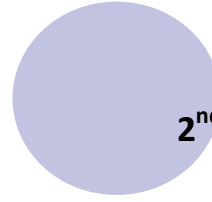
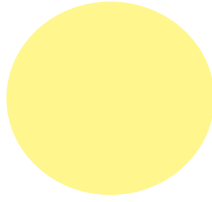


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Learning, growing and thriving at Thorpe Woodlands

This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed the annual residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands Activity Centre in Thetford Forest. Residential visits provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, grow and challenge themselves in ways that are difficult to replicate in the classroom. Through a range of exciting, high-quality activities at the well-equipped centre, children developed important skills such as independence, resilience, teamwork, communication and problem-solving. They were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, try new experiences and discover strengths they may not have realised they possessed.

A residential visit is also a valuable opportunity to strengthen friendships and build community. By supporting and encouraging one another, children learn that they can achieve more together than alone. The Bible reminds us:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Whether at a residential, in school or supporting as parents, in doing this we can strengthen the sense of community that lies at the heart of our school.

*Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine*

I would like to thank all the staff who organised, led and supported the visit, as well as our Chair of Governors, Mr Higgs, for giving his time to attend. We are also grateful to parents and carers for their support in preparing their children for this experience.

Most importantly, thank you to our Year 6 children, whose enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to embrace every opportunity made the visit such a success. We hope they return with wonderful memories, stronger friendships and greater confidence as they continue their journey through their final year at Bishops'.

Mr R McIntosh



Headteacher

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Consultation Meetings will be taking place in school from **3.30pm to 6.30pm** on **Tuesday 20th October & Thursday 22nd October.**

The child is welcome to attend the meeting with their parents/carers.

The **online booking system** for parents/carers to book a timeslot to meet with their child's teacher will open on Scopay.com at **10am on Monday 5th October 2026**, and then close at **12 noon the day before each of the dates.**

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress this year so far.



Thank you.

Netball Coach Needed



We are looking for a Netball Coach to run a KS2 Netball Club after school on Fridays starting after Half-Term.

The candidate would need to be fully qualified.

If you are interested in this role then please contact the school office. Thank you!

Exploring Light & Shade at Art Club

This week in Art Club, we have been learning about Chiaroscuro. This is the study of dramatic shade and light in art. The children enjoyed selecting an object from the table to observe the relationship between light and shade. Using chalk, they produced drawings which showed an exploration of shape, form, angles, highlights and shadow. Their work was both striking and dramatic. ~ Miss Rice



Year 5 Food Bank Visit



Year 5 visited the Pop Up Food Bank at St Augustine's Church to learn about how a food bank works.

We met local volunteers and got to see the food bank in action.

Year 5 were fascinated to learn how the food we donate at our Harvest Festival Service helps people in our local community through the Pop Up Food Bank.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Alexa completed a 20km bike ride to raise money for Farleigh Hospice.

Here she is proudly holding her medal.

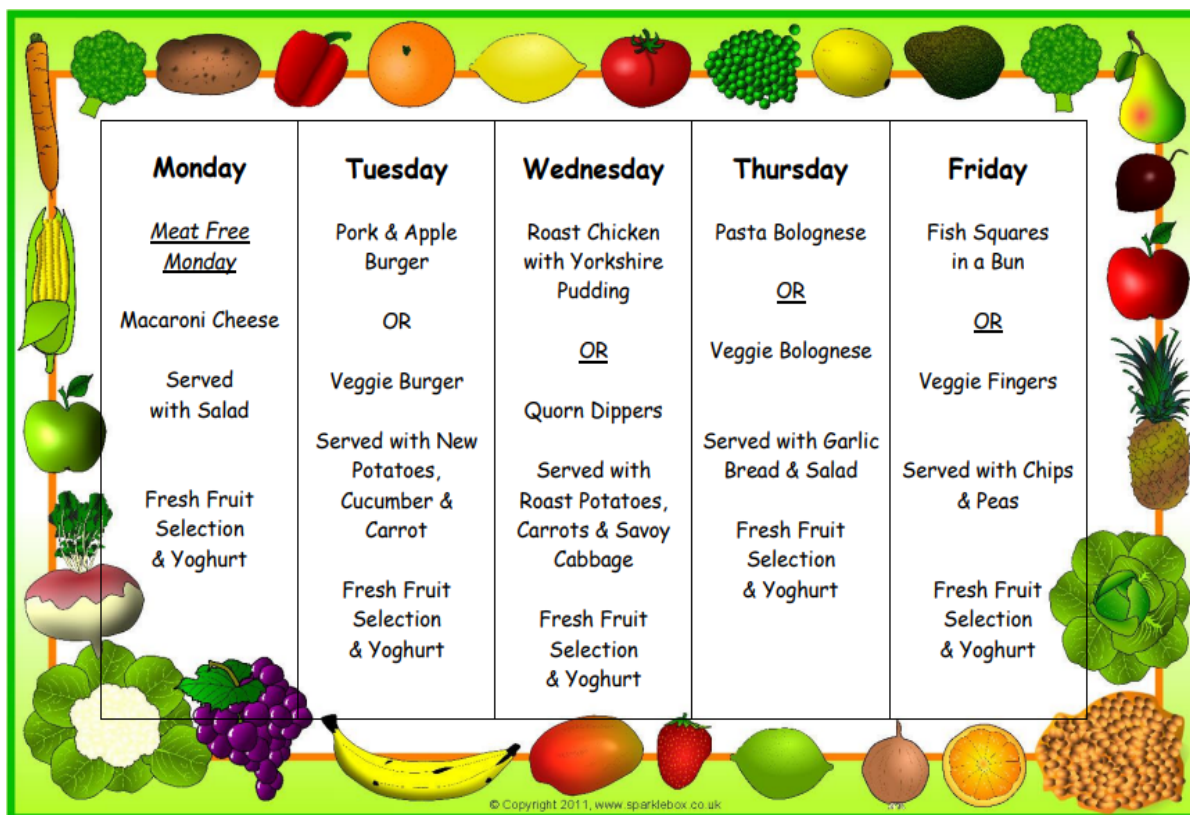
She enjoyed it so much that she's already looking at future cycle events she can participate in.

Excellent achievement Alexa.



Please remember to pre-order meals by 1pm each Friday 9 days before meals are served and to input an 'S' code for 'Sandwiches' if your child is having a packed lunch.

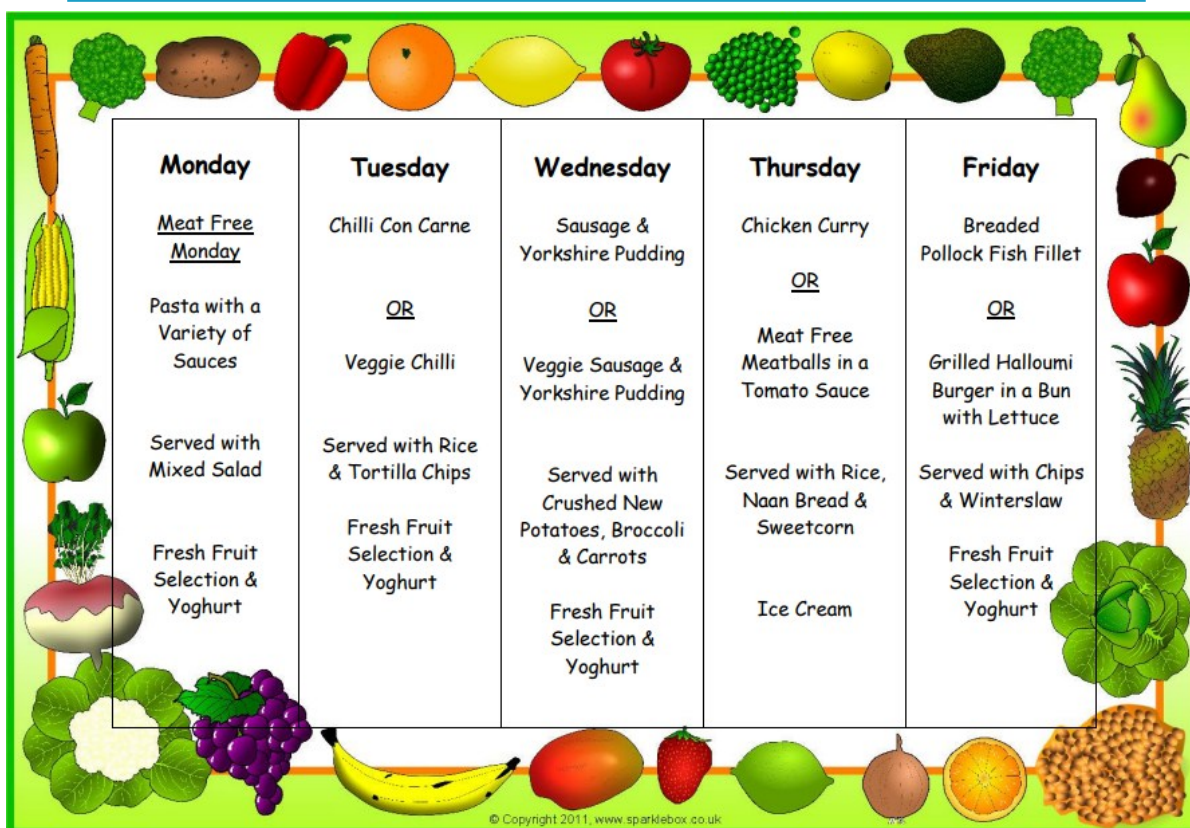
Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 5th October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork & Apple Burger	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Squares in a Bun
Macaroni Cheese	OR	OR	OR	OR
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger	Quorn Dippers	Veggie Bolognese	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with New Potatoes, Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Served with Chips & Peas
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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 12th October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli Con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	OR	OR	OR	OR
Served with Mixed Salad	Veggie Chilli	Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Rice & Tortilla Chips	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Winterslaw
	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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Polite Request

If your child is in KS1 or KS2, please **DO NOT** allow them to enter the Foundation Stage playground after school hours. Collection time is always busy and the Foundation Stage team work hard to keep this area tidy and safe for their children.

Thank you.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 6th October:

Church for Grp2 led by Birch Class, 9.10am



Wednesday 7th October:

Year 2 Reading Meeting, 2pm to 3pm in the Hall

Thursday 8th October:

Flu Immunisations



Friday 9th October:

PTFA Calendar Photos in School



Monday 12th October:

KS1 Football Competition (selected children) at GBHS, 3.45 to 5pm

Thursday 15th October:

KS2 Cross-Country at Hylands Park, 11.15am to 2.45pm



Monday 19th October:

Year 5 Trip to Duxford, 8.15am for 8.30am to 3.15pm

Wednesday 14th October:

Year 1 Reading Meeting, 2pm to 3pm in the Hall



Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October:

Parents' Evenings for all classes, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday 23rd October: Non-Pupil Day

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October: Half-Term