Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 10th June 2022

Dear Parents

The final half term of this academic year has started at pace with a host of activities and opportunities taking place.

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the holiday and share in Assembly events that had taken place over the Queen's Jubilee weekend. I particularly enjoyed sharing the Paddington scene and asking the children if they really thought the Queen had marmalade sandwiches in her handbag. I guess we will never know!

This morning we welcomed Suzanne Webb, MP for Stourbridge, and Dawn Haywood, CEO Windsor Academy Trust, to Colley Lane to visit the provision at Our Hive but also to tour the school and see the fantastic work that takes place on a daily basis. Mrs Webb was very impressed and reminded us that this was the first school she visited after being elected so great to have those community links.

We are very proud of the work and standard that the children achieve and the judgments the teachers make. On Tuesday, we were part of the Dudley LA statutory KS1 moderation process. This involves samples of work from Y2 being reviewed by external moderators against the national standards for Reading, Writing and Maths. It is a very thorough process and our judgements of the level that the children are working at was agreed with. This is great news and confirms that we have a great staff team who know the children and what the next steps they need to achieve success.

This week has also seen the first Y6 residential after a number of years and the children and staff had a great time, overcoming challenges, working together and enjoying the great outdoors. For those children who didn't attend the residential at Boreatton Park, there were a host of activities back at school. A busy, exciting week for all of Year 6 and we hope they sleep well over the weekend. I know the staff will!

During the holidays a number of building works took place including replacing doors and moving the fence line on the way into school to make it safer. We have also installed better privacy fencing across Nursery and Slade Road to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils and so that we can utilise those areas throughout the year.

Please can I remind parents that as the weather gets warmer to ensure that your child comes to school with a hat or cap and a water bottle. Could I ask if your child wears sandals that they are closed toe. Flip-flops are not school uniform.

Have a lovely weekend. Kind regards Mr Dominic Simpson Headteacher

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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills



I am responsible

 I can give and receive feedback 							
Key Dates	<u>Reminders</u>						
 Monday 13th June - Year 4 Think Tank Museum Trip Wednesday 15th June - Year 5 ArtsMark Trip 	 <u>School start and finish times</u> 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 <u>Medicines</u> If you have brought medicine into school for your child and they longer require it or if it has passed the duration you requested on the medical form, can you please collect it from the school office. <u>School Trips</u> If your child has a trip coming up, can you please ensure that you give consent and make any payments on ParentMail before the given deadline. <u>Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs</u> If you need to book your child into the Breakfast or Afterschool Clubs, could we remind parents to book on ParentMail giving 48 hours notice please. <u>Names in Coats</u> 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. 						
 Friday 17th June Nursery Reception and Year 6 Photos Thursday 23rd June - Dance 'Frozen' Theatre Trip to London 							
 Monday 27th June - INSET Day - School Closed Tuesday 28th June - Year 1 Sycamore Adventure Centre Trip 							
 Friday 1st July - Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip Last day Thursday 21st July closing at 1pm Nursery open for morning session only 							
 Friday 22nd July - Tuesday 6th September - Summer Holidays Wednesday 7th September - Children return to school 							
	Uniform Please can all children's uniforms, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes be labelled with their child's full name. PE 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						
	and permit holders. 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

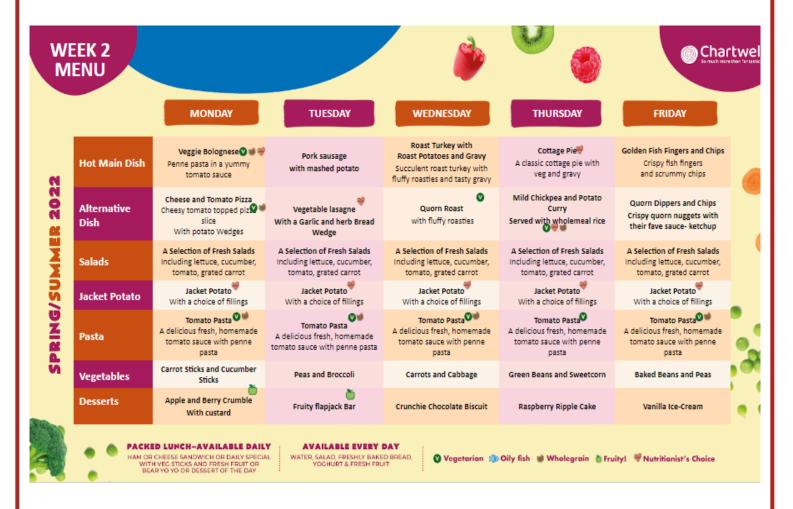
ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

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 menu 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.

<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

National Book Tokens Competition

It's time to #rebuildthelibrary. National Book Tokens are giving five schools £1,000 of National Book Tokens each, plus membership to the School Library Association, to help them rebuild their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure now and for generations to come.

Reading for pleasure has been shown time and time again to be the single biggest indicator of a child's future success.

We would like you to enter the competition at National

<u>Book Tokens</u> to help Colley Lane to win £1000 in book tokens and also for you to be in with a chance of winning £100 in book tokens for you and your children.

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.

What's been happening in school this week?

<u>Nursery</u>

This week in Nursery we have started learning all about Space. The children have really enjoyed looking at the different planets and equipment that is needed for a space mission. They have taken in their new knowledge really well and have enjoyed talking about what they know using the Space tuff tray. In a couple of weeks we will be using the Now Press Play equipment to go on our very own space mission!

In WCR this week, we have started to explore our new story ready to reveal it next week. We found out that the book is based on Space and looked at how people get to Space as well as the equipment they need to take with them. We also found out that there is a special lady in our book called Mae Jemison. We found out that she was the first african-american lady to travel into Space. Next week we will be looking at some of the new vocabulary in our book before revealing it to read. I wonder what book it might be.

In Maths this week we have been looking at how different numbers are represented. We had a range of different cards which all represented the same number and the children had to work out which number it represented and tell me how they knew. We worked together in small groups to place all the representations with the correct numeral. The children worked really well to identify the correct Numicon piece, bead string, dice, ten frame and written numeral for the numbers 1-5.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception

This week in Reception we have learning all about Space! The children have been dazzling us with their knowledge of space and have been telling us the names of the planets as well as using wonderful vocabulary like





'solar system', 'milky way' and 'galaxy'.

The children took part in the fantastic audio experience of Now Press Play and went on a magical space

adventure where they had to make some medicine for their poorly dog Mars.We really enjoyed the session and got to walk around the classroom pretending to be on the moon!

We have also explored space by looking at Google Earth. There were lots of places we visited like Disney World, London, India and even Colley Lane. Why not take a look at Google Earth at home with your child and see if you can find your house! In Literacy this week the children have continued with some wonderful writing. They have been making lists for their space journeys and reading all about Space in our reading area.

In Maths we have been practising our addition by looking at a five frame. The children have worked super hard this week and can tell us lots of different ways to make five! Well done on a wonderful first week back Reception!



<u>Year 1</u>

It was great to see the children back after their half term holiday, ready for our last half term together in Year One!

We started our week with a PHSE lesson on how we can show kindness to one another. We listened to the story "A Little Spot Of Kindness" by Diane Alber and made a list. As' being compassionate' is one of our aspire values and is something the children regularly think about, they were all full of their own ideas too. We created our own spots and drew pictures of all the different things we could do. We then talked about how being kind to others made us feel and as the story explained " would add a layer of happiness on to our hearts." We also talked about how sometimes showing kindness to somebody encouraged that person to be kind as well.

We will soon begin our new whole class reading book for this term and although the title hasn't yet been revealed, we had a small clue as to what the story may be about with our introductory lesson this week on cities. We discussed the capital cities of Great Britain and what you might find there. Mrs. Nock was very impressed that her class was able to remember facts from our Great Fire of London theme work, recalling that a city has a cathedral but I think everyone agreed that they would definitely find a 'Mcdonalds!' So, whatever could our next book be? Find out next week!

Although the children have been learning about money in our maths meetings over the year, we started a unit on money in our main maths lessons this week. The children are already very good at recognising coins so we were able to start talking about exchanging coins and finding different ways of making amounts up to one pound. Next week we will set up classroom shops and role play buying items, finding totals, working out what coins to use and finding change. Perhaps they can make totals and find coins when you are out at the shops!

Well done to all the children who have taken their phonic screening test this week. They have all tried extremely hard and I know Mr. Simpson was very impressed with their sounding out and blending skills, as he heard them practising.

We do have a lot of children off with chicken pox at the moment so we wish everyone a speedy recovery and hope you all manage to have a good weekend.

<u>Year 2</u>

It has been lovely seeing the children back after their week off and hearing all of their holiday news! We have leapt straight in with lots of new and exciting learning!

We have started our new Theme 'Global and Current Affairs' where we will be focussing on the big question 'How can we look after our planet?' When we arrived into our classroom on Wednesday afternoon, there was rubbish everywhere! It was all over the tables and in our own personal space. We felt mixed emotions of anger, confusion and sadness.



We were introduced to the RRR Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle symbol and how we can recycle certain packaging, depending on its material. We had great fun exploring the different packaging on our tables and trying to work out what the different symbols meant. We set the children the challenge of spotting these symbols on their own waste at home.

This week in science, we have continued to look at the importance of hygiene with a particular emphasis on the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. We set up an investigation where we placed eggs (representing the enamel on our teeth) into different liquids. We put the eggs in water, orange juice, coke and diet coke. We



discussed which of these drinks were deemed healthy and unhealthy and talked about the sugar content in them. Then we predicted what would happen to the eggs over a period of time and what would happen to these eggs after being placed in the liquids. We are excited to find out what has happened to the eggs and how we can use this knowledge to look after our teeth and make healthy choices with the drinks we choose.

In RSE this week, we focused on the emotion of anger and different

situations where we might feel angry. We thought about how our body feels in a scenario where we might be angry and what we can do to help calm ourselves down. We learnt that it's okay to be angry at times but it's also important to not feel overwhelmed and use the strategies we talked about to help the anger pass.

In writing this week, we have been exploring adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions. Ask your child if they can give you any examples of these words! We enjoyed playing with the words to produce some wow sentences!

Happy weekend Everyone!

<u>Year 3</u>

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year! Time is flying by. It was lovely to see the children back ready to begin their new learning.

We started our new Theme; 'Global and Current Affairs' this week, learning about the Commonwealth games and designing batons for the Queen's relay and talking about children's rights. Some super discussion about which of the 42 rights of a child the children felt were the most important! Can your child tell you what they decided on?

We have been finding out about the background to our new book this week which is set out in Africa; 'The Akimbo adventures'. The children have been using their knowledge of the Savannah and some of the African animals to write Calligram poems. Some lovely work.



Science has been very practical as always. Our new topic is 'Forces and magnets' and the children have been exploring force using a range of equipment. They have had different types of magnets, different materials, play doh, lego and seen if they could take a paperclip for a walk!

In Maths we have been revisiting addition and subtraction but exploring the most efficient strategy to use. We have used column method, Dienes and number lines. We needed to estimate the answer to begin with and check using the inverse operations.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

<u>Year 4</u>

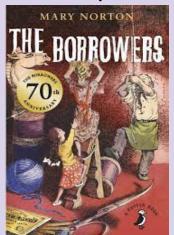
Welcome back to our first term in year four! We are straight back into learning, with our new theme of global plastic pollution. For our first lesson, the children emptied their lunchboxes after they had eaten! The children investigated which items in their lunchbox were recyclable. The results were very interesting, as surprisingly, one class had many items that were not actually recyclable but the other classes had lots of inventive uses for plastic such as reusable sandwich wrappers. Items that the children found that were not recyclable, were mainly crisp packets and biscuit wrappers. We also looked at what the children drank from and most children brought in a bottle that was not single use plastic, which was good to see. In addition, the children used their iPads to research what is plastic? How is plastic made? Why is it polluting the planet? etc. From this, the children also completed a PowerPoint presentation to display their findings. We can't wait to continue this theme to help raise the profile of recycling.

In English, we have been watching a short cartoon called 'Treasure', where a homeless lady lives in a junkyard. The lady in the junkyard searched around for items that she can reuse again. We read her diary and identified features of what makes a great diary. In addition, the children have begun to think about what they will find in the junkyard for their own diary entry and also what they will do with their object to be able to re-use it as something else. This is a fantastic link to our theme!

In reading, we have been looking at clues as to what our new book will be about, we have read the blurb at the back of the book, and looked at the front cover for clues. We can now reveal that our book, this term, is 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton. It is celebrating its seventieth year this year, so it is a classic book!

In maths, we have been continuing our shape and space theme by investigating lines of symmetry. We have been investigating letters to find out where lines of symmetry occur, be that by a horizontal line of symmetry, a vertical line of symmetry, or either a diagonal line of symmetry. This term, the children will be taking a multiplication check that the government asks Year 4 children to complete each year.

In science, our new theme is electricity and to kickstart this unit of work we took part in a now press play activity, which is where the children wear headphones and listen to an amazing story and act the story out. The children also investigated how a circuit works and what a circuit needs in order for it to relay electricity. To develop this further , we are visiting the think tank on Monday. Please remember the children need to wear school uniform, bring a packed lunch, bring a maximum amount of £3 spending money and be in school <u>on time</u> as we are leaving promptly.. We will be back by the end of the school day if there are no traffic issues! We can't wait to find out more about electricity!







<u>Year 5</u>

It really is hard to believe we're in the final half term of Year 5. We have lots to be proud of so far and equally we have many things to still look forward to. We are pleased to share these with you below:

Upcoming events:

- Animation showcase event on Wednesday 15th June. A reminder letter with further details will be sent out today. Please note a slightly later collection time. We will update parents/carers via Class Dojo.
- DT and theme focus days w.c 4th July. Children will be using old clothing (to be sent in from home) and make it into a bag. We will share further information and reminders about this via Class Dojo.
- Year 5's Sports Day on Friday 8th July.
- A trip to the park on Wednesday 13th July.

During maths this week, we started a new learning focus on 2D and 3D shapes. This required children to recall prior knowledge of shapes before starting our new Year 5 tasks. Children were able to explore and explain the properties of a range of shapes and gave reasoning behind how they grouped them.

In reading this week, children practised the skill of skimming and scanning the text to find the relevant information for their questions. This involved them skimming the poem to identify the correct verse needed and then scanning for keywords. We discussed synonyms of unfamiliar words and then reread the text with the synonyms in place of the unfamiliar words. Children found this really useful and enjoyable. Teachers were pleased with the quality of answers from this lesson. Well done, Year 5!

In English this week, we have continued our focus on preparing to write a non-chronological report linked to our class book - War Horse. Our focus will be the animals of World War One. We've practised using parentheses to add information to our sentences, we also looked at using a variety of sentence starters to a previously written paragraph. Children were really proud of the improvements they made to their writing and they did so with increasing independence (which is an important aspect, especially at this stage of the academic year).

Have a lovely weekend!

<u>Year 6</u>

What an incredible week Year 6 have had to start off their final half term at Colley Lane. The question is, where do we begin?

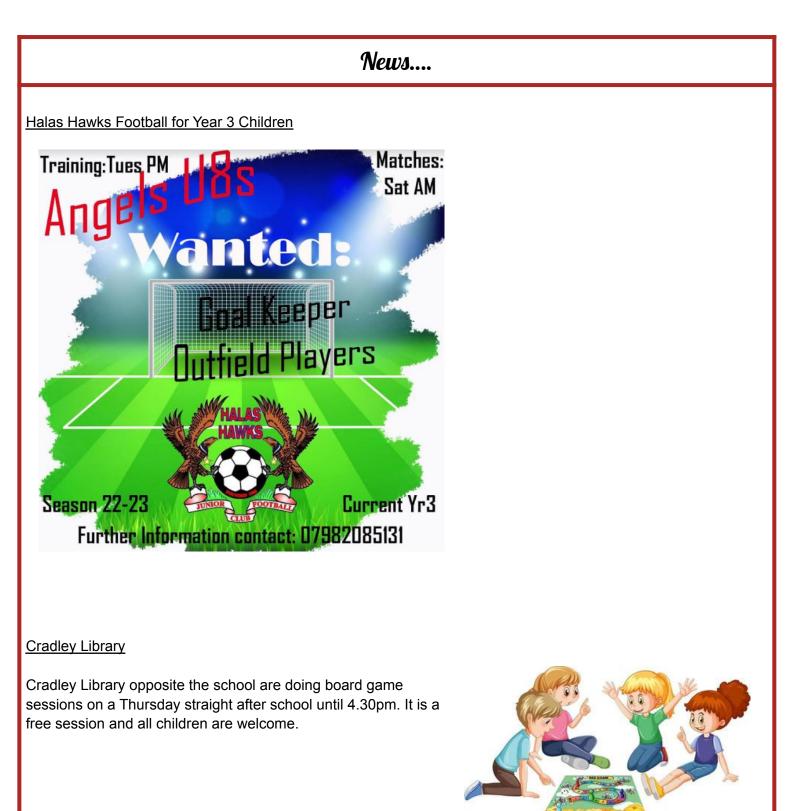
40 pupils embarked on a journey to Boreatton Park in Shropshire to experience the world of residential. From Monday to Wednesday, the children participated in a range of fantastic outdoor learning activities including trapeze (where they jumped from extreme tall ledges), climbing (huge great towers), the giant swing (which through them back and forward through the air) and their favourite activity, raft building (where they built large rafts from barrels and rope then tested them out on the water). The children ate fantastic food - 3 cooked meals a day - and loved spending their evenings sitting around the campfire or playing a great range of sporting activities. Despite having very little sleep, the children loved every single minute of their experience and couldn't have made the staff any prouder. Make sure to look out for all of the photos on ClassDojo. A fabulous trip Year 6, well done!

Meanwhile at school, the children had a wonderful three days in and around Colley Lane. They had a fantastic time making coil and pinch pots (using a range of pottery techniques), orienteering with Mr Blount, a picnic and sporting afternoon at Homer Hill Park as well as a food and film day on Wednesday. The children had the chance to make pitta pizzas and rice crispy cakes with their friends and loved eating them all afterwards. It was clear to see that the children really developed their ASPIRE characteristics across the three days, including their independence, resilience and collaboration. What a fabulous start to the week!

To finish the week, in English, the children wrote either a double-page spread or a diary entry to persuade the Year 5 children to participate in the week. The children loved being creative and sharing everything they had learnt over the week. Finally, the children began to explore the play they will be creating for the end of half term. This was very exciting, as the children had a chance to sing the songs and grasp a greater understanding of the storyline. We have lots of great things still to come!

A small reminder from the school office - Could you please check your child's dinner account on ParentMail to ensure there is sufficient funds to cover tuck and dinner up until the end of term.

We wish you a wonderful weekend.



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: 27th May

RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	\square
Nathan	Siena	Муа	Saffa	Oliver	Zaynah	Robyn E	Ayham	L P
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	60	6S
Dylan	Olly-George	Mason	Isabella	Molly	Cadey	Awwa'b	Isaah	Grace



Congratulations to Ellie T in 3W for being chosen as Player of the Month by her tennis coach!



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 Holidays

Thursday 21st July finish at 1.00pm

Friday 22nd July 2022 to Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset days Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 20222

Return to school on Wednesday 7th 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 2nd May 2022

Inset Days

Monday 27th June 2022

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th September 2022

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane Sports Club News

Another busy week at sports clubs, with the children all enjoying taking part. Some of our year 4 children were lucky enough to go to a football competition at the WBA Some on Wednesday and they had a brilliant time. Next week sees more competitions which we are really looking forward to. There will be no squad or girls football on Friday 17th June.

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 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.



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	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					
Tuesday	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Tri Golf (8.10)	£1.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)	£1.00				
			Y5 & Y6 Dance (4.15)	£1.00				
			Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00				
Wednesday	Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00)*JSB	£2.00	Y5 & Y6 Athletics(4.15)	£1.00 £3.00				
	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00	Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB					
Thursday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics -invite only (8.00) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cricket (8.00)	£1.00	Y5 & Y6 Rounders (4.15)	£1.00				
			Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)	£1.00				
			Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30)*JSB	£3.00				
			Y3 & Y4 Football(4.30) *JSB	£3.00				
Friday	YR, YI & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB	£2.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00				
			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.