



Dear parents/ carers

I can't quite believe that next week we go into the final week of the first half term of the year – it's flown by!

School dinners:

Please see the new Autumn and Winter menu at the end of this newsletter. We have worked closely with the catering team to try and ensure that the food offered is the food we know our children love.

If you want to pay in advance for your child's dinners via ParentPay (and this really helps in the office so that they don't have to track any rising dinner debts), the cost for the coming months per child (in Year 3-6) is:

November: £64.60

December: £51.00

January: £68.00

(Any overpayments can be refunded if needed)

New starters for September 2026:

Over the half term holidays, parents can start applying for places for their children to start in September 2026. We routinely welcome children into Year R and Year 3 – so if you have friends and family with children either starting school for the 1st time in September 2026 – or finishing infant school at the end of the year – tell them about us; suggest they visit and tell them all about the great things we do (we do currently have spaces in most year groups). If you have children ready to start and want to come and look with them – come on down too!

We offer tours every Monday at 10am and 1pm – no need to book!

Harvest

We will be taking our donations to Doorways next week – please send in your donations by Wednesday if you haven't already!



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Tours for prospective parents

Running every Monday from 10am to 11am and 1pm to 2pm. No need to book, come along and find out how you and your child can become part of our wonderful school community.

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Individual photos:

These are next Wednesday (22nd) – if you would like your child to have a photo with a sibling who has not yet started school – please come from 8:30am. Children will automatically have photos with their siblings in school.

This week's highlights from Class Dojo:

We've got most families connected to the school/ their children's class on Dojo. (If you haven't and you're stuck – please drop the class teacher an e mail/ pop into the office/ talk to us on the gate and we can help)

Here are a few highlights from the week....



Year 2's retreat



Victory for the football team vs Etwall



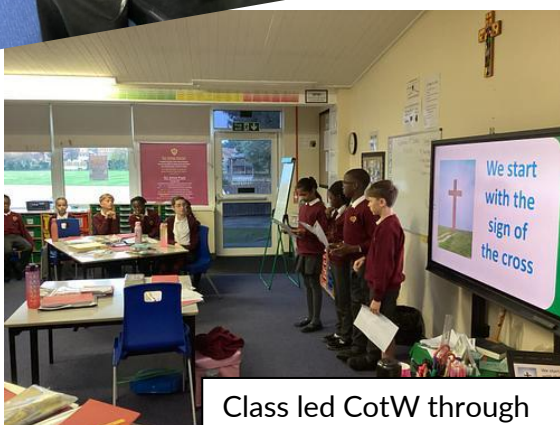
Year 1 made bird feeders in RE

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Year R went searching through school for the Gingerbread Man and he had left them some vegetables!



Class led CotW through school



Year 5 made bolognese!

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

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October:

- Tuesday 21st – Year 2 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y2 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Wednesday 22nd - Individual photos
- Thursday 23rd - PTFA Whole School Halloween Disco 4:30pm-> tickets available after school....
- Friday 24th - Break up for half term

November:

- Tuesday 4th - Back to School [INSET Day on Monday 3rd]
- Wednesday 5th – Year 5 Retreat Day (anti-bullying)



Autumn & Winter Menu

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Available Daily:
Bread, Salad,
Fruit, Yoghurt
& Drinking
Water

CELEBRATING
120 YEARS
OF SCHOOL
MEALS

Week 1

	The Main Event	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Chicken in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Quorn Dipper with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
03.11.25						
24.11.25						
15.12.25	Alternative Choice	Margherita Pizza & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cauliflower Bake with Mashed Potatoes	Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack with Mixed Rice	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
19.01.26						
09.02.26						
09.03.26	Daily Choice	Filled Jacket Potato meal.				
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	50% Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	NEW Lemon Sponge Tart	50% Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard

Week 2

		NEW Chicken Goujons with Homemade BBQ Sauce, Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding with Beef Hot Pot with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast with Sausage & Bacon, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	NEW Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
10.11.25	The Main Event					
01.12.25						
05.01.26	Alternative Choice	Five Bean Chilli Taco with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetables Bolognese with Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Dough Balls	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Swirl with Seasonal Vegetables	Vegan Breakfast, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Creamy Cheesy Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables
26.01.26						
23.02.26						
16.03.26	Daily Choice	Filled Jacket Potato meal.				
	Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread Slice	Chocolate Cracknel	50% Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	50% Jelly & Fruit	NEW Jam Roly Poly & Custard

Week 3

	The Main Event	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, with Baked Beans & Diced Potatoes	Pork Meatball with Pasta & Sauce	Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
17.11.25						
08.12.25						
12.01.26	Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegan Meatball with Pasta & Sauce	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mac & Cheese with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Pizza Panini with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
02.02.26						
02.03.26						
23.03.26	Daily Choice	Filled Jacket Potato meal.				
	Dessert	NEW Toffee Apple Muffin	50% Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	NEW Carrot Cake Cookie	NEW Saucy Chocolate Pudding

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