

WELCOME



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## WELCOME NURSERY AND RECEPTION

A warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception families! We've been so delighted to see your children settling into school this week. We are incredibly proud of how well they've adjusted; it's clear they are already enjoying making new friends, playing, and getting to know the grown-ups.

Thank you for your patience at the gate in the mornings as we all get used to the new routine. Just a quick reminder that the gate is open from 8.35 to 8.50 am. The busiest time is right at 8.35, so if your child is feeling a little overwhelmed, you might find it easier to arrive a few minutes later when things are a bit calmer.



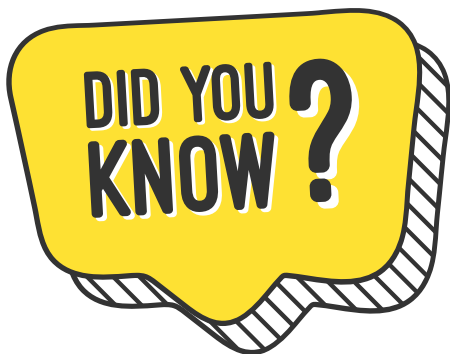
## STAY CONNECTED AND SEE THEIR LEARNING IN ACTION!



We strongly encourage you to join our private [Facebook group](#), even if you're not a regular user. This exclusive group is a safe and secure space for our school community where we share photos, videos, and information about your child's learning journey and their day at school.

If your child is one who often replies "nothing" when you ask about their day, you can be sure that's not actually true! Use the photos and videos we share to start conversations with your child about what they got up to, allowing you to connect with them about their school day.

In addition to our private Facebook group, we also have a public [Instagram page](#). Follow us there for even more updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and information about upcoming events.



We know that there are days when your child may wake up seeming a little under the weather, did you know that we are on hand to administer Calpol or similar medication? Simply bring the medicine to the school office in its original container and complete a short permission form. We will monitor your child throughout the day and will call you to collect them if they become too unwell to stay.



Nationally accredited by Elklan and OCN London



## **BUILDING CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS: WE`VE ACHIEVED OUR ELKLAN ACCREDITATION!**

We are proud to announce that we has been awarded the ELKLAN Communication Friendly Accreditation!

This is a great achievement that recognises the hard work and dedication of our staff in creating an exceptional environment for all our children to thrive.

### **What is ELKLAN?**

ELKLAN is a nationally recognised training programme that equips school staff with the knowledge and skills to support children's speech, language, and communication needs. By undertaking this rigorous training, our entire team is even better prepared to create a language-rich environment where every child feels confident to express themselves, understand others, and build strong communication skills.

### **What Does This Mean for Your Child?**

This accreditation means that throughout our school—from the classroom to the playground—our staff are consistently using effective strategies to support your child's communication development. This is not just for children with specific needs; these strategies benefit everyone, helping to:

- Build a broader vocabulary
- Improve listening skills
- Develop confidence in speaking
- Enhance social skills and friendships

Strong communication skills are the foundation for all learning, and this accreditation reinforces our whole-school approach to giving every child the very best start in life.



## **TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR**

Books benefit everyone and to ensure that as many children as possible have access to the best books, Travelling Books donate over £5.3 million worth of free books annually to schools nationwide to support literacy and reading for pleasure. You can help make a difference by purchasing from our Book Fair – every purchase earns our school rewards which we can spend on free books to stock our classroom libraries.

Our travelling book fair arrives on **Monday 29th September** and will be open every day until **Friday 3rd October**, from **3.10pm until 3.45pm** in the Reception garden, weather permitting. Come along and enjoy a special offer of 3 for 2 books!



# NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

This page of our Newsletter summarises some the learning your child will access next week. For more detailed information on our curriculum please visit our [website](#).

## Nursery

**Stories:** Wow said the Owl, Brown bear Brown bear  
**Number songs/Stories:** 1 little finger, once I caught a fish alive

**Other Areas:** Our learning theme next week will be colours. The children will enjoy stories and songs about colours and rainbows, as well as creative activities such as painting, drawing, and exploring different colour patterns. They will also have the chance to sort and match colours in fun, hands-on ways.

Alongside this, we will continue to focus on building friendships and getting to know our teachers. Through games and songs, the children will practise remembering each other's names and strengthening those early connections.

## Reception


**Phonics:** We will be developing our listening skills and learning to clap syllables in words.  
**Maths:** We will be practising counting and showing "finger numbers" as well as singing number songs.

**Other Areas:** Next week, there will be a continued focus on Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED). We will be sharing a range of stories that help us think about important skills such as sharing, looking after our belongings, and making friends.

During activity time, children will have the chance to practise these skills through turn-taking games, sharing toys, and imaginative play.

We will also be learning about our fire safety procedures. The children will hear what the fire bell sounds like and practise what to do if it rings, helping them feel confident and prepared.

Finally, on Friday, we will be holding a dress-down day to support the local charity Gold Geese.





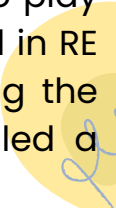
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**Maths:** Counting and ordering numbers, recording in Maths books

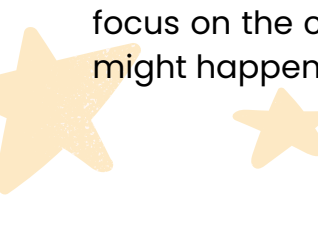
**Foundation subjects:** In Science, we'll be tackling the tricky task of sorting objects by their materials, including those made from more than one. Our little artists will be using mirrors for Art to create self-portraits, while in Computing, we'll dive into our Purple Mash accounts to design our own avatars. In DT and Music, we're exploring different tools and percussion instruments, learning to use them safely and to play along to a musical beat. Finally, our PE lessons continue with Gymnastics, and in RE and PSHE, we'll be learning about the Christian 'Creation Story' and exploring the importance of kindness through a range of stories, including 'Have you filled a bucket today?'. It's going to be a fun and creative week for all!



**Year 2** **Phonics/GPS:** Reading and writing verbs in the past tense using the suffix -ed

**Maths:** Simple addition of two single digits; mental arithmetic strategies and rapid recall of number facts to 10/20.

**Foundation subjects:** In Science, we are beginning a new topic on healthy foods. We will be exploring different types of food and classifying them into groups such as proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. Meanwhile, in Art, our work on line and shape continues, this time in the context of portrait drawing. During Computing, we are learning key internet terminology, including words such as search engine and browser. As for Geography, we will record our learning from last week, focusing on the differences between physical and human features, and defining them using clear geographical language. In Music, we are starting a new unit by listening to African music, including pieces by Mama Africa. On the glockenspiel, we will practise playing the notes G, A, and C. Within PSHE we will be exploring feelings and how different people can experience the same situation in different ways. Finally in RE, our work continues on places of worship. This week we will focus on the church, exploring why it is important to its followers, its functions, and what might happen there.



# AUTUMN WEEK 2

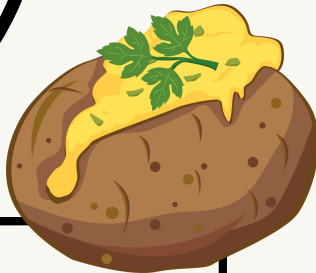
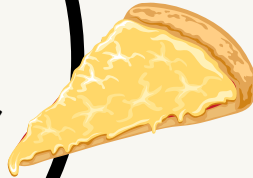
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

HOMEMADE CHEESE AND  
TOMATO PIZZA / VEGE PIZZA  
(MK) (G) 9V) (ON A  
WHOLEMAEL BASE AND  
HIDDEN VEG)

WITH  
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),  
AND MIXED VEGETABLE MEDLEY:  
GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/  
CARROTS/PEAS (VG)



## TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

TRICOLOUR PASTA  
TWIRLS (G) (VG) WITH  
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE  
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (CY)

AND GRATED CHEESE (MK),  
GARLIC BREAD (G) (MAY CONTAIN MK)  
AND  
CARROTS AND GREEN BEANS  
(VG)



## REACH FOR A ROAST WEDNESDAY

PORK SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE  
HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S)

OR

MEAT FREE SAUSAGE TOAD IN  
THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S) (V)

WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G),  
BROCCOLI (VG),  
CARROTS (VG)  
AND GRAVY (VG)



## FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

HOMEMADE BEEF CHILLI  
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)  
OR VEGGIE CHILLI (SOYB) (VE)  
WITH  
STEAMED RICE AND GRATED  
CHEESE (MK) (V)  
AND  
CARROTS AND BROCCOLI  
(VG)



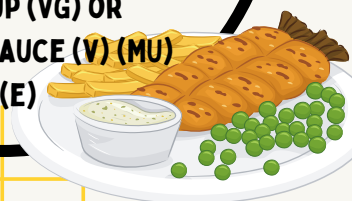
## FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED  
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)  
OR  
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)

WITH CHIPS (VG),  
PEAS AND SWEETCORN (VG)

AND

KETCHUP (VG) OR  
TARTARE SAUCE (V) (MU)  
(E)



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

# Stars of the week

NURSERY

NORTHERN IRELAND

WALES

SCOTLAND

SPAIN

MEXICO

SOUTH AFRICA

Dhriti Jain

Isaac Knowler

Marnie  
Cornwell-Choi

FINLAND

VIETNAM

BAHAMAS

Ralph Green

Franklin Smith

Ivy Bambridge

Right on time



Willow Nice	Luna Currie	Daisy Morris
Azalea Lika	Posey Cutmore	Noel Jones
★	★	★



## ATTENDANCE

This week - 96.66 %

EYFS - 99.36%

Year 1 - 93.42%

Year 2 - 98.44%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.51%



REACH Award

*Enjoy*

Albie Johnson

# WHAT'S GOING ON? *New additions will be in red*

Tue 23 Sep	Year 1 Drama workshop
Fri 26 Sep	KS1 cross country (invited children only)
Fri 26 Sep	Gold Geese charity day - wear yellow and donate if you can
Mon 29 Sep	Flu immunisation sprays
Mon 29 Sep	Travelling Book Fair arrives
Thu 2 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Fri 3 Oct	10.30 PTA AGM
Thu 7 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Weds 8 Oct	Individual Photos
Mon 13 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Wed 15 Oct	Reception Autumn walk - Chalkwell Park
Thu 16 Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival at St.Michael's Church
Fri 17 Oct	9.30 Reception 2026 Intake tour - SEND with SENCo
Wed 22 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
<b>Fri 24 Oct</b>	<b>Last day at school - Oct half term</b>
<b>Mon 3 Nov</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Fri 21 Nov	Boys football tournament (girls tournament date tbc)
<b>Fri 19 Dec</b>	<b>Last day at school - Christmas holidays</b>
<b>Mon 5 Jan</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Thu 12 Feb</b>	<b>Last day at school - Feb half term</b>
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
<b>Mon 23 Feb</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Fri 27 Mar</b>	<b>Last day at school - Easter holidays</b>
<b>Mon 13 Apr</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Mon 4 May</b>	<b>Bank holiday (school closed)</b>
<b>Thu 21 May</b>	<b>Last day at school - May half term</b>
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	<b>Last day at school - Summer holidays</b>
<b>Mon 20 Jul</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>

# CONTACT US

*If you have a question, query or concern, please get in touch with someone from the list below. Please do not email class teachers directly, they should be contacted via the communication book or by calling the school office. Teachers may be available to chat to at the end of the school day.*



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