoon, we took a group of year four children to a learn to play netball festival. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the activities on offer. After the holidays some of the clubs are changing to new sports so hopefully the children will find something new to try. All of the details are below and a parent mail form should have reached you as well to book on.

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		
Tuesday	(V2 (V)) and (V5 (Tri Calf (2 10))	£1.00	Y4, Y5 &Y6 Netball (4.15)	£1.00		
Tuesday	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Tri Golf (8.10)		Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15)	£1.00		

			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00
4 1/24 - 24/2	Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Athletics (4.15)	£1.00 £3.00
Wednesday	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) *JSB	
		£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Rounders (4.15)	£1.00
ar	74, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics		Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)	£1.00
Thursday	-invite only (8.00) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cricket (8.00)		Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)* JSB	£3.00
			Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB	£3.00
		£2.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
Friday	YR, Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) *J8B		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.



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 - 2. Understanding your baby (postnatal)
 - 3a. Understanding your child (0-19+ yrs, main course)
- 3b. Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19+ yrs, main course)
 - 4. Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)
 - 5. Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
 - 6. Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)
 - 7. Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (accompanies 3a and/or 3b)
 - 8. Understanding your relationships (coming soon!)

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