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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A huge congratulations to Geevor Class, who have officially won our reading challenge competition in Yr5/6! They completed every square on their reading grid - from exploring Shakespeare, diving into books from other cultures, to enjoying stories that were later turned into films. Their dedication, teamwork and love of reading truly shone through. Geevor earned a visit to our hot chocolate cafe where they enjoyed the top prize - marshmallows, sprinkles, cream, sauces and more! A delicious reward for fantastic effort!

READING CHALLENGE

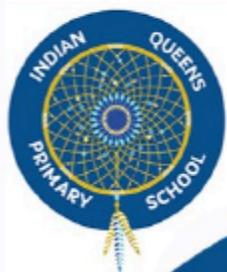
Complete these reading challenges as a class.
Each challenge = 1 square crossed off by your teacher.

KS2 **KS2**

First line - Extra play and a yummy treat First full house - Hot chocolate cafe
Share what you read with your teacher (a quick review, drawing, or retell).
The first class to get a full house will win hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream!

graphic novel	a book with pictures	female main character	a book recommended by a friend, parent or teacher
a brave character	poetry	an adventure story	a book that became a film
a book with a map	biography	history non-fiction book	read a book that makes you laugh
space or science	read a book by a BAME author	Shakespeare	a book set in the past
mythical creature	a different country/culture	over 20 years old book	read a book you couldn't put down

Indian Queens Primary School & Nursery
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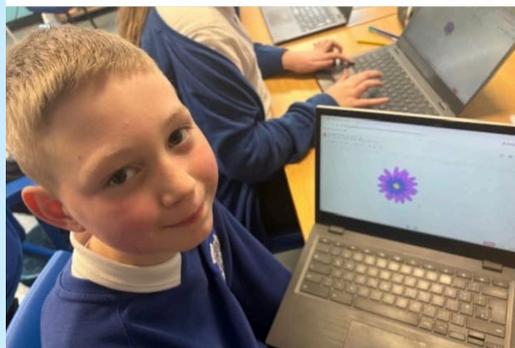
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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Congratulations to everyone for a great week. Well done to those who reached 'Sky High' and received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.

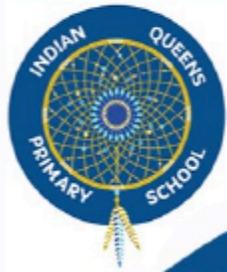


Year 5 and 6 have been using drawing software to create vector drawings on laptops. They have learnt how to copy, paste, resize, recolour, group and order shapes, and how to add backgrounds to make cool and crazy computer art!



Y1/2 have kept the pulse and played the tune for the song 'In the Groove' that they are learning.





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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Thanks to Alison and Merv from [Cornwall Heritage Trust](#) who came in and taught our Y3 and 4 classes a selection of traditional dances. Lots of fun was had by everyone and this ties in with our work on Castilly Henge. Thanks to Cornwall Heritage Trust for making the project possible.



Congratulations to everyone for a great half-term. Lots of children earned certificates or reached Sky High this week. We'll see you all again on Monday 23rd February.



Our theme for this week was 'Problem Solving' linked to overcoming challenges. Well done to everyone and especially those who received a certificate for reaching 'Sky High'.





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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Thanks to our Bikeability Instructors who took Year 6 children on to local roads to teach them about how to stay safe.

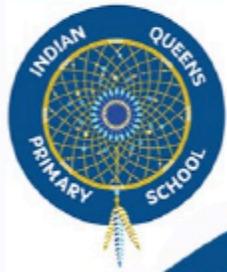


Our Y6 had the chance to participate in Bikeability this week and went through cycle safety and key skills on our playground.



Fistral Class have ticked off another reading challenge this week after a Year 1 child brought in a fascinating non-fiction book to share with everyone. We now have just one more challenge to complete our first row! Keep reading over the half term, and let's aim to be the first class to earn a Hot Chocolate Café reward — go Fistral Class!





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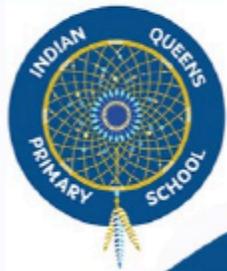
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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Today is Internet Safety Day where all our classes have been learning about the importance of staying safe online.



Reception children having been learning about Chinese New Year. They have practised their cutting skills by cutting noodles and have been busy counting the correct amount into lucky red envelopes. They were very excited to make special lanterns and taste some Chinese food!



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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Congratulations to Year 6 London Residential children who today participated in a joint sponsored 'London Marathon' to help raise funds for their trip next week. They worked together to cover 68,600m in total which equates to 1.6 marathons - a great achievement! We would very much appreciate sponsorship money to be sent in a named sealed envelope by the end of the week.



Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed creating gymnastic sequences on the apparatus, showing off various balances and working together.



Well done and good luck to everyone participating in the pantomime to be held at Fraddon Village Hall.

St Enoder Pantomime Society
Presents
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Written by Alan P. Frym in association with Stage Right Creative Limited
Matinee: Sun 22nd Feb 2:15pm
Evenings: Mon 23rd - Sat 28th Feb 7:15pm
Matinee: Sat 28th Feb 2:15pm
AT: Fraddon Village Hall, TR9 6NT
Booking Office:
www.cornwall365.com or 01209 312505
Programmes, Refreshments and Raffle Available
Cash and Card Accepted
Email: stnoderpantomimesociety@gmail.com



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ACHIEVEMENTS...

Our Eco Council and School Parliament members were asked to appear on 'This Morning' today in collaboration with Screech Owl Sanctuary. The children learnt about a career in TV as well as learning about the fabulous animals they have at the sanctuary. Thank you for hosting us.



Our Y3 and 4 Cornish Dance Team braved the weather to perform at Castilly Henge along with three other schools who took part in the Castilly Henge Project. We'd very much like to thank [Cornwall Heritage Trust](#) and particularly Caroline for teaching the children so much about local history.



Y6 have been investigating properties of materials and finished the unit with some outdoor learning - luckily it was dry for a change! They designed and made their own filter systems to clean water.





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Value of the Week

Week Beginning (Spring 2)	
23 th February 2026	Communication
2 nd March 2026	Co Operation
9 th March 2026	Decision Making
16 th March 2026	Self-Motivation
23 rd March 2026	Encouragement



Number of Penalty Notices issued by Cornwall County Council for Indian Queens Primary School to date:

41

Prosecution for non Payment:

7

Fortnightly Hours of Lost Learning
2nd Feb to 13th Feb

Class	Hours Lost
Gwithian	78
Hemmick	85
Fistral	68
Polly Joke	87
Polzeath	185
Botallack	78
Minack	122
Tintagel	58
Geevor	52
Heligan	97
Trelissick	81

Class with the least lost learning hours
Well done to GEEVOR!



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Whole School Warning Notice - School Absence

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

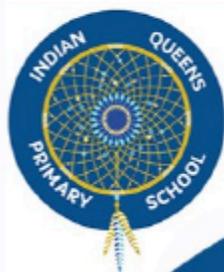
If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



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School Dinners We would like to thank everyone who books their child's meals via ParentPay. Please remember you can book more than a day at a time, as long as you are in credit or in receipt of 'Free School Meals'. The cost of a school meal this year has increased to £2.85.

Nursery meals are also bookable via ParentPay. Please remember to select the 'Nursery' drop down when booking. The cost of a nursery meal this year has increased to £2.10.

Our '**Earlybirds**' breakfast club is also bookable daily until 7.45am via ParentPay. All children must be booked in prior to arrival on the day.

This facility opens at 8am daily. Children must be handed over at the door by an adult to a member of staff on arrival.

School Absence

Should your child be absent, please contact the school as soon as possible with a full reason.

To report your child's absence please use one of the following:

Tel: 01726 860540 to speak to reception or leave a voicemail
- Option 1 (out of hours) or email
hello@indianqueensschool.org

When reporting please state child's name, class and full reason for absence e.g. sickness, headache, high temp etc.

If you are unsure if your child is well enough for school, please visit the NHS guidance site below.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Appointments

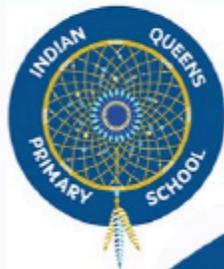
Please could we remind you that appointment for your child/ children should be made for outside of school hours.

Appointment letter/Texts will be requested.

Lateness

All pupils must be in school, ready to learn from 8:45am. School gates open from 8.35am to 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Dates for your diary

READING CHALLENGE BINGO GRIDS

READING CHALLENGE
Complete these reading challenges in a class.
Each challenge is worth 100% of your teacher's mark.
First five to complete and a winner! First 10 to finish the challenge win!
Be sure what you read with your teacher to get extra marks, motivation and reward!

where a fairy tale	read a book with pictures	look at a book with a female main character	find a picture story with aspects
where a recipe	listen to a poem or rhyme	an adventure story	read a label
look at a book with a map	where a comic book	non-fiction book	find your teacher about a book that makes you laugh
where a non-fiction book	read a menu when not with an adult	read a sign	a book set in the past
follow a set of instructions	read a sign	read a story to an adult	where a book you couldn't put down with your class

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a book with a map	biography	history non-fiction book	read a book that makes you laugh
listen or witness	read a book by a BBC author	disappearance	a book set in the past
my/favourite creature	a different country/culture	over 20 years old book	read a book you couldn't put down

World Book Day

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

World Book Day

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March 2026!
To mark this fantastic event, children are warmly invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in bright, colourful clothes.
Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of fun and inspiring book-themed activities, all designed to celebrate stories, spark imagination, and encourage a love of reading. We can't wait to enjoy this wonderful day of creativity and books with everyone!

Class Competition

We are excited to launch our Class Reading Bingo Competition, and we would love your support! Each year group will be competing against one another to complete their bingo grids, and the first class to finish the whole grid will win a special treat: A Class Hot Chocolate Café Experience!

The aim of the bingo grid is to encourage children to explore a wider range of books, discover new authors and genres, and share their reading with others. Every square encourages a different reading challenge, helping pupils develop confidence and enjoyment as readers.

We kindly ask parents and carers to help their children complete the activities on their grid by:

- Listening to them read,
- Reading together,
- Encouraging them to try new types of books,
- Children can tick off their class Bingo Grid in School.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open from Monday 23rd February.

Families are welcome to visit after school every afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

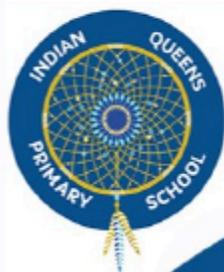
The final day of the Book Fair will be Friday 6th March.

We hope you'll come along to explore a fantastic range of books and help support our school's love of reading!

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Bingo Grids

On the next page, you'll find the reading challenge grids for every year group.

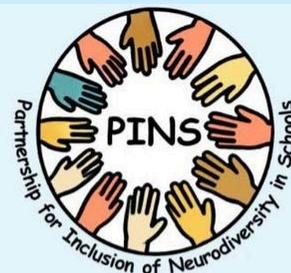
There is an EYFS Reading Grid, a KS1 Bingo Grid and a KS2 Reading Grid, each designed to suit the reading stage of the children. Every grid includes a variety of fun challenges to encourage pupils to try new books and enjoy different types of reading experiences. Please check the back of the poster to find the grid for your child's year group.



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Dates for your diary



PINS Coffee Afternoon

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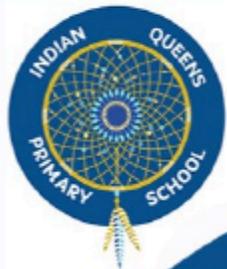
Primary School

11th March 2026

215 PM—315 PM

All Welcome





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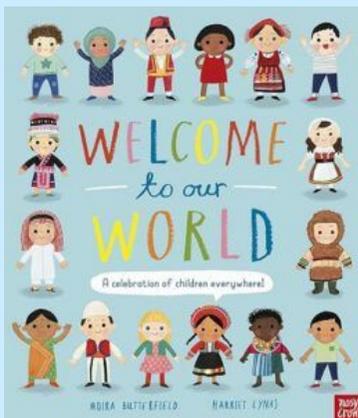
READING FOR PLEASURE ...

EYFS & KS1 Book Recommendations

EYFS

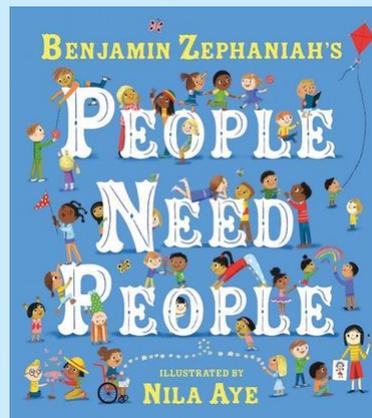
YEAR 1

YEAR 2



Welcome to our world by Moira Butterfield and illustrated by Harriet Lynas (Nosv Crow Ltd. 2021)

This inspiring read-aloud book helps young children understand that although they are different from each other, they also have many things in common. Beautifully written and illustrated, it is a book that will encourage curiosity and respectful conversations about diversity.



People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah and illustrated by Nila Aye (Orchard Books, 2023)

This uplifting picture book celebrates kindness, diversity and connection that will spark curiosity and rich discussion. Written in lively, rhyming verse and the bright illustrations, this book makes a wonderful read-aloud for your class.



Best of All: The Magical Mix That's You by Smriti Halls and illustrated by Chaava Prabhat (Two Hoots, 2024)

This uplifting, lyrical picture book celebrates individuality and kindness. Perfect for multi-heritage children, its gentle message encourages meaningful conversations about self-worth, empathy and appreciating what makes each child unique.

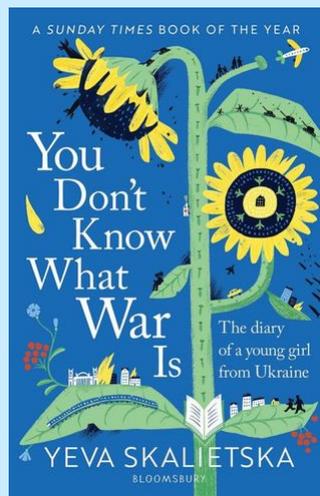


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READING FOR PLEASURE ...

Year 3/4

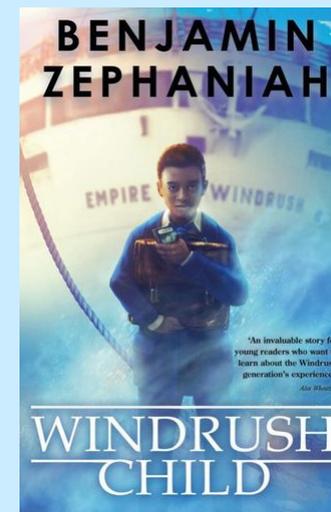


You Don't Know What War Is: the diary of a young girl from Ukraine by Yeva Skalietska (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022)

This moving diary shares a first-hand account of 12-year-old Yeva's journey to a new life in Dublin as she fled Ukraine with her grandmother. It is a powerful story of war and resilience, written with honesty and sensitivity.

KS2 Book Recommendations

YEAR 5/6



Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah and illustrated by Two Dots (Scholastic, 2020)

Told from the perspective of a child growing into adulthood, this story celebrates the beauty and culture of Jamaica while exploring migration, racism, belonging and the complexity of family life in England. It is a powerful and moving book.



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Friends of Indian Queens School

THURSDAY
2ND APRIL
3.30PM TO 5PM

JOIN OUR
**EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Upcoming Events

Spring/Summer Term 2026

APRIL 02	Easter Egg-stravaganza!
APRIL 29	Bag2School Fundraiser.
MAY 15	Colour Fun Run.
JULY 02	Summer Fair.

More information will be released closer to the date of each event!



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ASPENS ...

Save Money
Potential saving of
£495

LUNCHTIME
FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2
can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception
for details

FOOD
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By Aspens

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www.coolmilk.com

Double click on flyer to
register

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
IS NUT FREE

To help keep all our children and staff safe and healthy, we would like to remind you that Indian Queens Primary School is a nut-free school. This policy is in place to protect pupils who have severe, life-threatening nut allergies.

Even tiny traces of nuts can trigger a serious allergic reaction. That's why we ask for your support in ensuring that no nuts or nut products are brought into school in lunchboxes, snacks, or any other food items.

This includes:
Peanuts and all tree nuts
Peanut butter and nut spreads
Chocolate spreads (e.g. many contain hazelnuts - please check labels carefully)
Confectionery and snack bars that may contain nuts or have "may contain nuts" warnings

Please always check ingredient lists and allergen warnings when packing your child's food. If you are unsure, it's safer to leave the item out.

We appreciate your help in creating a safe environment for all our children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Indian Queens Primary School Team



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ASPENS New Term Menu...

You can always book your children's meals in advance on ParentPay and please remember to **only** book on the allergy menu if your Child has a Doctors letter confirming of an allergy.

FOOD FESTIVAL
WEEK 1 Autumn Winter 2023/24
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAY

LUNCHTIME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Vegetable Lasagne	Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
NEW-TOO MAGIC	Green Veg & Butter Bean Pie with Wedges	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognaise	Cheddar & Broccoli Custless Quiche	Vegetable Bean Chili with Rice	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Chocolate Popcorn Bars	Orange and Peach Jelly	Apple Tea Cake and Custard	Ice Cream Vanilla Sponge Cake	Carrot Cake

AVAILABILITY
PLEASE ALLOW 10 MIN. PREP + BAKING TIME. THANKS AND GO FORTH!

PASTA TWEEZERS
TOPPED PASTA BIG TIPS TOPPED WITH ROMANESQUE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

FOOD FESTIVAL
WEEK 2 Autumn Winter 2023/24
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAY

LUNCHTIME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Meatball Marinara Pasta	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Bangers, Mash and Gravy	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
NEW-TOO MAGIC	Baked Sweetcorn Fritters with Wedges	Pea Frittata with Pasta Salad	Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veggie Bangers, Mash and Gravy	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Greens	Peas
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Butterfly Pastry Biscuits	Strawberry and Pineapple Jelly	Banana Bread and Custard	Apple Cinnamon Buns	Lemon Drizzle Cake

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PASTA TWEEZERS
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PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

FOOD FESTIVAL
WEEK 3 Autumn Winter 2023/24
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, HOLIDAY

LUNCHTIME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Lasagne	Roast Pork, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mash	Golden Fish Fingers & Chips
NEW-TOO MAGIC	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Ratatouille	Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait, Skin on Roasties with Gravy	Root Vegetable and Bean Stew with Mash	Vegetable Fingers with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Sweetcorn	Roasted Roots	Peas	Baked Beans
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownies	Jelly	Eg & Apple Pudding & Custard	Muesli Bars	Vanilla Cookies

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