Colley Lane Primary Academy

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Newsletter - 24th June 2022

Dear Parents,

The weeks seem to be rushing by and it's incredible to think that it will be July at the end of next week. Staff this week have completed training by Autism Education Trust on how school makes sense of autism and practical classroom tips. We are a very inclusive school and this training will only continue to improve our practice for all children and ensure that adjustments are made so that all children can achieve their academic and personal potential.

At this time of year, thoughts start to wonder towards next year, new teachers and classes and transition arrangements. We are currently planning transition for when the children will spend time with their new classes and when we will inform parents. Staff have already started informal activities with those children identified as needing a little extra support with transition. After the success this year, we will again be holding a "Meet The Teacher" session in early September where you as parents will get to meet the team, find out about the curriculum and expectations for the year ahead. It worked well this year as it gave more time to the process and was not rushed. It also allows for one academic year to end without getting confused with expectations for the year ahead. We will inform you shortly of Year Band dates for September.

One of the joys of this year has been being able to undertake more of the Colley Lane traditions and Sports Days are back. Like previous years before Covid, we will be inviting EYFS and KS1 parents into school to watch. KS2 will be holding Sports Events within school and we have a whole Commonwealth Sports Morning planned for the children on Friday 15th July. Parents are invited to the following Sports days:

Nursery - Wednesday 13th July 10:30am - Wednesday 13th July 2pm	Reception - Monday 11th July 2pm
Year 1 - Wednesday 13th July 9:10am	Year 2 - Thursday 7th July 9:10am

If you enjoy being active, "Beat The Street" is being launched by Dudley MBC for the Summer Holidays. Please see the information further on in the Newsletter.

Please can I remind parents that this Monday 27th June, is a Teacher Training Day and school is closed for pupils. All the staff will be attending training by <u>Jane Considine</u> looking at her "Wright Stuff" approach to writing and how we can embrace it to improve children's writing further. Have a lovely weekend



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Next week's Aspire Character and Learner skills

- I am resilient
- I can work collaboratively
- I am creative



Key Dates

- Monday 27th June INSET Day School Closed
- Tuesday 28th June Year 1 Sycamore Adventure Centre Trip
- Friday 1st July Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
- Monday 11th July Year 2 Dudley Zoo Trip
- Thursday 14th July Mini Market
- Monday 18th July Year 6 Play 1.30pm
- Tuesday 19th July Year 6 Play 6.00pm
- Wednesday 20th July Year 6 BBQ 5.00 -7.00 pm
- Thursday 21st July Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 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



Reminders

School Photos - Nursery, Reception & Year 6

If you would like to purchase your child's school photo, you can either order online or by completing the form and returning to the office by **Friday 1st July**.

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

Uniform

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

<u>PE</u>

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

Parking

Can we remind you that the car park is for <u>staff only</u> <u>and permit holders.</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 Parent Mail

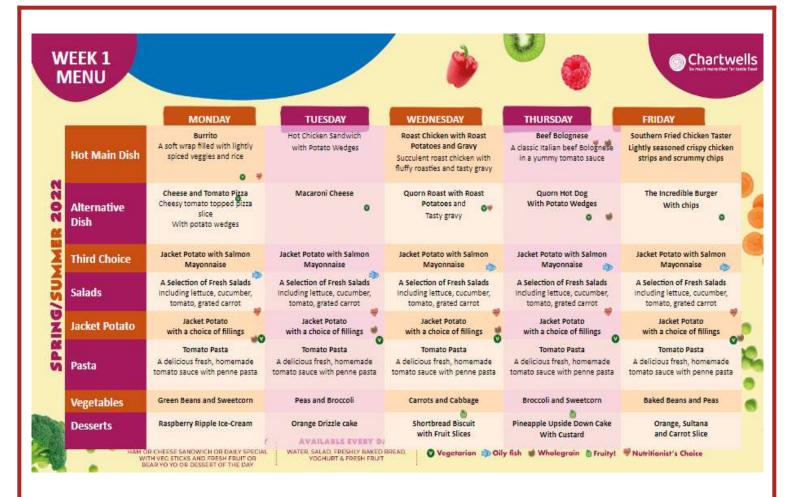
ParentMail is our main communication platform where you will receive emails from Mr Simpson, the office and teachers keeping you informed of school events, trips and class news. You can also report absences, book and pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs and purchase uniforms.

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. Next week menu 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.

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 Days

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

Beat the Street

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking and cycling game which gets families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Dudley game runs from 29th June to 10th August 2022.

Game card readers called 'Beat Boxes' will be positioned around **Dudley** including one **outside Colley Lane**. Players use contactless game cards to hover over these Beat Boxes as they travel around scoring points which sit on their individual and school leaderboards.

How to play

Register your card online at www.beatthestreet.me/dudley



(Cards will be distributed over the next few weeks)

Explore your local area, finding Beat Boxes using the online or paper map.

Hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes.

Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box – this is 20 points for the journey. Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Box you visit.

Schools will sit on school leaderboards which can be viewed by visiting www.beatthestreet.me/dudley/. The leaderboards will be live once the game commences. Top school teams will win hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers and individuals can also win Lucky Spot prizes, including vouchers and Beat the Street goodies.

This is a great free activity you can complete with your family over the summer months or even as part of your walk to school journey. Please email photos to info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk of your walk to school journeys and of you taking part in the Beat the Street game. Photo's will be posted on dojo and twitter, so please state in your email if you do not want your photos to be posted on social media. Thank you and have fun!

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 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.

What's been happening in school this week?

<u>Nursery</u>

This week in Nursery we have started learning all about our new topic which is Summer. We started by recapping all of the four seasons and comparing the different weather, clothes and signs we can see before speaking about what signs of summer we can see. We also spoke about the importance of looking after ourselves during hot weather by using suncream, sun hats and sunglasses.



In WCR this week, we have started to learn about our new book. So far we have found out that the book is set in space, that we will see a UFO and meet some aliens! To support our WCR stories the children also got to experience going into space by using the Now Press Play equipment. We went on a special mission to space to make a medicine made of dirt from earth, moon rock from the moon, red rock from Mars and ice from the rings of Saturn to help our dog feel better. The children enjoyed getting dressed in their spacesuit and pretending to travel like a spaceship.

In Maths this week, we have been recapping our 3D shapes. Throughout the week we have looked at a cube, cuboid, cone, cylinder and sphere and looked at all their features. Children were able to talk about the number of faces, shapes of faces, number of vertices and number of edges of each of the shapes and even find some objects around the room which were different shapes.

Over the past 2 weeks all of the children have had the opportunity to go to our local library and take out a library book using their library card. The children have really been enjoying the opportunity to visit the library to listen to stories and explore lots of different books. When we next visit the library on the 6th and 13th July the children will be returning their books but we hope to continue the library trips in Nursery and Reception next year.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Reception

Reception children have been problem solving this week due to an escaped snail being found in RY!

The children have been learning about snails and whales in preparation for their new whole class reading book. On Wednesday morning teachers had to section off RY's carpet due to them finding a snail trail, but no snail, before the school day had started. Children created some great posters and searched high and low for the missing snail. Unfortunately, no snail was found but they haven't given up looking!

The children also created some great observational drawings of large African Land Snails and compared them to small garden snails. The children investigated how long a whale was and found out that it was the length of all of the reception classrooms! I wonder what story book the children will be reading soon?

RY visited the library this week and had the opportunity to borrow books. RDW will be visiting again next Tuesday so please remember to bring back old library books on Tuesday.

In maths children have been learning about teen numbers and their composition. They have been focusing on counting in tens and ones, making and ordering teen numbers.

Year 1

We have been continuing our theme work this week by looking at how much food is wasted and what we can do to improve this. We found out that tonnes of food are sent to landfill and can produce harmful greenhouse gases. The children created a food saving superhero character and we also tried some wonky fruit and vegetables to see if we could taste the difference...and we couldn't! We discovered that up to 40% of some crops are thrown away before they even get to the supermarkets just because the produce is not "beautiful" enough! We decided that eating "ugly" fruit and vegetables wasn't that bad, especially if it helped to stop food being wasted.

Thank you very much for the donations we have received so far for the food bank!

At the beginning of the week the children created a story mountain for their own adventures, based on our whole class reading book, Claude in the City. We discussed how authors try to build suspense and excitement to keep their readers interested. The children then wrote their stories in three sections. They have done a brilliant job. They have had some wonderful ideas such as, characters called 'Sir Smelly Socks' and robbers slipping on banana peel and getting caught by the police!



We had an interesting sound to learn in phonics this week. The children were introduced to the 'schwa' sound (where vowels go "uh".). They enjoyed making it, as it's the easiest sound to make but it was a bit tricky to find at first. See if your child can show you how to make the sound and then spot it in words.

We had great fun in science this week as we carried out an investigation. The children had to test which materials would help a bottle of hot water to stay warm. We began by making some predictions, then tested four different types of materials, by wrapping them around four bottles and then using a thermometer, we tested the temperature of the water after a certain length of time. The results were interesting but most of our predictions were correct!

In maths we have now moved on to multiplication. We began this week by making groups of equal amounts and realised that we could use skip counting to work out totals as many of the children are really confident in counting in 2's 5's and 10's. Some children were even having a go at counting in 3's and 4's! We represented our groups as repeated addition equations and began describing them as "lots of" a number. Next week we will learn all about dividing and sharing out equally.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a wonderful week of learning!

In science this week, we have been learning about the importance of exercise. We discussed why it was important for our bodies and what could happen if we do not exercise regularly. We learnt that when we exercise, different parts of our bodies need more oxygen, as that is the part of our body that is being used the most. We did an investigation completing a range of different exercises such as lunges, skipping and star jumps. We thought about what part of the body was being used the most and how we felt after each exercise. There were lots of different feelings, such as: tiredness, happiness and some children even felt energised.

In writing this week we have become immersed in books. At the beginning of the week, we began our story writing based on Little Red Reading Hood. As she adores books, we have really focused on reading for pleasure and have explored different places we might enjoy reading books. Our favourite places were the library, under tables and outside in the sunshine. In the story Little Red Reading Hood, she makes the journey through the woods to visit her Grandma. Yesterday, we explored woodland settings through images, sounds and exploring outside areas around the school. We thought about what we could see, hear, touch and smell. We discussed how we felt in the woodland compared to how Little Red Reading was at this point of the story. We can't wait to find out what happens next to inspire our story writing!











In our maths lessons this week, the children have been exploring mass. They have learnt how to read scales accurately by checking whether they are going up in increments of 2s,5s or 10s. We have then solved mass problems using our multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills.

The children have really impressed their teachers this week within our theme lessons. They have been learning about plastic pollution and deforestation and the impact it has on wildlife. The children showed real compassion towards the animals and have felt empowered to make positive changes to help.

Just a few dates for your diaries:

- Thursday 7th July Sports Day at 9:10
- Monday 11th July School Trip to Dudley Zoo
- Wednesday 13th July Explorer day in school (More information to follow via Class Dojo)
- Friday 15th July Children to wear PE kits please.

Year 3



After our persuasive writing in English last week we turned our attention to the plight of elephants in Africa. We are reading about how Akimbo, in our Whole Class book, is trying to protect the elephants from the poachers. We are using our writing skills to try and educate and persuade

people against buying ivory to help save this endangered animal. The children have been researching elephants

and poaching to help inform others about the plight of African elephants. The children are working really hard on their writing and we're looking forward to sharing some examples on dojo.

We have been recapping skills and topics in Maths across the week. Revising 2D and 3D shape properties, reading the time, data handling and measuring in mm and cm to calculate perimeter of shapes. We have also continued to work on knowing the 3,6 and 8 times tables.



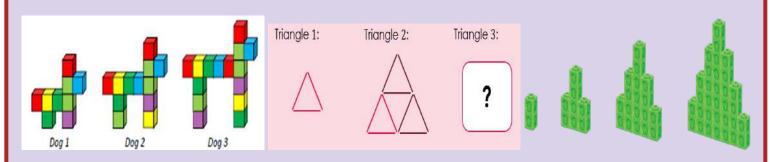
In our Global Theme lessons this week the children have been learning more about the Commonwealth Games, the countries participating and the reasons why South Africa did not take part from 1961-1994. We have been discussing fairness, equality and how South Africa's apartheid policy meant they had to withdraw from the Games. Lots of compassion shown with the children considering the impact this could have had on aspirations for so many at that time.

Next week we are lucky to have Chartwells coming to school to work with us around Sport and exercise. The children will be doing some exercise and food tasting! They will be able to build on their healthy mind and body work from last half term. We continue to develop a healthy, calm mind in Year Three through yoga, breathing exercises, Mindful colouring and Mindful stories.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

<u>Year 4</u>

In Year 4 this week, we have been busy with Maths investigations and looking at patterns and sequences of numbers. We have been using cubes to create the next number in the sequences below. We made the patterns using cubes and then placed the results in a table to investigate what the numbers looked like and could they predict the next number in the sequence without making it!



In English, the children are creating some fantastic diary entries about Esther who lives in a junkyard! The children have been writing similes, metaphors and using personification to describe the items there.

On Thursday, the children took part in a first aid day where they learned how to phone 999 and what to say in an emergency. After that, they learned how to place an injured person in the recovery position and how to keep an injured person's airways clear. In the classroom, children learnt to stem a bleed using items from around the house and how to deal with a burn on the body.







In Science, the children investigated materials to see if they were conductors or insulators of electricity. The children came to the conclusion that most metal materials conducted electricity. How do they know that? The circuit lit the lightbulb when the material was placed in the circuit.

Some children in Year 4, who go to the dance club run by Year 4's Miss Hale, went to London to watch Frozen the musical and they took part in a dance workshop on Thursday. Despite an early start, the children had a wonderful time.

In PE, the children have been taking part in orienteering around the school grounds. They had to find objects and mark the location on a map.







Year 5

It has been a busy and engaging week for children in Year 5. There have been many activities taking place throughout the week including children going offsite to represent Colley Lane. Our Year 5 dancers had a brilliant day in London on Thursday. We have a talented group of athletes representing Colley Lane (and our Local Authority) today at the Black Country Games. It is just amazing!

During maths this week, children have explored volume and developed their understanding of square and cube numbers. We've also had an arithmetic focus in our lessons this week, working on any aspects children don't feel secure in. Class teachers have worked with different groups and have given live feedback during the lesson to help children check their understanding.

In science, we planned our investigation looking into what material would be the best thermal insulator for a cup to keep a hot drink at the ideal temperature. Children reviewed a range of materials and discussed their properties. Following this, they predicted which material they think would be most suitable and why they think so.

In theme, we have explored the BIG QUESTIONS: Does everyone deserve to be treated equally? What is exclusion? During this lesson, children discussed their thoughts on both questions and class teachers were so proud to hear mature and thoughtful responses. Children showed real care for others and certainly displayed the ASPIRE Value - I am compassionate.

We've started a new writing project - writing a newspaper report. Children have explored examples of reports and identified features as well as reviewing how they are presented. In reading, we read two key chapters of our class book - War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We don't want to get anything away for those that haven't read it but we were equally surprised and pleased with what we discovered.

We look forward to welcoming everybody back on Tuesday and wish everybody a great extended weekend.

<u>Year 6</u>

What a great week Year 6 have had! They have been incredibly busy again, building themselves up for the coming weeks.

To begin the week, all of Year 6 took part in a First Aid course, where they learnt how to administer CPR correctly. They used the first aid dummies to practise and were even monitored by Ipads to make sure they were doing it all correctly! The children came back to class buzzing from the experience and gained fundamental life skills from the workshop. What a fantastic way to start the week!

In addition to this, each class took part in their own Science Day, to complete the final unit of our scheme this year. This was based around Electricity and the children had the opportunity to build and create their own electrical circuits using a range of equipment, including batteries, light bulbs, motors and wires. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different components and investigating how circuits can be adapted or changed to suit the requirements. Additionally, the children set their own questions to investigate: from how the brightness can be affected by the number of bulbs to can the number of wires used affect the speed of the motor? The children were incredibly independent and challenged themselves to find the answers. A great day of lessons.

The children have really focused on play practice, getting themselves ready for the performance. Alongside this, they have continued to read The Hobbit and undertaken a descriptive writing task. We are incredibly impressed by how hard they have worked again. Well done Year 6!

Just a quick reminder: on Monday, we have an INSET day and on Friday next week we are heading off on our trip to Drayton Manor. Another great week to look forward to!

News....

Cradley Library

Cradley Library opposite the school are doing board game sessions on a Thursday straight after school until 4.30pm. It is a free session and all children 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.

Local Events / Activities







HAF for families eligible for Free School Meals

If you haven't already, please sign up for Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) for holiday activities for those entitled to free school meals. The deadline to register and book activities is Friday 8th July 2022 so make sure you don't miss out!

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.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Ellis Ryall-White in RY who has completed his Stage 1 Learn to Swim badge and can now swim without his arm bands - Fantastic work Ellis!







Well done to Ethan Foxall (3W) & Louie Morton (3H) ran "Pretty Muddy Race for Life" on Saturday for Cancer Research. They raised a massive £450 between them and had great fun doing it. Amazing job boys!

Not forgetting Bradley Foxall (RY) & Lyla Morton (Nursery) who cheered them on in the pouring rain!!

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

The Kindness Corner

Black Country Food Bank

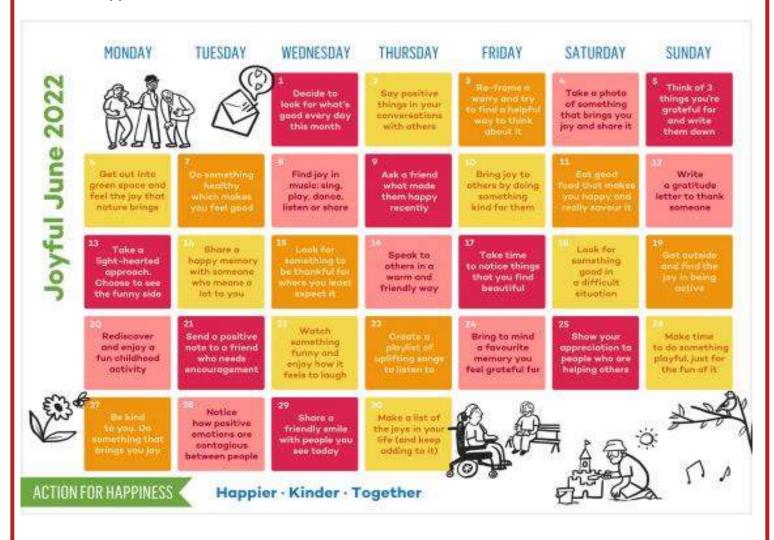


The collection box for Black Country Food Bank is now in the school foyer where donations can be brought in at any time throughout the school year.

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/

Action for happiness



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

Last Friday was a lovely afternoon at the Halesowen Athletics competition. 10 local schools competed at the athletics club in Halesowen in a variety of track and field events. Our children did brillant winning 3 gold and 4 bronze medals and reaching many other finals. Well done all! There will be no Sportshall Athletics next Thursday morning but the children are more than welcome at the cricket club.

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	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) Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4.30) * JSB	£1.00 £3.00			
	Y3 & Y4 Football (8.00)* JSB	£2.00					
Thursday	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics -invite only (8.00) -now finished 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, Y1 & Y2 Foo * JSB		£2.00	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Girls Football (4.30)	£1.00
	YR, Y1 & Y2 Football (8.00) * JSB		Y5 & 6 Squad Football - Invite Only (4.30) Y4 Football trials	£1.00
			Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball (4.30) *J8B	£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.