

St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER

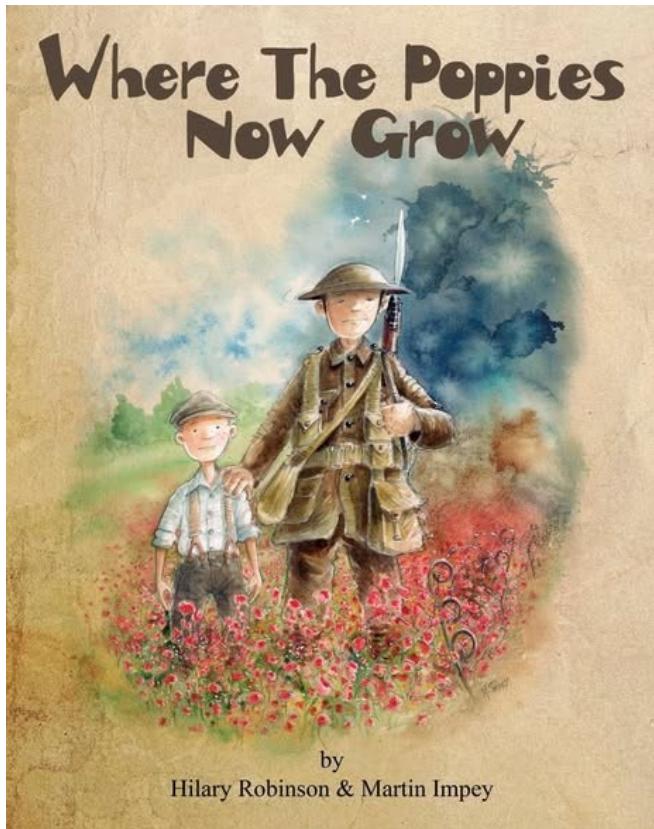


Remembrance Day

We were honoured for St. Anne's to take part in the beautiful Remembrance Service at the Market Place on Sunday. The girls represented our school wonderfully as they laid our wreath, and Noah did a fantastic job laying a wreath on behalf of Sam Rushworth, Bishop Auckland MP.

Well done, you did our school proud.





This week in Reception, the children explored the story “Where the Poppies Now Grow.”

We talked gently about the poppy as a special symbol of remembrance — a time to remember and thank people who have helped keep us safe.

The children enjoyed creating their own poppies using a variety of media and materials, proudly showing their beautiful artwork. In their play, they even built trenches for toy soldiers, using imagination to deepen their understanding.

On the 11th day, at the 11th hour, we joined together for a 2-minute silence to show respect and reflect.

We are very proud of how thoughtfully the children took part.

Follow the link to watch a beautiful animation following a young rabbit through the poppy fields. We used this to commemorate Remembrance Day with a message of peace and hope and lead our 2 minute silence in class.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

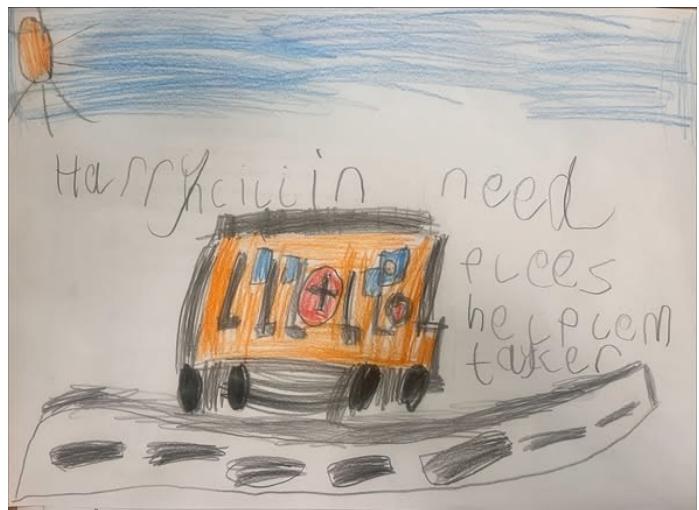




Children from across school have enjoyed wearing their Pudsey clothing and merchandise in support of **BBC Children in Need**.

Special thank you to Harry in Year 1 for his thoughtful poster.

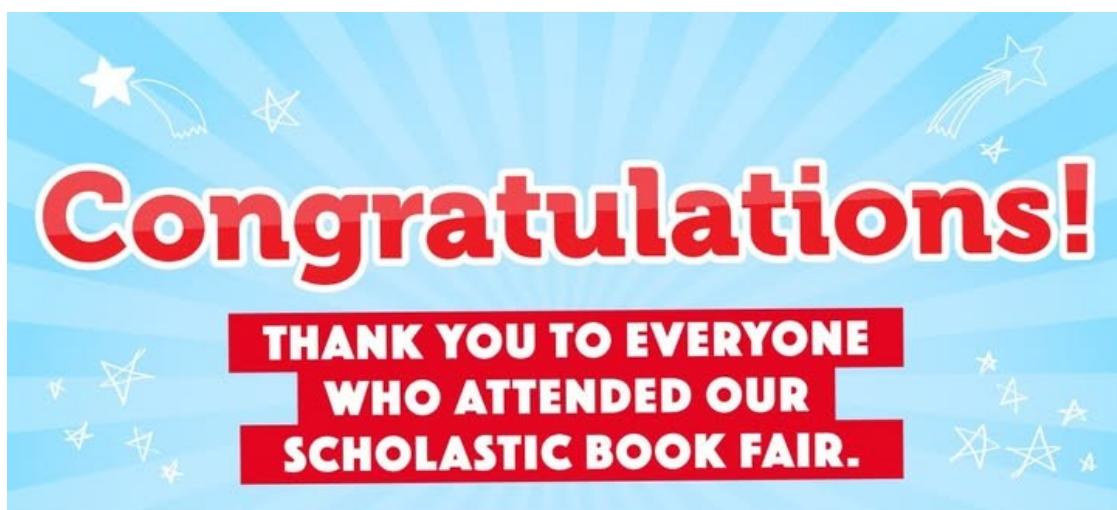
Thank you for your kind donations and continued support.



This week in Year 6.....

This week in Year 6 we have continued to explore our new geography topic of mountains. We reminded ourselves of the major mountains in the four parts of the United Kingdom and mountains around the world before learning about how different mountains are formed.

We learned that Fold Mountains occur when tectonic plates collide and push the ground upwards. Volcanic mountains are a result of repeated volcanic activity. Fault block mountains, such as the Sierra Nevada mountains, are caused when the earth cracks and some areas are pushed up and others down. In mathematics we have continued to work on fractions and in English we have studied metaphor and simile along with writing a biography of Nelson Mandela.



Together we have raised... £467.90
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**



WOW! Thank you so much for your amazing support of our Scholastic Book Fair.

Together you have raised an outstanding £467.90 for us to spend on books, for children across school.





Weekly class attendance..... 10 to 14 November 2025

Reception **98.00%**

Year 1 **96.00%**

Year 2 **96.67%**

Year 3 **95.02%**

Year 4 **89.63%**

Year 5 **76.45%**

Year 6 **94.29%**



Stars of the Week



| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Nursery | <i>Florence for creating lovely art work in nursery</i> |
| Reception English | <i>Viki</i> |
| Reception Citizen | <i>Oscar</i> |
| Reception Maths | <i>Alfie</i> |
| Year 1 Citizen | <i>Danny</i> |
| Year 1 Maths | <i>Alyssa</i> |
| Year 1 English | <i>Luca</i> |
| Year 2 Citizen | <i>Nathan</i> |
| Year 2 Maths | <i>Matthew</i> |
| Year 2 English | <i>Ferne & George</i> |
| Year 3 Citizen | <i>All of Year 3</i> |
| Year 3 Maths | <i>Theo</i> |
| Year 3 English | <i>Maneli</i> |
| Year 4 Citizen | <i>Thomas</i> |
| Year 4 Maths | <i>Charlie</i> |
| Year 4 English | <i>Erin</i> |
| Year 5 Citizen | <i>Isaac</i> |
| Year 5 Maths | <i>Yvie</i> |
| Year 5 English | <i>Jessica</i> |
| Year 6 English | <i>Robyn</i> |
| Year 6 Maths | <i>Alice</i> |
| Year 6 Citizen | <i>Ava</i> |



To our families of EYFS & KS1

We are so excited to invite you to
St Anne's CE Primary School
production of

the Twinkly Nativ^Yity

Here's everything you need to know
about our nativity performance!

DATE: Wednesday 17 December

TIME: 9.30am & 2.00pm

ANY EXTRA INFO: 2 tickets per child
tickets available from Office from 17.11.25

Please bring your **loudest** round of applause
and your **biggest** standing-ovation shoes...

We're gonna bring some
twinkle
to your **toes!**





KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 18 December 2025

St Andrew's Church

1.30pm

Everyone welcome

*Children will be able to leave after performance. Children not collected from the Church will return to school for collection – please let the Office know if your child is to return to school



Wednesday 10 December 2025

Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Quorn Roast (V)

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Carrots
Peas or Brussel Sprouts
Sausage
Stuffing and Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas Shortbread
College Pudding

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells





Polite reminder that children who have vomited or have had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to ensure your child is fully fit before returning to school and also to help stop the spread of illness to children and staff. Thank you

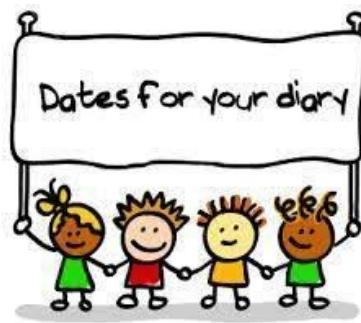
Medication

Please ensure that all medication, including over the counter medication is taken to the School Office each day and the appropriate form is completed. No medication should be placed in your child's bag or lunch box. This will ensure that the medication is managed correctly and is not accessed by another child.

Polite reminder that no dogs should be brought onto school property including those being carried.

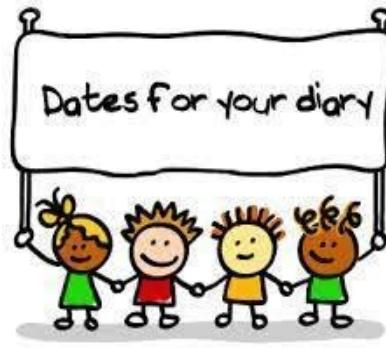
Thank you





| November | December |
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| 1 | 1 Gymnastics Show (children invited by email) |
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| 3 | 3 Year 1 Visit to Beamish |
| 4 | 4 Nursery & Reception Visit to Winter Wonderland |
| 5 | 5 Christmas fayre (pm) |
| 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 Pantomime (EYFS & KS1—am) (KS2 pm) |
| 9 | 9 Snow Fest (TBC) |
| 10 Anti-bullying week | 10 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch Nursery & Reception visit to St Anne's Church |
| 11 Parent evenings start | 11 Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Anne's Church 10am |
| 12 | 12 Year 6 The Big Sing Rocksteady Concert 2pm (details to follow) Year 1 & 2 Visit to Winter Wonderland |
| 13 | 13 |
| 14 Children in Need lunch Year 3 Visit to Hindu Temple & Hancock Museum | 14 |
| 15 | 15 |
| 16 | 16 |
| 17 | 17 EYFS/KS1 nativity (details to follow) |
| 18 Year 4 Visit to Binchester Roman Fort | 18 KS2 Carol Service—St Andrew's Church 1.30pm |
| 19 Toy Appeal Deadline | 19 |
| 20 | 20 |
| 21 Year 6 visit to Bishop Auckland Town Hall (selected students have been emailed) | 21 |
| 22 | 22 Holiday |
| 23 | 23 Holiday |
| 24 parliament week | 24 Holiday |
| 25 | 25 Holiday |
| 26 | 26 Holiday |
| 27 | 27 |
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| 29 | 29 Holiday |
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| | 31 Holiday |





| January | February |
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| 1 Holiday | 1 |
| 2 Holiday | 2 |
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| 19 Reception—Grab a Grown Up 9.30-10.45am | 19 |
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| 25 | 25 Holiday |
| 26 | 26 Holiday |
| 27 Y5 worship | 27 Holiday |
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AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1 ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---------|---|--|--|---|---|
| HOT DISHES | | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 | OPTION 3 | OPTION 4 | |
| | | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans  | THEME DAY Chicken Katsu with Wholegrain Rice  BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges  | Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy  Quorn Roast with Potatoes and Gravy  | Minced Beef and Dumplings with Mashed Potato  Chinese Vegetable Noodles  | Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips  Veggie Burger with Chips  |
| | | Spicy Pasta Bake  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  |
| | | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection | Sandwich Selection | Cheese Panini Melt  |
| ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD | | | | | | |
| | VEG | Sweetcorn Salad Bar  | Garden Peas Big Bowl Salad  | Cabbage Sweetcorn  | Green Beans Carrots  | Baked Beans Garden Peas  |
| | DESSERT | Vanilla Crunch | Oatie Cookie with Fruit  | Cornflake Tart  | Apple Crumble with Custard  | Chocolate Ice Cream  |
| AVAILABLE DAILY | | | | | | |
| Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water | | | | | | |
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WEEK 2 ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---------|---|--|--|---|--|
| HOT DISHES | | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 | OPTION 3 | OPTION 4 | |
| | | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges  | Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy  | Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice  | Southern Fried Chicken with Chips  |
| | | Veggie Sausage in a Bun with Potato Wedges  | Cheese and Onion Pie Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy  | Macaroni Cheese  | Quorn Dippers with Chips  |
| | | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  |
| | | Sandwich Selection | Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection | Cheese Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection |
| ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD | | | | | | |
| | VEG | Sweetcorn Coleslaw  | Garden Peas Carrots  | Green Beans Cabbage  | Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn  | Baked Beans Garden Peas  |
| | DESSERT | Crispy Crackle Bar | Chocolate Cookie with Fruit  | Flapjack with Custard  | Lemon Cake  | Strawberry Ice Cream  |
| AVAILABLE DAILY | | | | | | |
| Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water | | | | | | |
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WEEK 3

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| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| HOT DISHES | OPTION 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges <small>OR</small>  | Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans <small>OR</small>  | Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy <small>OR</small>  | Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta <small>OR</small>  | Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips <small>OR</small>  |
| | OPTION 2 | Macaroni Cheese <small>OR</small>  | Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice <small>OR</small>  | Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy <small>OR</small>  | Meatless Ball Sub with Potato Wedges <small>OR</small>  | Quorn Dippers with Chips <small>OR</small>  |
| | OPTION 3 | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small>  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small>  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small>  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small>  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings <small>OR</small>  |
| | OPTION 4 | Sandwich Selection | Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt | Sandwich Selection | Cheese Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection |
| ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD | | | | | | |
| VEG | Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn  | Salad Bar Garden Peas  | Carrots Cabbage  | Big Bowl Salad Sweetcorn  | Baked Beans Garden Peas  |  |
| DESSERT | Chocolate Marble Cake | Flapjack with Fruit  | Raspberry Yoghurt Cake with Custard  | Lemon Cookie with Fruit  | Vanilla Ice Cream  |  |
| AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water | | | | | | |
|  Vegetarian  Wholegrain  Nutritionist's choice  Oily fish  Fruity!  Vegan Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for. | | | | | | |

Autumn / Winter 2025/2026 Menu Cycle

| WK Commencing | Menu WK | Notes |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 3 rd November 2025 | Week 1 | |
| 10 th November 2025 | Week 2 | |
| 17 th November 2025 | Week 3 | |
| 24 th November 2025 | Week 1 | |
| 1 st December 2025 | Week 2 | |
| 8 th December 2025 | Week 3 | |
| 15 th December 2025 | Week 1 | |
| 22 nd December 2025 | - | Christmas Holidays |
| 29 th December 2025 | - | Christmas Holidays |
| 5 th January 2026 | Week 2 | |
| 12 th January 2026 | Week 3 | |
| 19 th January 2026 | Week 1 | |
| 26 th January 2026 | Week 2 | |
| 2 nd February 2026 | Week 3 | |
| 9 th February 2026 | Week 1 | |
| 16 th February 2026 | Week 2 | |
| 23 rd February 2026 | - | Half Term |
| 2 nd March 2026 | Week 3 | |
| 9 th March 2026 | Week 1 | |
| 16 th March 2026 | Week 2 | |
| 23 rd March 2026 | Week 3 | |
| 30 th March 2026 | Week 1 | |
| 6 th April 2026 | - | Easter Holidays |
| 13 th April 2026 | - | Easter Holidays |



AUTUMN/WINTER NURSERY 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

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| | OPTION 2 | Spicy Pasta Bake  | BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges  | Quorn Roast with Potatoes and Gravy  | Chinese Vegetable Noodles  | Veggie Burger with Chips  |
| | OPTION 3 | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  |
| | OPTION 4 | Sandwich Selection  | Cheese and Tuna Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection  | Cheese Panini Melt  | Sandwich Selection  |
| ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD | | | | | | |
| VEG | | Sweetcorn Salad Bar  | Garden Peas Big Bowl Salad  | Cabbage Sweetcorn  | Green Beans Carrots  | Baked Beans Garden Peas  |
| DESSERT | | Vanilla Crunch  | Oatie Cookie with Fruit  | Cornflake Tart  | Apple Crumble with Custard  | Chocolate Ice Cream  |
| AVAILABLE DAILY | | | | | | |
| Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water | | | | | | |
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AUTUMN/WINTER NURSERY 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

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|---|----------|--|---|---|--|---|
| HOT DISHES | OPTION 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges  | Chicken Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy  | Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice  | Southern Fried Chicken with Chips  |
| | OPTION 2 |  | Cheese and Onion Pie Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy  | Macaroni Cheese  | Quorn Dippers with Chips  |
| | OPTION 3 | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  |
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| DESSERT | | Crispy Crackle Bar  | Chocolate Cookie with Fruit  | Flapjack with Custard  | Lemon Cake  | Strawberry Ice Cream  |
| AVAILABLE DAILY | | | | | | |
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BIG
Bullying Intervention Group



Local Offer



Investing in Children



Eco-Schools



360°
Degree Safe



SAFER
ONLINE



RESPECTING
OTHERS



garden
organic



International
School Award



Safeguarding
Schools Project



Healthy School



FAIRTRADE



SILVER
2015-16



Quality
Science
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GOLD

AUTUMN/WINTER NURSERY 2025 MENU

WEEK 3
ST ANNE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOT DISHES

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| OPTION 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges  | Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans  | Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta  | Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips  |
| OPTION 2 | Macaroni Cheese  | Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice  | Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy  | Meatless Ball Sub with Potato Wedges  | Quorn Dippers with Chips  |
| OPTION 3 | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  | Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings  |
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Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yoghurt and Water

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CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2025

This year we are collecting Christmas gifts/new unwrapped toys for children from birth to aged 18, in support of Woodhouse Close Church.

We would be grateful of any donations by **19 November 2025** to the School Office.

Thank you for your support



Christmas Fayre

Friday 5 December 2025

It is nearly time for our Christmas Fayre and we are looking for kind donations and if any volunteers are available to help us.

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out we are looking for:

Raffle prizes

Tombola prizes

Bottles (can include bubble bath, shampoo, wine etc for a bottle draw)

Christmas themed gifts and food/drinks to make hampers

If you can help in anyway we would be so grateful. Do you work for a company who could donate a raffle prize?

We will be looking for volunteers on the day of the fayre and a list will be on the board outside the Office.

Any queries please see Mrs Davidson or Vicky

Many thanks



As a school, we are working with Durham County Council and the FISO Programme to provide support for families within our school community. As a result, we have been allocated a Financial Inclusion Support Officer, Julia Waterhouse, who can offer advice and support with any financial concerns. She can also offer full welfare benefit checks and assist with applying for welfare benefits, disability benefits and grants.

Accessing this provision is completely confidential. If you would like your details passing on, we can do this on your behalf. Alternatively, you can arrange an appointment by completing the online referral form: https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/.../Request_for... You can also email FISO@durham.gov.uk or contact Julia on 07386659728.

Julia can also be available in school via a pre-bookable appointment if a face-to-face appointment is preferred.



Are you missing out on Universal Credit?



Universal Credit can be paid to working and non working families

There will no longer be an earnings threshold if working and claiming Universal Credit

ALL families in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals from September 2026



By claiming Free School Meals this could save you £490 per year per child

Contact your FISO for a FREE confidential welfare benefit check
FISO@durham.gov.uk

https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/en/service/Request_for_Financial_Inclusion_Support

Julia would like to make all parents and carers aware that the government are changing the eligibility criteria for free school meals in September 2026. This means that every family receiving Universal Credit will now qualify for free school meals. Even if you think you may not qualify for Universal Credit/Free School Meals it is always worth checking. Please contact Julia who will complete a quick, free and confidential welfare benefit check for you. FISO@durham.gov.uk

