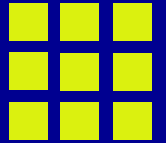




# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 22nd March 2024



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP  
www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk 01983 522984 Head teacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPOH



Dear Families of Nine Acres,

Spring has truly sprung at Nine Acres, bringing with it a renewed sense of energy and excitement throughout our school community. The glimpse of sunshine and (slightly) warmer weather have lifted our spirits and provided the perfect backdrop for a week filled with inspiring visitors and engaging learning experiences.



We were thrilled to welcome numerous visitors to our school this week, each bringing their unique expertise and passion to share with our pupils. In particular, our focus on Design and Technology (DT) learning has been amplified, with visitors showcasing how the skills and knowledge acquired through our DT curriculum can pave the way for future careers. It's inspiring to see how our learning here at Nine Acres can positively influence the world around us and open doors to endless possibilities.

As a school there is so much happening everyday as everyday is an opportunity to learn and develop, please do keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates!

As we look ahead, it's hard to believe that next week marks the end of the Spring Term already! We will be returning for the Summer Term on Monday, 15th April, a reminder that we will finish at 1.00pm on Thursday, 28th March for the Easter break.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with sunshine, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones,  
Mrs Dyer



## Governor News

Last week, our dedicated Governors convened as a subcommittee to review the safeguarding practices implemented within our school. Safeguarding remains a top priority for our Governors, who ensure that Nine Acres maintains robust procedures for recording and supporting families. Their unwavering commitment to this crucial aspect of our school community ensures that every child feels safe, supported, and valued.

In addition to safeguarding, our Governors recently had the opportunity to hear from a Local Authority Inspector who visited Nine Acres to assess the quality of education provided. This invaluable feedback allows our Governors to maintain an independent perspective on the school and the breadth of provision offered to all our children. By staying informed and engaged, our Governors play a vital role in guiding and supporting the ongoing development of our school.

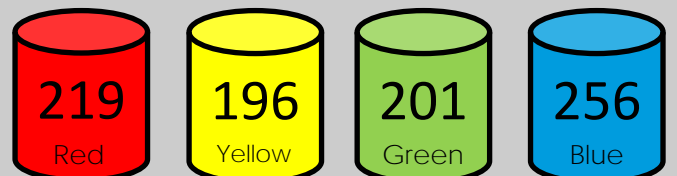
## Development Days

- Friday 1st September 2023—DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024—DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



## House Points Totals

Well done to **BLUE** house who received the most House Points for this week!



# PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 25th March 2024

All children should come to school in their Nine Acres PE kits on their allocated day.

## PE Days for each Year Group

- EYFS - Monday
- Year 1 - Monday
- Year 2 - Thursday
- Year 3 - Wednesday
- Year 4 - Tuesday
- Year 5 - Friday
- Year 6 - Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE kit and sensible footwear for PE lessons. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday. Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied

## End of day procedures

If you have a message regarding your child or someone different to usual will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office by 2.30pm. You can notify the office by popping in and speaking to a member of the office team, calling 522984 or by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk)



## ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals? Families of children in Year 3 and up are required to pay for School Dinners unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.

To apply online please go to:

[www.low.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2](http://www.low.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2)

## We are a nut free school!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a nut free school. Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



## The Art of Gratitude

At Nine Acres, we believe in recognising the incredible dedication and contributions of our staff members who go above and beyond in supporting our pupils. Today, we want to shine a spotlight on Miss Paddon, whose unwavering commitment to our pupils, especially those with Special Educational Needs, has truly made a difference.

Miss Paddon's dedication knows no bounds. She tirelessly champions the needs of every pupil, ensuring that they feel valued, supported, and empowered to reach their fullest potential. Her genuine care and passion shine through in every interaction, making her an invaluable member of our school community.

One of Miss Paddon's greatest strengths lies in her ability to forge strong partnerships with families. She understands the importance of collaboration and open communication, working closely with Parents' to create support plans tailored to each pupils unique needs. Her inclusive approach fosters a sense of trust and mutual respect, paving the way for meaningful progress and growth.

Above all, Miss Paddon is a compassionate listener. She takes the time to truly understand the challenges and triumphs of each pupil, offering a listening ear and a supportive shoulder whenever needed. Her empathy and understanding create a safe and nurturing environment where every child feels seen, heard, and valued.

Today, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Paddon for her tireless dedication, unwavering support, and compassionate leadership. Thank you for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of our pupils and families. Your impact extends far beyond the walls of our school, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness, inclusivity, and excellence.



# Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade  
Albert - Music

Corfe  
Clara - Music

Balmoral  
Roman - PSHE

Windsor  
Matilda - DT

Arundel  
Blake - Computing

Bamburgh  
Luna G - Geography

## Explorer Awards



Kendal  
Youchen - Geography

Warwick  
Tommy - Computing

Edinburgh  
Kelsie - Music

Stirling  
Yaanvika - Science

Durham  
Ruby G - Geography

York  
Elana - Science & Geography



Well done everyone!!

# HELPING HANDS PTA



## Easter Art Competition

This Easter sees the return of our Easter Art Competition. For £1.00 children can enter a piece of art, using any media (textiles, sculpture, colouring, painting, printing, collage etc.) that represents Easter to them. Entries will be welcomed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, when they will be judged by our guest judge - Mrs Mayes - with winner and runner-up prizes awarded for each Key Stage.

We can't wait to see them.

Thank you for all your continued support.



Thank you again for all your continued support. Our next meeting will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk) or leave a message at the school office.

*Helping Hands*

# EYFS SUPERHERO DAY



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We are inviting the children in Early Years to come dressed to school as their chosen superhero on this day. We know you may have costumes at home but we do welcome the children to make up their own superhero if they want to.

**"Remember not all heroes wear capes"**



During the day, we have arranged for a very special visitor to come and see the children!

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the EYFS team if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Edgington  
EYFS Teachers

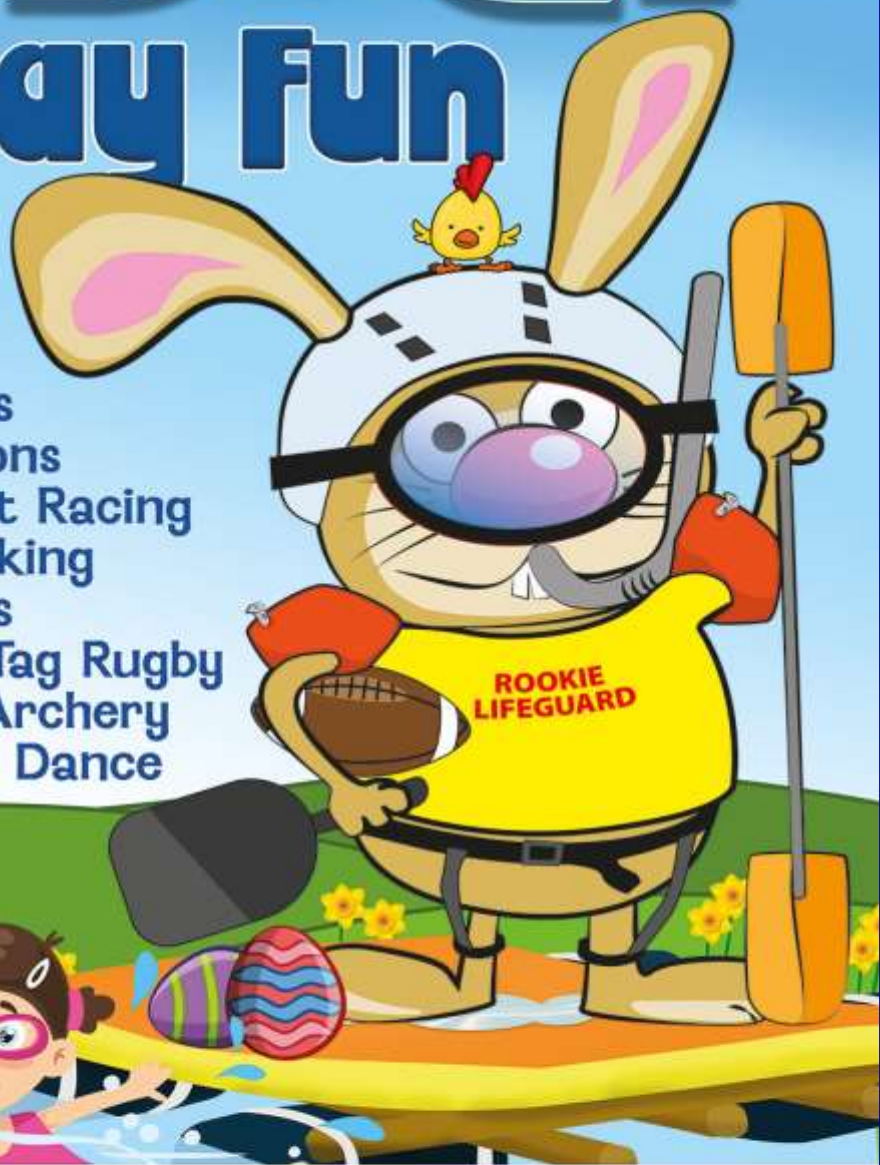


# Easter

## Holiday Fun

**2-14 April, 2024**

Pre-Sailing Skills  
Rookie Lifesaving  
Swimming Lessons  
Open Swim Sessions  
Snorkelling \* Raft Racing  
Fun Hours \* Kayaking  
Diving \* Mermaids  
Youth Football \* Tag Rugby  
Climbing \* Soft Archery  
Youth Pickleball \* Dance



**West Wight**  
Sports & Community Centre

Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9XH

Tel: (01983) 752168  
[www.westwight.org.uk](http://www.westwight.org.uk)  
E-mail: [info@westwight.org.uk](mailto:info@westwight.org.uk)

Reg. Charity No. 273334    

## House Point Mufti

There will be a House Point Mufti Day for [BLUE](#) house on Thursday 28th March, they have won the most house points this half term. Well done BLUE house!



# Diary Dates 2023/2024



## MARCH 2024

Mon 25th March 2024 - Year 1 'Snuggle up and Read'

Wed 27th March 2024 - Year 4 Overnight Space Camp.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - EYFS Superhero Day.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

## APRIL 2024

Mon 1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter Holidays.

Mon 8th-Thurs 11th April 2024 - Year 6 Easter School.

Mon 15th April 2024 - Summer 1 Enrichment Clubs begin.

Tues 16th April 2024 - Swimming for Arundel Class will begin.

Fri 19th April 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Thurs 25th April 2024 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium Trip.

Fri 26th April 2024 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

## MAY 2024

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Wed 8th May 2024 - Year 5 London Trip.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - KS2 SATS.

Week commencing 20th May 2024 - KS1 SATS.

Mon 27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024 - May Half Term.

## JUNE 2024

Wed 5th June 2024 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Tues 11th June 2024 - Swimming for Bamburgh class begins.

**NEW** Thurs 13th June-14th June 2024 - Year 3 Novium trip for Arundel class.

**NEW** Fri 14th June 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

**NEW** Fri 21st June 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

**NEW** Thurs 27th-Fri 28th June 2024 - Year 3 Novium Trip for Bamburgh Class.

## JULY 2024

Thurs 4th July 2024 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

**NEW** Fri 26th July 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer Holidays.

*New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.*

# Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term 1 Enrichment Clubs have been allocated and payments are required to secure your child's places. Please make payment on ParentPay.

To book spaces, please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk)



# Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR code to see our page on Facebook!!



SCAN ME

# Boom Reader (Go Read)

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



# Early Closing on Thursday 28th March 2024

A reminder that school will close early on Thursday 28th March at 1.00pm.

If your child is in Year 4/5/6 and has permission to walk home for this academic year, your child will be released at 1.00pm unless you tell us otherwise. Please notify the office if you will be collecting your child.

# Easter Activities

**29 March to 14 April**

**Easter Trail**

**Donkey Grooming**

**Pamper a Donkey**

**Pamper a Shetland**

**Meet the Donkeys Free Guided  
Tours**

[www.iowdonkeysanctuary.org/whats-on](http://www.iowdonkeysanctuary.org/whats-on)



**Book online now!**

# Asthma Care Plans

If your child has Asthma or is currently being investigated for Asthma you must complete an Asthma Care Plan from the school office. It is essential that we have the correct information to help keep the children safe.

If your child no longer has Asthma, please can you notify us by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk) so we can update your child's medical record.

It is Parents' responsibility to ensure they update the school of any current medical conditions.

## Year 1 'Snuggle Up and Read' Sessions



The reading sessions will be held on:

Monday 25th March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

# Year 4 Overnight Space Camp

Wednesday 27th March 2024 into Thursday morning. Children in Year 4 will finish school at 3.10pm on Wednesday 27th March, they will go home for their dinner and then return to school in their school uniform for 6.00pm.

Space Camp will be led by Nine Acres Staff.

An evening snack and drink will be provided along with breakfast on the Thursday morning.

A reminder flyer will be sent home next week with details of what to bring on the night.

All children will be leaving at 1.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024 due to early closing for the end of term.



Space Camp



## PE UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres Uniform Policy including PE.

Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear the Nine Acres PE top.
- All children must have suitable trainers.
- PE hoodies are for PE only. Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children must have blue or Black jogging bottoms.

If you need any support in ensuring your child has the right uniform, we are here to help.



## Schools Walk the Wight

with

**Mountbatten**



**Sunday, 12 May 2024**

Register now: [mountbatten.org.uk/swtw](https://mountbatten.org.uk/swtw)

# Educational Visits

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp

Payment was due by Friday 1st March 2024



Thursday 25th April 2024



**WINCHESTER  
SCIENCE CENTRE  
AND PLANETARIUM**

Year 4 Winchester

Science Centre

and Planetarium Trip.

Deposit Payment was due by Friday 9th Feb 2024

Full payment was due by Monday 4th March 2024

Friday 26th April 2024

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday 9th

February 2024

Full payment is due by Friday 12th

April 2024



Wednesday 8th May 2024

Year 5 London Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday

2nd February 2024

Full payment is due by Friday 19th

April 2024

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024

Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024



Thurs 13th/Fri 14th & Thurs 27th/Fri 28th June 2024

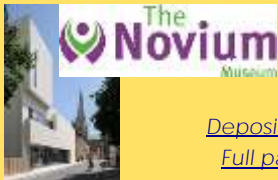
Year 3 Novium Museum Trip.

Arundel - 13th/14th June 2024

Bamburgh - 27th/28th June 2024

Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024

Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024



Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th

November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 3rd June 2024



# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

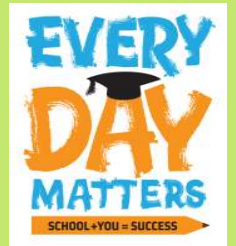
Dates: 15/03/2024 - 21/03/2024

|              | Attendance | Lates |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Carisbrooke: | 95.00%     | 0     |
| Yarmouth:    | 94.00%     | 0     |
| Biggleswade  | 90.36%     | 4     |
| Corfe        | 96.21%     | 0     |
| Balmoral:    | 92.33%     | 3     |
| Windsor:     | 93.33%     | 0     |
| Arundel:     | 90.56%     | 0     |
| Bamburgh:    | 85.33%     | 2     |
| Kendal:      | 88.33%     | 1     |
| Warwick:     | 93.00%     | 2     |
| Edinburgh:   | 97.67%     | 0     |
| Stirling:    | 95.00%     | 1     |
| Durham:      | 96.30%     | 0     |
| York:        | 93.10%     | 0     |

Well done **EDINBURGH CLASS!**

Whole school attendance this week is: **92.88%**

Good attendance ensures that children can develop at the right pace, gain confidence as they make progress, and ultimately enjoy school as they see themselves succeed.



ParentPay is our only method of making payments.

Are you signed up to ParentPay? We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay.

## Nine Acres

## School Car Park



Please do not use the school car park unless you have a school permit. We will continue to share the license plates in our newsletters and ask our community to also let us know if they see families using the car park without a school permit.

This is to support us in helping all our dedicated staff get to school on time to teach your children!



# Easter Holidays 2024

School will be closed from Friday 29th March and will reopen on Monday 15th April 2024.

## School Trip Permission Forms

We have some trip permission forms outstanding for our upcoming trips across school, these have been sent home to families, please sign and complete the form and return it to the school office.

**THURSDAY 28TH  
MARCH 2024**

### SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Red option - Hot Dog served with Chips.

Green Option - Veggie Hot Dog served with Chips.

Dessert - Easter Biscuits.

No Jacket Potatoes served on this day.

## Year 3 - Arundel

### Swimming Lessons

Arundel Swimming lessons begin on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

On Tuesday's, Arundel Class must come to school in their PE kits with their swimming costume or swim shorts underneath as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool.

*Please bring a pair of goggles, a named towel and a plastic bag for wet items. Children with verruca's will need to wear a verruca sock and children with long hair should have it tied up or wear a swim cap.*

All children need a packed lunch and a healthy snack on swimming days and a filled water bottle is also required.



Tuesday 16th April 2024 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 30th April 2024 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 21st May 2024 - 1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 4th June 2024 - 1.00-2.00pm

### Our Mental Health Mission Statement

*We believe having a mentally healthy community is not about being happy all the time, but about working together through the challenges and sharing the celebrations; feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.*

This week we want to focus on 'the importance of healthy sleep'.



<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/relaxation-tips/>

## Easter Scurry

## Egg Hunt

**NATUREZONES  
Blackwater**

**Sunday 31st March**

**Tuesday 2nd,**

**Thursday 4th,**

**Adult £8, Concession £6 Child £4 under 4's free**

**PLEASE BOOK**

**WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK**

# NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Nine Acres Uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit and sensible black school shoes.

## EYFS - Year 4

### Autumn/Spring/Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt  
(Blue for EYFS only)  
Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo  
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt  
Grey or White Plain Ankle Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

### Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)  
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt/Blue Summer Dress  
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

## Year 5 and Year 6

### Autumn/Spring/Summer Term

Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo  
Plain White Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)  
School Tie  
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Skirt  
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

### Summer Term

Plain White Shirt (Short Sleeve)  
School Tie  
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt  
Grey or White Plain Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

## PE Kit (All Years)

Lime Green Logo Polo Shirt  
Navy/Black Shorts  
Trainers  
White Plain Short Ankle Socks  
Navy Blue or Black Tracksuit Bottoms & a Navy hooded top for Sports activities  
Drawstring PE Bag



# FOODBANK VOUCHERS



Many families are struggling more than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. We continue to provide our families with vouchers to the Island's Food Banks. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mrs Hussey. Referrals can be made to any of the Island's Food Banks for your convenience or confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks in Newport, Freshwater, Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin.

# Autumn/Winter School Dinner Menu

| Chartwells   |   | WEEK 2  |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
| AUTUMN/WINTER 2023   | NOT SPECIALS                                  | Chick and Tomato Pasta w/ Served with Fresh Wedges      | Turkey Cox Chili w/ Served with Whirligig Rice          | Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy      | Sausage Pasta Bake w/ Served with Garlic and Herb Bread | Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips                  |
|  | JACKET POTATOES                               | Roast Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of herb and chili drizzle | Roast Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of herb and chili drizzle | Roast Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of herb and chili drizzle | Roast Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of herb and chili drizzle | Roast Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of herb and chili drizzle |
|  | All main meals are served with two vegetables |   |   |   |   |   |
|  | DESSERT                                       | Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice                        | Creamy Chocolate Mousse                                 | Chocolate and Vanilla Mocha Cake                        | Sweet Cake  | Strawberry Ice Cream                                    |
| <p>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: Water, salad, Freshly baked bread, popcorn &amp; fresh fruit</p> <p>Vegetarian, Oily Fish, Wholegrain, Fruity, Nutritionist's Choice</p> |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Week Commencing  
Monday 18th  
March 2024  
Week 2

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is **£2.60** per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is **£13.00**.

