

Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we welcomed Dawn Haywood, CEO of Windsor Academy Trust to Colley Lane to share our fabulous community and school. Ms Haywood started the morning with a whole school virtual assembly before visiting classrooms and Our Hive. She spoke to children and staff to find out more about what makes Colley Lane special and what the priorities are over this year and the years to come. I was very proud to show her around and she thoroughly enjoyed the day. It is incredibly useful to have the support of Windsor Academy Trust but also to be recognised for the unique community that we are and how important it is to maintain that.

This morning I met with Paul from St Peters Church whom we have developed links with over many years. It was lovely to be able to use the church for our recent KS2 Carol concerts and your generosity during the collections raised £180. In talking with Paul, we have split the money equally between the church and Edwards Trust, one of our chosen charities this year. It is great to be able to give back to the community and foster strong links.

Well done to Finley in 3H for winning the Parent and Pupil prize yesterday for hot dinners. It was lovely to see the children choosing their hot meals at dinner time and I would encourage you to use this service. Tuck is proving very popular at the moment and the children are enjoying the different products on different days. I am aware of the issue with juice cartons being removed from Tuck but I am talking to Chartwells, our service provider, to resolve this.

As the weather gets colder, children are coming to school in their coats and then throughout the day, seemingly losing them. Please can I ask with all items of clothing that you write your child's name and class in it. When this happens it will always make its way back to the rightful owner.

You might notice this week that I have added the upcoming Character and learner skills for next week. This forms the basis of our values within school and how we promote being not only a fantastic member of our community but also an independent learner. We also know that when school and home work together the benefits for the children are huge. I hope that by adding the values and skills that we are focusing on each week, it will support you at home and promote our community values.

A quick reminder that we have an INSET day next Friday 28th January so the school will be closed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dominic Simpson
Headteacher

Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am responsible
- I can communicate clearly



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Key Dates

- **Friday 28th January - Inset day - School closed**
- Monday 7th February Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall
- Monday 21st February -25th February -Spring Half Term
- Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Summer Half Term
- Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 PGL Residential Trip
- 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

Tuck Money - KS2

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 30p each and there is a range of food available.

Lunch Boxes

Just a reminder that children should not bring chocolate bars into school unless it is biscuit based. Also can we remind you that no nuts or nut based products should be brought into school due to allergies. This includes nutella spread, peanut butter, Kinder Bueno bars etc.

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.

PE

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

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 is Week 1 Menu, please see below:**

Lunch Menu					
Week 1 - Mains					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Main Dish	Burrito (V)  A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced veggies and rice	Chicken Tikka Masala Curry Served with fluffy Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy Fish Fingers and scrummy chips	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Alternative Dish	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Mild Sweet Potato Curry Served with Fluffy Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (V) 	Quorn Dippers and Chips (V) Crispy Quorn nuggets with their fav sauce - ketchup	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Third Choice		Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise ***			
Salads	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot.				
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Fillings 				
Pasta	Tomato Pasta ** (V) A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta				
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Baked Beans Peas	
Desserts	Raspberry Ripple Ice-Cream	Secret Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices*	Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake	
Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily *Fruit Based **Wholegrain ***Oily Fish (V) Vegetarian					

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.

Parking

We would like to remind parents and carers to park considerately around school. We have attached a letter from the West Midlands Police regarding Dudley's Operation Park Safe scheme. We would appreciate it if you can take a moment to read it and follow the rules set out in the Highway Code outlined in the letter.

Concerned parents/carers now have the opportunity to report unsafe parking via their Self Reporting Scheme. Copies of these forms are available in the office.

Please can we respectfully ask for all parents to park considerately around school. The parking for the bungalows on Colley Lane must not be used as this area is only for the owner's use. Thank you.

PE Days

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 - 5C & 5A Monday and Friday, 5W - Thursday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Attendance

New Covid19 Guidance - effective from Monday 17th January 2022

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will reduce their isolation period to 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

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.

Anyone who is unable to take Lateral Flow tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

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.

Thank you.

What's been happening in school this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have had another week focussed on Winter. We had a lesson about signs of Winter and the children were talking about the differences we can see around us. Lots of children have been coming to school telling us about the ice and frost that they have seen on the way to school. We have also enjoyed exploring ice in the outside area when the weather has been cold enough!

On Wednesday we went on our Winter walk into The Glade. The children enjoyed being out in the forest area and exploring signs of Winter and comparing them to what we saw during Autumn. The children were able to remember that in Autumn we saw lots of red, orange and yellow leaves but now they are all brown or black.

In maths this week, we have been working on matching numerals to quantities. We continued working on our oral counting using the counting stick and then introduced the written numerals 0-5. Some of the children then began counting out 1-5 objects from a larger amount by recognising a given numeral.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

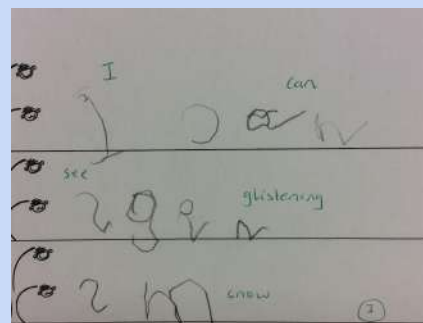
Reception

This week in Reception, the children have worked incredibly hard.

We've seen some fabulous use of Phonics this week with children applying the sounds they have learnt in their writing.

In Literacy the children wrote some sentences about a winter picture. We had some wonderful use of our focus vocabulary with some children using the vocab 'evergreen trees' and 'glistening snow' in their writing!

In play the children have displayed their love of stories by making their own books! They came up with their own stories and drew illustrations to bring their stories alive. Some wonderful stories included one titled 'Numbers' where a wolf eats a host of numbers before they tickle his tummy to escape, and another of a ghost with flatulence problems! We had great fun listening to all the stories! Our story theme continued this week with the Whole Class Reading book *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children practised re-telling the story using Talk for Writing with each class performing their version to an audience.



In Maths we explored the numbers 7 and 8 using a ten frame and number track.

The children particularly enjoyed watching Numberblocks and had great fun making their own 'Numberblock 8 Octoblock'. They used their counting skills to make sure they cut the correct amount of squares and added the correct number of arms and feet. The activity also inspired children to make other Numberblock characters in play! We've definitely had a fun packed week!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Year 1

We all became budding gardeners this week as we planted some runner bean seeds. We began by discussing where we would find seeds from. The consensus opinion was that we get them from the shops, so we then looked at all the different places where seeds grow and how they disperse! We will now watch and wait patiently to see if

our plants grow!

We revisited the different parts of a plant and made lots of mess in the process. We took some plants (weeds!) that Ms. Sprason had dug up out of her garden and had a look to see if we could identify the leaves, stem, flowers and roots. Unexpectedly, we were also able to identify some garden bugs too, much to the delight of some of the children!

We have still been thinking about our future aspirations and this week have been looking at job applications for the careers the children might like to do when they are older. We had to think about what the job may entail and what skills and attributes would be useful. So we can look forward to lots of famous footballers coming from Colley Lane in the future

In Maths we have been learning to tell the times o'clock and half past. We have talked about different activities we carry out in a day and what times that they may occur e.g. waking up, going to school, having lunch and we have had some interesting discussions about what is bed time!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Year 2

It has been another great week in Year 2. This week we have carried on developing our character virtues and learner skills. We thought about which of these skills is the most important or whether a combination of them is best. Also, we have considered how we can work collaboratively in ways which don't involve talking and communicating with each other. In science we learnt about terms living, dead or never alive. We sorted different objects and animals into these categories.

In writing this week, we have continued with our instructional writing inspired by our WCR text, Fantastic Mr Fox. Last week we enjoyed writing about the goose and liver doughnuts from Bunce's farm and this week, a chicken pie from Boggis' farm. We have been experimenting with the use of adverbs in our instructions and how this changes the meaning of them. We have had great fun beginning to read Fantastic Mr Fox and learning all about the three horrid farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean!

This week in maths we have been learning all about the time. We learnt how there are 24 hours in a day and the names for the different parts of the day. We have worked really hard on telling the time to the hour, half past and quarter past. Why don't you ask us the time at different points and see if we can tell you? Remember there is another battle this week on TTRS. Will 2D be the champions again or will 2E take the crown?

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all back in school next week.

Year 3

A good week in Year Three with lots of Aspire character traits on show; especially resilience and collaboration.. The children have really enjoyed reading the first few chapters of 'Goth girl and the ghost of a mouse', our whole class reading book. They have now discovered the main character, the young girl Ada, lives in a haunted mansion and so they have been creating their own ghostly figures in our reading lessons.

Science this week had the children posing questions to be able to answer through investigations. The children were able to see that light travels in a straight line. They then predicted and saw which materials blocked the light to make shadows. They now know what transparent, translucent and opaque means. Can they tell you which word means that light does not shine through?

Maths has been practical across the week with the children investigating inverse and commutativity in division and multiplication calculations. They worked collaboratively using bead strings and counters to solve some tricky word problems.

In our Aspire Theme lessons the children have been considering their future careers and which job or jobs they might like to do. They thought about how they could reach this goal. Lots of good discussion came from thinking about whether all jobs were equal or not. An interesting thought that jobs some of our children may do have not even been created yet!

Mr Blount taught the children how to play 'Bocca' in PE this week. It involves the children rolling a ball onto a mat to score points. It was very competitive and required skill and resilience! Good fun!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Year 4

We have had a wonderful week here in Year 4. All the children are so enthusiastic about our new curriculum afternoons on Tuesdays. Again this week, the children have been working in groups to create African songs on their drums, they created self-portraits in Spanish in the style of a Spanish artist and in PE the children have been dancing with the BBC!

For our theme work, we focussed on the ASPIRE attribute of '*creativity*' this week. We researched the autistic artist Stephen Wiltshire who is known for drawing cityscapes through memory. The children were then tasked with looking at a Birmingham cityscape and then drawing it from memory in their art sketch books.



Science has been great fun this week too as we have been carrying out a sound investigation! We investigated how sound travelled by securing cling film on a cup and placing glitter on the cup. After that, we used a drum and hit the drum near the cup. The sound waves from the drum travelled through the air due to air molecules vibrating and made the glitter move.

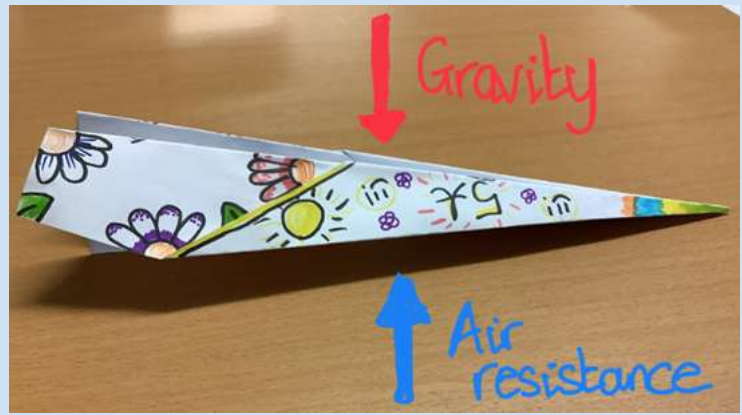
In English this week, we have focused on '*being organised*' and '*being resilient*' when writing independently. The children were asked to write an article about saving the environment for an assessed piece of writing. Independently, the children generated ideas and worked in pairs to plan an outline for their writing. Finally, they drafted a first piece before editing and publishing.

Maths has been another week of fantastic fractions! The children have been finding equivalent fractions and investigating mixed numbers and improper fractions. Also in Maths, we also converted fractions to the same denominator and ordered them on a number line.

Year 5

We've had a really creative week to support our learning. We hope those practical experiences will help children in recalling key knowledge and also create happy memories of their time at Colley Lane.

In English, we had the exciting opportunity to take part in a live steamed lesson with Axel Scheffler, illustrator of many famous children's books including *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. We learned about the process of illustrators being sent a copy of the text and transforming it into an illustrated story book. Following this, we created our own miniature story books. We have some aspiring illustrators in our year group, which was a great link to our ASPIRE theme project - learning about potential career opportunities.



During maths, we have developed our understanding of fractions and decimals by using cuisenaire rods to explore mixed numbers, improper fractions and decimal numbers. We had to apply our problem solving skills to correctly label our talk task.

It really has been a creative and engaging week and this continued in science. We investigated air resistance in a really cool and fun way - by making paper airplanes and helicopters! We loved it and learned that air resistance is a type of friction between air and another material. We recorded the time our airplanes and helicopters remained in the air before hitting the ground. We've used our iPads to support our learning.

Spelling lists will be sent home with children every Friday, ready to practise and test the following week. Home reading needs to be completed also.

We wish everyone a happy weekend.

Year 6

What a compassionate, creative and inspiring week Year 6 have had this week continuing our topics in English, Theme, Science and P.E.

In English, pupils have been inspired to write a poem about refugees with a keen focus on highlighting how refugees are just like us, reminding the reader that we are all human. They were so fantastic that they have been placed in the corridor for the whole school to read.

For Theme, the children have focused on their own future career aspirations this week, researching which qualifications and character traits they may need in order to attain their future goals.

Science has continued our learning on living things and understanding how classification keys work. The children designed their own classification key for some liquorice allsorts at first, although Mr Smith could barely cope with the smell, before moving on to creating a classification key for various animals on our natural planet.

In P.E, we are embedding the children's hockey skills and playing mini matches. It is wonderful to see the children's competitive nature but also the respect they have for each other when things don't always go to plan.

We have been able to secure a few more places for our residential trip in June and we would love for all of the children to be able to come. If your child would like a place, please contact one of us or the office staff and we can sort this for you.

Finally, can we ask that you register and **download** the Classroom Dojo app. We know a lot of you have downloaded this already but if you have the app on your phone, it will notify you immediately when we send out messages for your child or your child's class, just like other social media platforms (such as Whatsapp).

We hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Other News....

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](#)

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.

Pupil Achievements

This week's Hot Chocolate Friday children:



RDW	RY	1N	1MS	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Chase	Mia	Mya	Druvan	Daniel	Oscar	Blake	Ashlie	
4R	4K	4H	5W	5C	5A	6H	6O	6S
William	Dillon	Jack	Amelia	Molly	Mia	Harley	George	Roksana



Phoebe Ellesmore in 6O has been promoted to Yellow Group in her tennis club, Prosser Tennis Academy at Quarry Bank Tennis Club. Congratulations Phoebe!

Max Hulston in 5MW played his first hockey tournament today for Old Halesonians Under 10s. They Drew 2 matches and won 3 - Well done Max!

We would like to celebrate our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If your child has achieved something out of school that they are proud of whether it be learning a new skill, sports or club certificates or overcoming a fear or obstacle for example, we would love to know.

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

The Kindness Corner

If you know anyone who has performed an act of kindness in the community, no matter how big or small, and you would like them to be recognised in our newsletter, please send us the details to

info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

We would love to see some of your great acts of kindness in 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/>

Diary Dates

Spring Half Term

Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Return to school Monday 28th February 2022

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 to be confirmed

Sports Clubs

Colley Lane Sports Club News

Another great week at clubs, it is lovely to have some new faces joining clubs and we would be very happy to see even more. Apart from dance on a Tuesday all clubs have spaces so children are more than welcome to come along, learn a new skill and have some fun with their friends.

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

	<i>Before school (Start time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>After school (Finish time)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Y4 & Y5 Cross Country (8.00)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Multi Sports (4.15)</i> <i>Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Y3 & Y4 Tri Golf (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Netball (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Dance (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Basketball (4.15)</i> <i>Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£1.00</i> <i>£3.00</i>
	<i>Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>		
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics (8.10)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Hockey (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Choir (4.15)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y1 & Y2 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
			<i>Y3 & Y4 Football (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB</i>	<i>£2.00</i>	<i>Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30)</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
			<i>Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB</i>	<i>£3.00</i>

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 [Free School Meals](#) or collect a form from the office.