

Newsletter

27th September 2024

Issue: 4

Growth and Excellence, Every Day

Welcome to this week's edition of our newsletter.

This week, some of you may have seen the groundworks happening next to the car park and entrance to school. We have successfully been awarded a grant to turn the area into an allotment for our children. This is a huge and exciting step forward. There are some photographs on our social media channels.

This week, we have also been working with our children on improving our dining hall experience during lunchtime. Their response, so far, has been brilliant!

Thank you for all of your support and have a great weekend!

Term Dates - 2024/25

Autumn half term

Holiday starts - Monday 28 October 2024 Back to school - Monday 4 November 2024 Christmas

Holiday starts - Monday 23 December 2024 Back to school - Monday 6 January 2025 Spring half term

Holiday starts - Monday 17 February 2025 Back to school - Monday 24 February 2025

Easter

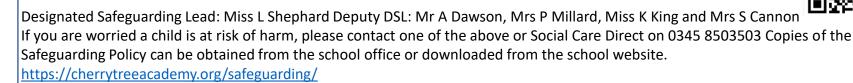
Holiday starts - Monday 7 April 2025 Back to school - Tuesday 22 April 2025 Summer half term

Holiday starts - Monday 26 May 2025 Back to school - Monday 2 June 2025 Summer holiday

Holiday starts Wednesday 23 July 2025 Inset Days (subject to change):

> Friday 18th October 2024 Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025





Attendance 27/9/2024

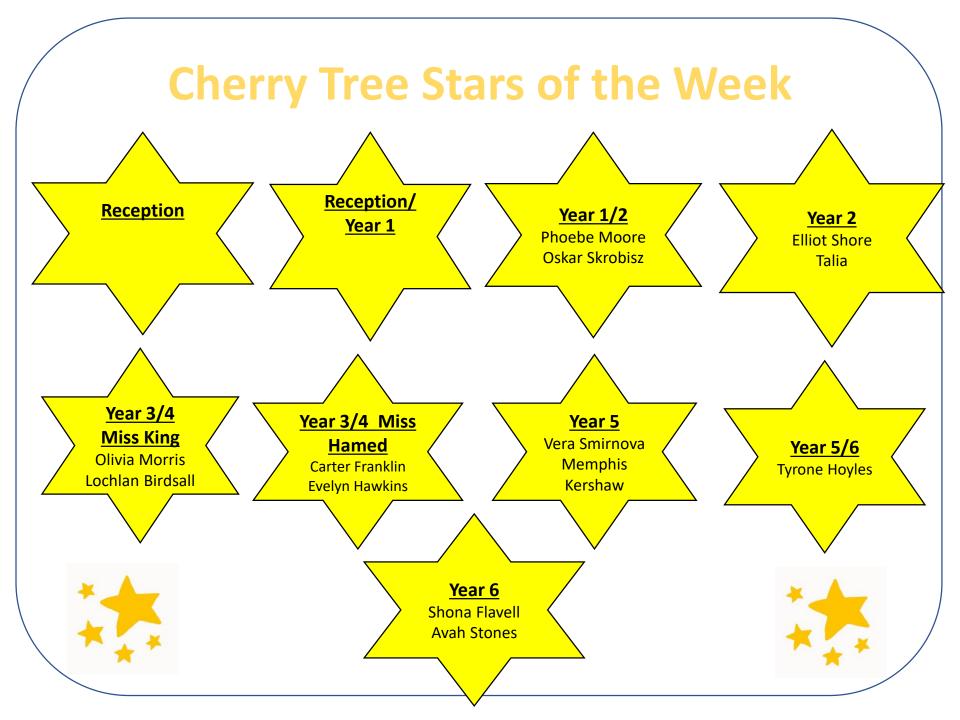
Reception	95%
Reception/Year 1	90%
Year 1/2	87%
Year 2	89%
Year 3 / 4 Miss King	90%
Year 3 / 4 Miss Hamed	86%
Year 5	91%
Year 5/6	91%
Year 6	86%

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days of school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days of school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days of school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progres	whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success
Every Minu	ute Counts	Be at the classroom on time and ready

(Figures below are calculated	over a school year)
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

to learn!



Stars of the Week









Year 6 parents – secondary school admissions



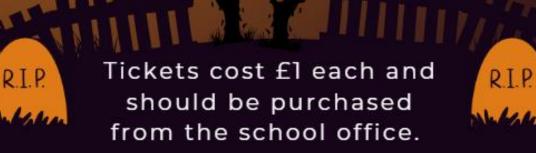
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https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/media/iebmepz2/ secondary-guide-for-parents-25-26.pd

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THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER

RECEPTION/KS1 - 15:30 - 16:30 KEY STAGE 2 - 16:45 - 17:45



Don't Forget!

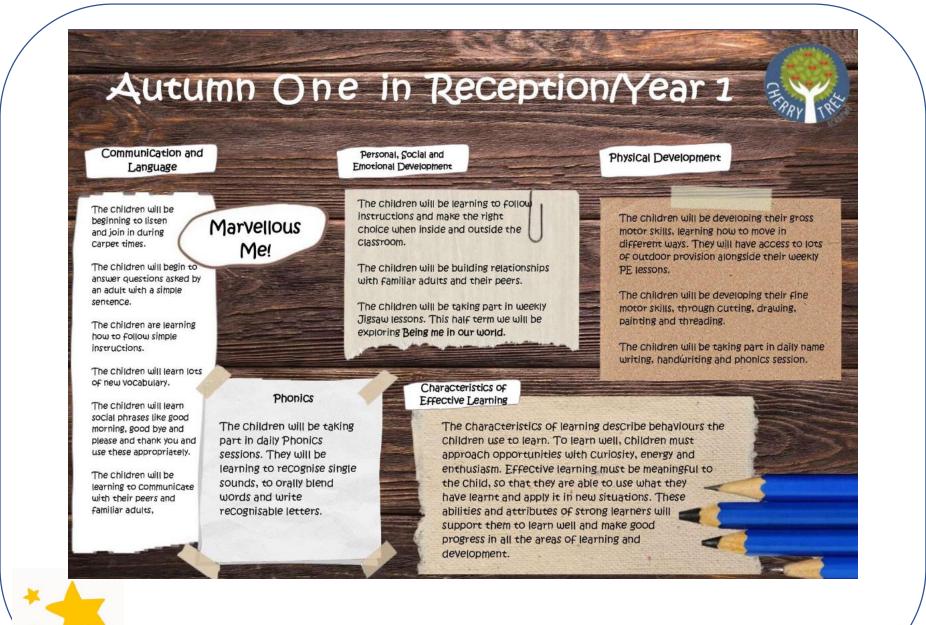
COATS

Days are becoming colder...

Please send your child to school with a coat EVERY DAY as the weather can quickly change throughout the day.

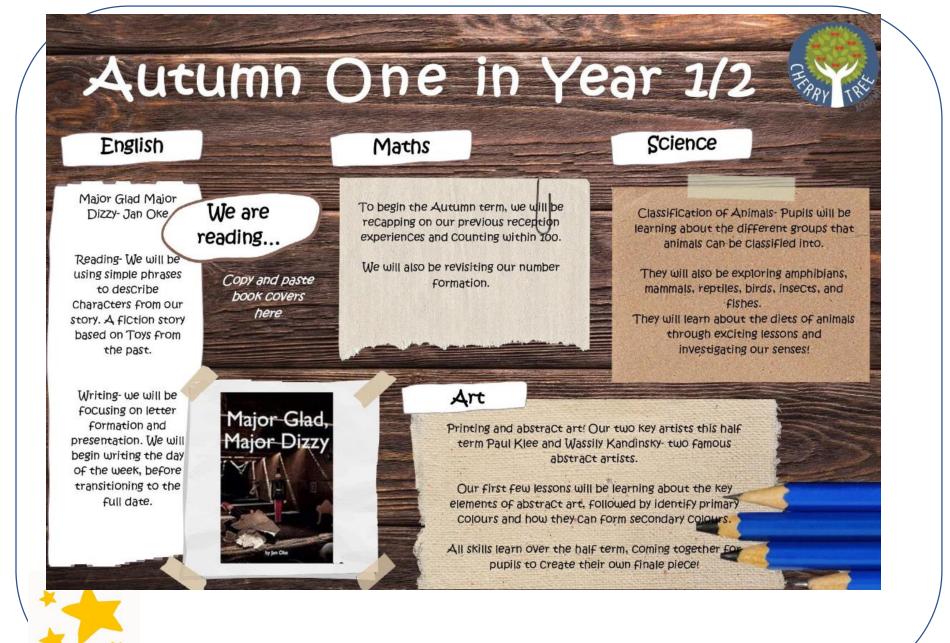


We will always go outside wherever possible and it is important that the children are warm and dry. Thank you.



Communication and Language	and the second se	Social and Development	PhysiCal Development
The Children will be beginning to listen and join in during Carpet times. The Children will begin to answer questions asked by an adult with a simple sentence. The Children are learning how to follow simple instructions.	Marvellous Me! The child with fam The child Jigsaw le	then will be learning to follow ons and make the right hen inside and outside the n. Then will be building relationships iliar adults and their peers. Then will be taking part in weekly ssons. This half term we will be Being me in our world.	The children will be developing their gross motor skills, learning how to move in different ways. They will have access to lot of outdoor provision alongside their weekh PE lessons. The children will be developing their fine motor skills, through cutting, drawing, painting and threading. The children will be taking part in daily nam writing, handwriting and phonics session.
The Children will learn lots of new vocabulary. The Children will learn social phrases like good morning, good bye and please and thank you and use these appropriately. The Children will be learning to communicate with their peers and familiar adults,	Phonics The children will be taking part in daily Phonics sessions. They will be learning to recognise single sounds, to orally blend words and write recognisable letters.	Characteristics of Effective Learning The CharaCteristics of learn Children use to learn. To lea approach opportunities wite enthusiasm. Effective learn the Child, so that they are a have learnt and apply it in n abilities and attributes of s support them to learn well a progress in all the areas of I development.	hing describe behaviours the arn well, Children must h Curiosity, energy and ing must be meaningful to able to use what they ew situations. These trong learners will and make good

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Autumn One in Year 2 Science English Maths Major Glad Major This term will mainly be focussed We are Dizzy- Jan Oke Animals multiples of 10. We will be revisiting how to use greater than (>), less reading... All about toys -In science we will learn how to classify than (<) and equal to (=) symbols, as Non-fiction animals into Birds, Mammals, well as how to add and subtract. Amphibians, Reptiles, Fish or insects. Reading- We will be We will also be using Times Tables Once we have mastered this we will working on our Rockstars to help us practise our 10x begin to look at the diet of animals and Comprehension and tables! Classify them into Carnivores, omnivores our story teller voice whilst reading Room and herbivores. on the Broom. We will Continue to have Art daily phonics lessons. Major Glad, Printing and abstract art Major Dizzy Writing- In writing we Our two key artists this half term Paul Klee and Wassily will be using writing Kandinskysteps and Magic 5 to help us write short Our first few lessons will be learning about the key sentences related to elements of abstract art, including use of primary Major Glad, Major colours and how they can form secondary colours Dizzy. All skills learned over the half term, will come together for us to Create our own finale piece!

Autumn One in Year 3/4

Maths

English

We are

reading..

Reading

we will be reading the story

fluency to enable us to read

in a more engaging manner.

We will also we working on

improving our vocabulary in

order to better understand

the books we read.

Blue John.' We will be

developing our reading

In English we will be using the story Blue John to develop and inspire our writing skills. We will be:

- re-telling parts of the story
- writing descriptions
- Creating instructions

Throughout our writing, will be ensuring we use basic punctuation Correctly and learning how to edit work and improve our writing. In maths we will be securing our addition skills by developing efficient mental strategies for adding three addends. We will extend our understanding of place value and begin to explore numbers to 2000 showing an understanding of hundreds, tens and ones. We are also going to be working hard to learn our times table facts.

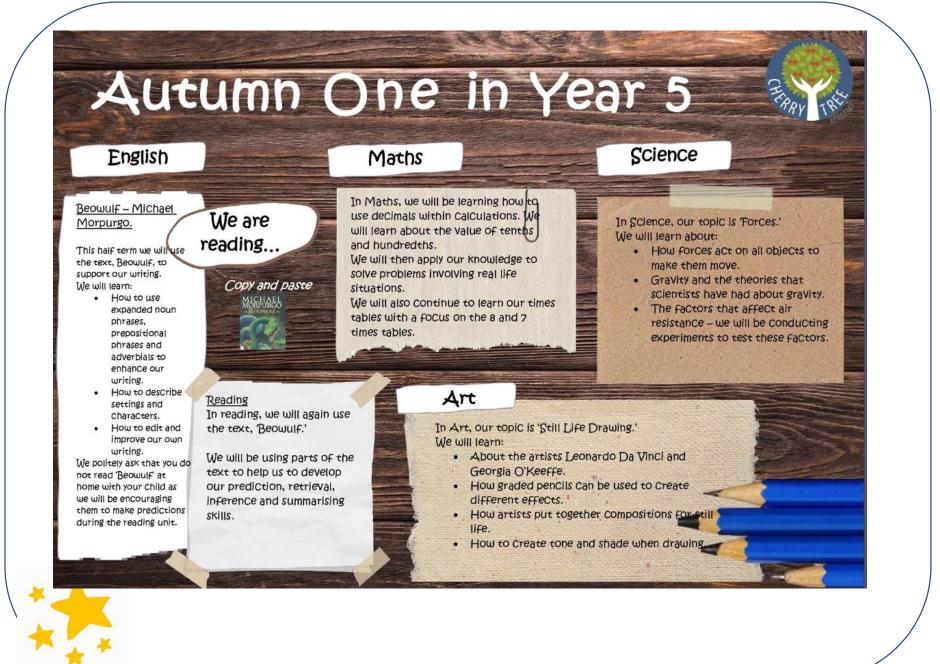
In science we are learning about rocks! We will find out about the three different types of rocks and explore how rocks can be classified in different ways. We will be using our scientific enquiry skills to observe, sort, predict, test and record. We will spend some time outdoors exploring rocks and soil in the school grounds.

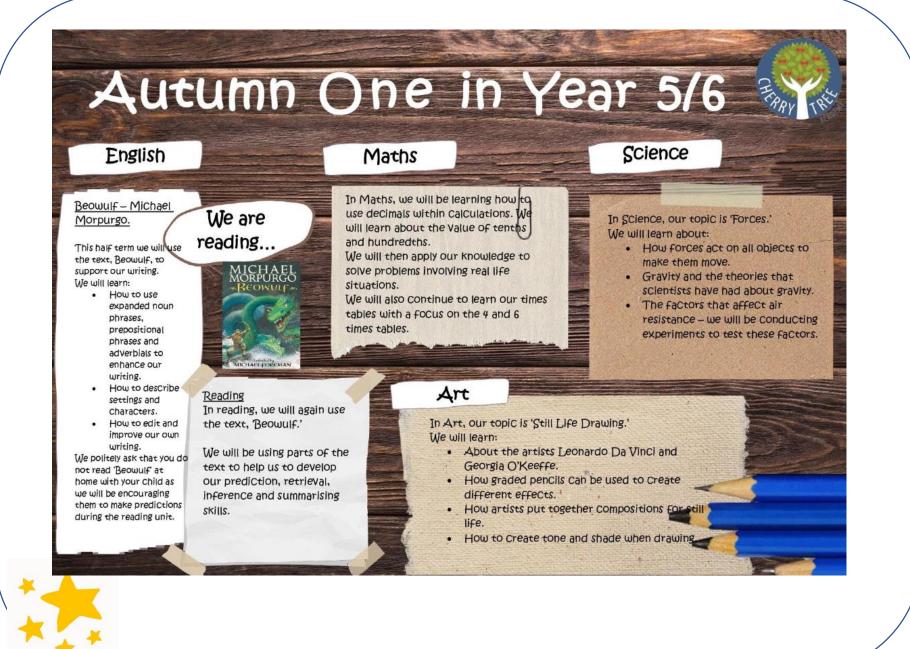
Science

Art

In art we will be developing our painting skills by exploring the landsCape art produced by a range of artists.

We will look at industrial landscapes by the artist LS Lowry and Compare these to the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We will also look at work produced by Van Gough and Erin Hanson. We will Create our own landscape art based on the artists we have studied.





Staffing Updates

Sadly, Mrs Robinson is leaving her role at Cherry Tree. She is due to start a new role within Waterton Academy Trust – in the central team.

Whilst I am sad about her departure, I am certain that she will go from strength to strength in her new role.

Good luck Mrs Robinson and thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Many of you will remember Mrs Purcell, who was previously a teaching assistant at Cherry Tree.

I am delighted to inform children and families that Mrs Purcell will be returning to her role in the next few weeks. I am looking forward to welcoming Mrs Purcell back to Chery Tree.







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x.com/CherryTree_SCH

Search Facebook for Cherry Tree Academy 2024/2025





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Free School Meals

All applications for free school meals are now completed electronically online where you will usually get an instant decision.



To Apply:

Scan the barcode with your phone and it should take you straight to the free school meals online application.

Alternatively search "Free School Meals Wakefield Council" and click on the top result. Free school meals - Wakefield Council

You can also apply by going through your account on the Parent Portal. Please ensure all details are correct as this can delay the application process

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- · income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- · the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please be aware that the following benefits do not qualify for Income Related Free School Meals:

- Contributions based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Contributions based Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Child Benefit

Universal free school meals

All Children Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government funded School

But if you are on benefits or low income, it is beneficial to apply for income related free school meals, as you may also be eligible for other schemes that could be running and your school receives extra funding. You can contact free school meals <u>fsm@wakefield.gov.uk</u> 01924 305061

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	Colouring	Computers	Story Writing	Colouring	Computers	
[]	Cosmic Yoga	Just Dance	Go Noodle	Cosmic Yoga	Just Dance	
	Team Challenge	Creative Play	Lego Building	Board Games	Creative Play	
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Updated information







Deputy Headteacher



Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stacey Cannon



Kirsty King

Key Stage 1 Phase Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Lisa Shephard Family Support Worker Designated Safeguarding Lead



Paula Millard SENCO

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child in Care Teacher

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact:

Social Care Direct on 01924 303456



Becky Cook

Safeguarding Governor

Interim- Chair of Academy Standards Committee

Parent Safeguarding Information









Adam Dawson

Stacey Cannon

Deputy Headteacher

Key Stage 1 Phase Lead

Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Lead







Lisa Shephard Family Support Worker

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Paula Millard SENCO

Safeguarding Governor Interim- Chair of Academy Standards Committee

Lead Child in Care Teacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding

- Only people aged 16+ are permitted to collect children from school. Staff will ask for proof of age.
- · Parents / Carers must telephone the school office if there are any changes to the adults collecting children from school. (Not via Class Dojo or email)
- · Parents / Carers should refrain from using mobile phones on school premises.

There is further information and support around safeguarding, online safety and wellbeing on our school website.

Scan the QR code:



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Hello!

My name is Miss Shephard and I have recently joined Cherry Tree as your new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

I am so pleased to be working alongside such committed staff member and, of course, our wonderful children. Everyone has made me feel so welcome – thank you.

Part of my job is to keep our children safe and work closely with families supporting with anything from attendance to uniform! My door is always open.

If you do require any help, please feel free to contact the school office.

I am out on the school gate each day, please do say 'hello'. 🙂









Please remember that only those, with the necessary permit, should be parking OR driving along Cobblers Lane within the School Street section at drop off and pick up times.

The restrictions are enforceable and £60 fines can be issued.

I know we all want to keep our children as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.







The uniform at Cherry Tree Academy is designed to be smart, comfortable and cost effective.

Uniform from September 2024	P.E Kit from September 2024		
Red sweatshirt or cardigan with CTA Logo	White plain t-shirt		
Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan	White polo top		
Plain white polo top	Black shorts		
Black or dark-grey trousers	Black tracksuit bottoms/joggers		
Black or dark-grey skirt	Red jumper with CTA logo		
Black or dark-grey smart shorts (no sports shorts)	Plain red hoodie/jumper (no logos)		
Black or dark-grey pinafore dress	Trainers for outdoor P.E.		
Red & white Gingham summer dress	Black plimsolls		
Black shoes/sandals (black trainers are acceptable but they must be entirely black with no coloured branding).	A red drawstring bag to carry the sports kit in.		
All children are required to have a Cherry Tree re	ading book hag rather than large backnacks		





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Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.





APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/25

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Bank Holidays School Holidays

There are currently no scheduled elections although schools are asked to consider reserving an INSET day in case of any unscheluded elections. Schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET. Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET dates.

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	
Total number of pupil days:	190

Cherry Tree Staffing:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff	
	Mr Dawson		Headteacher
	Mrs Cannon		Deputy Headteacher
	Mrs Millard (Monday to Thursday)		SENCO
	Miss Shephard		Family Support Worker and
			Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Mrs Sims		Higher Level Teaching Assistant
			(HLTA)
Reception	Mrs Wilkinson (Phase Leader) and Mrs Dunford	Mrs Bailey	
	(Monday and Tuesday)	Mrs Barclay	
Reception / Year 1	Mrs Gurtler	Mrs Cooper	
Year 1/2	Mrs Mehat		
Year 2	Miss Hobbs		
Year 3/4	Miss Hamed	Mrs Morris	
		Mrs O'Hara	
Year 3/4	Miss King (Phase Leader)	Mr Pool	
		Mrs Duffy	
Year 5	Miss Leeming	Mrs Singer	
Year 5/6	Mrs Wilde (Phase Leader)	Mrs Wigg	
Year 6	Miss Downing	-	



Central Autumn Winter Menu 2024 2025	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta 🔶	Cottage Pie 🕥 with Gravy	Peri Peri or BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes &	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers/ Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
14/10/2024 11/11/2024 02/12/2024 06/01/2025	Mexican Fajitas with Rice 🐟 🍈	NEW Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Sweetcom Salsa 💊	NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
27/01/2025	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
24/02/2025 17/03/2025	Blackberry and Apple	Melting Moment Biscuit	Fruit Platter 🐣	Carrot and Courgette Cake	Chocolate Orange Cookie
WEEK TWO 09/09/2024 30/09/2024	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Rainbow Pizza	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka 📢 🍈 Masala with Rice	NEW Tuna Pasta Bake or Fishfingers with Chips & Tornato Sauce
21/10/2024 18/11/2024 09/12/2024	With Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	NEW Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce
13/01/2025 03/02/2025	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
03/03/2025 24/03/2025	Marble Sponge Cake with Custard	Jelly with Mandarins 💊	Fruit Medley	Peach Cake	Oaty Cookie
WEEK THREE	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
07/10/2024 04/11/2024 25/11/2024 16/12/2024	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	NEW Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Cottage Pie with Gravy	NEW Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce
20/01/2025	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
10/02/2025 10/03/2025 31/03/2025	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Savoury Cheese Scone	Vanilla Shortbread



Autumn Term planning...

We have one inset day booked in for this term:

Friday 18th October 2024.

On this day, school will be closed to children.



Meet the Headteacher...

- Mr Dawson will be available to meet with parents, from any class, to discuss things that are going well and take questions from parents and carers.
- If you are interested in meeting with Mr Dawson, please contact Mrs Hayes, in the school office.
- An appointment, in person or via the telephone will be arranged.
- Parent views are vital to our school's success.

Give your views | Ofsted Parent View

Parking Request

The council have brought in restrictions on the section of Cobblers Lane that runs in front of our school and the Holy Family school.

The restrictions are legally binding.

Despite this, on the last visit by West Yorkshire Police, they spoke to 20-30 drivers who were not adhering to the restrictions.

To clarify, the street is closed to all vehicles, except those with a valid permit, from 8.30 am to 9.10 am and again from 2.45 pm to 3.25 pm.

These restrictions are in place is to try to ensure the safety of the children and families walking to and from school.

The police will be making routine checks and will be issuing penalties to those who are not abiding by the restrictions.

Those parents/carers who drive to school but do not qualify for a permit we have a park and stride site at the Cobblers Pub which you are welcome to use.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I am sure everyone agrees that the safety of our children is priority.









