

SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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29th September 2023

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Dear Parents/Carers.

Les enfants ont passé un bon moment cette semaine à célébrer la Journée européenne des langues! Or, for those of us not familiar with French, "the children had a great time this week celebrating European Languages Day!" Throughout Europe, 700 million Europeans are represented in the Council of



Europe's 46 member states, and all are encouraged to discover more languages at any age, as part of or alongside their studies. This stems from the Council of Europe's conviction that linguistic diversity is a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding and a key element in the rich cultural heritage of our continent. Therefore, the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, promotes plurilingualism in the whole of



Europe. At the Council of Europe's initiative, the European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on **26 September** - together with the European Commission. To find out more about this annual awareness event, click here, and to see how the children engaged with this, please read the 'Shobnall Showcase' at the end of the newsletter.

Next week we will be issuing a letter outlining the arrangements for parent consultations, scheduled for Monday 16 October and Wednesday 18 October 2023, 4.00 – 7.00pm. A link will be sent

to your phone, which you will need to click on to book your appointment/s. Please ensure we have up-to-date numbers for you on our system so that you get your preferred slot/s.

On **Monday 2 October**, the children will be celebrating harvest in our special Harvest Assembly. Father Robin is coming into school to lead the assembly so that we can come together as a school family to talk about harvest and say "Thank You" for the food and clothes that we have. Each year, we like to support a local charity with donations of either money or food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us. Therefore, please could we ask if you could make a small donation by sending your child in to school on Monday 2 October with a tin or packet of food (non-



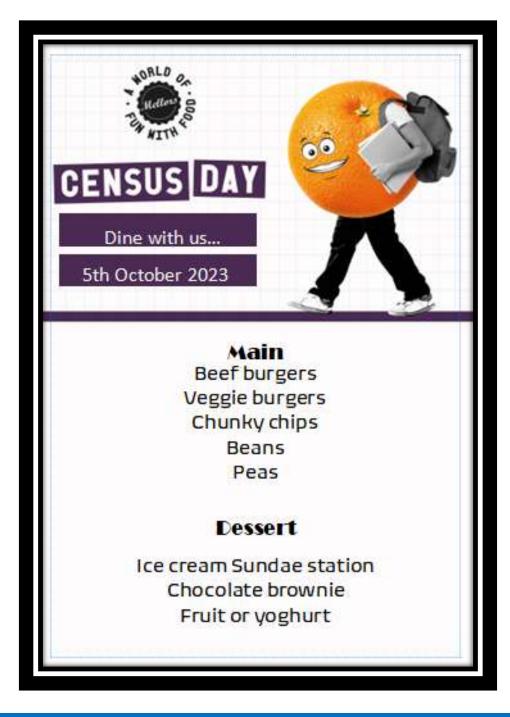
perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later during that day. Thank you!

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 5 October 2023

If you would like your child to sample our 'Drive Thru' menu on Thursday 5 October, please view the choices below. Remember, there is a chance of finding the 'lucky plate' to win a prize if children have a school dinner on this day! There is no requirement to pre-order a lunch if children don't usually have one, they simply choose their option at registration via their class teacher and lunches are charged through Parent Pay. We hope as many children as possible will try and engage with the theme!





PFA News - Your Disco Needs You!

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, the first PFA fundraiser will be a **Halloween Disco** on **Friday 13 October 2023!** Fancy dress is optional. The infant disco will be 3.45-5.00pm and the junior disco will be 5.15-6.30pm. Miss Alexander, Miss Barker, Miss Brewin and some of our parent volunteers have very kindly said that they are more than happy for children who are attending the infant disco to bring in a change of clothes/costume on the day, which they will help them get changed into. This is so



that they are ready for the start of the disco at the end of school! Shobnall Stars will be in the Year 2 classroom on that evening.

Tickets will be on sale week commencing **Tuesday 3 October**, every morning and afternoon pick up by the entrance to the key stage 2 playground and will be priced at £3.00 for the disco and £3.50 for the disco, drink, and sweets. There will be a range of other goodies on sale at the discos so children will need to bring a little extra spending money on the night should they wish to purchase anything on offer. Unfortunately, the PFA will not be able to subsidise them if they don't, but water will be readily available if children do not bring spending money.

The PFA are now able to take card payments for tickets, but due to the bank charges, there will be an additional 5p charge for every transaction. We do hope that you are able to support this event!



Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for a September 2023 start at secondary or high school is still open. Parents can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. As in previous years, the local authority is no longer providing paper copies of the 'Information to Parents' booklet. Parents are able to access this booklet on their website. Deadline for applications is 31 October 2023.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor! As a partner academy in JTMAT, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our evolving organisation.

The successful candidate will:

- Demonstrate high standards of teamwork, collaboration and respect.
- Be flexible, adaptable and dependable.
- Have excellent communication skills with children and staff.
- Be kind, compassionate and caring with our pupils.

If you want to discuss this role, please contact Mr Adams, by emailing shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk or telephoning 01283 247410. Completed application forms should be emailed to shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk



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500 Words Competition

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

For more information on how to enter, please click here.



The FA's Play Safe Weekend – Saturday 30 September 2023 / Sunday 1 October 2023



This weekend is the FA's Play Safe weekend. English football is promoting their countywide and nationwide campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding across the national game.

The campaign focuses on the role that everyone including coaches, parents and carers can play in keeping children safe, in all settings. There is also a <u>free awareness course for parents and carers</u>, and they are asking that clubs and leagues at every level sign the Play Safe Pledge.

Please view the following link for further information Play Safe Weekend 2023 (thefa.com).

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang



Thea, in Year 3, auditioned for Little Theatre Company's production of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' earlier this year and successfully won the part of Jeremy Potts. There are two teams of children playing the roles across the week, with Thea appearing with Team Lollipop for the Tuesday evening, Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon shows (along with a former pupil, Hettie, who is playing the role of Toby). Tickets are now 80% sold across the week but there are still plenty left for anyone who would like to come along and see this classic show at The Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton from Tuesday 28th November - Saturday 2nd December.

The Big Ambition

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has launched 'The Big Ambition.' As we approach the General Election next year, 'The Big Ambition' is designed to enable children's voices and needs to be highlighted to policymakers.



'The Big Ambition' is a survey to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country. The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from the widest group of young people as possible, particularly the experiences of children in care. To take part in 'The Big Ambition', please click the link here.

Online Safety Tips



They've helped thousands of people successfully quit smoking; in laboratory tests, they've been found to be up to 95% less harmful than cigarettes; and they've been hailed as "a game changer for public health" by one independent review.

So why exactly are vapes and e-cigarettes still regarded by many experts as controversial and potentially dangerous?

In terms of young people, the issue is availability. Vapes (containing nicotine) aren't supposed to be sold to under 18s: a fact at odds with the rising number of school-age users and the products' colourful packaging and child-friendly flavours.

Our guide summarises what trusted adults need to know about the potential dangers of vaping for young people.

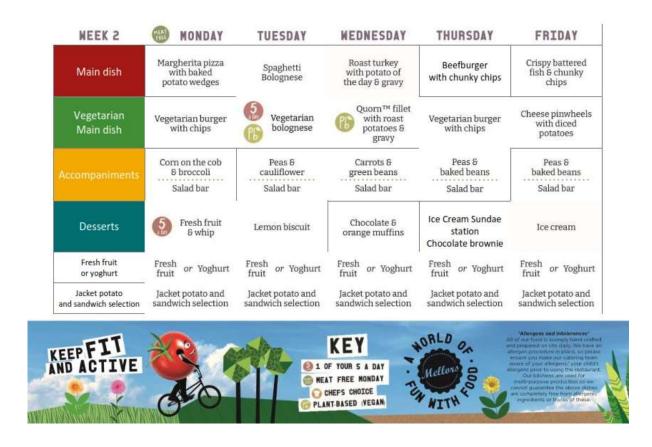
FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb.jtmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options - 2 to 6 October 2023

A new menu has been launched! Please visit our dedicated school website page <u>here</u> for further information.



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

The children have had another great week in Nursery. They have been busy embarking on their adventures which has been an absolute joy to watch.

They have also joined in with a range of activities linked to our book focus 'What I Like about Me.' They then had a great time exploring natural resources and created self-portraits using an assortment of resources.

We also celebrated European Languages Day and I was extremely impressed with the children's creativity as they made their tissue paper flags.

Reception



Our adventures in reception this week....

It has been a great week learning about lots of different types of families. We shared the story 'My Magic Family,' by Lotte Jeffs and went onto create representations of our own wonderful families. We used paints and thought carefully about the colours we used and added some fantastic details!

We also used pebbles to create our family members, we really enjoyed using the pebbles in creative ways and it was great to see a variety of pebble families!

Later in the week we had a great time using music to show how we were feeling. We tapped to the beat and chanted along to 'I've got a grumpy face!' It was very funny

to see so many grumpy faces!

We then listened to a piece of music named 'Mars' from The Planets and discussed how it made us feel. We also moved in different ways to express our emotions in response to the music.

"It makes me toasty!" (Adam)

"I am happy and excited!" (Harriet)

"It's a bit scary because it makes me jump!" (Kadeem)

"It makes me feel happy and floaty!" (Ava.T)

Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful week planning their own version of The Gingerbread Man Story. The children are so excited about writing their own story next week. In maths, the children have been looking at fewer and more groups of items. The have really impressed Miss Barker with how knowledgeable they are with numbers to 10. In the afternoon we have been celebrating World Languages Day and leaned all about Italy. We taste tested lots of Italian food as well as creating flags, writing postcards, finding Italy on a map and building different Italian monuments. We also started our Art lessons, where the children created and all about me section in their sketchbooks. Well done Year 1.



Year 2



Year 2 have had a brilliant week writing their own stories inspired by Chicken Licken. They have been able to focus on different parts of the story each day to build it together. In maths we have been focusing on partitioning numbers within 100. The children have used lots of practical resources to support their learning. They have also

been placing numbers on a number line within 100. In topic this week the children have been learning about the Great Fire of London and have continued this learning within Forest School. Well done Year 2 on a great week of learning!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week! They have enjoyed their French topic, learning different greetings. They are becoming so confident in speaking and writing in French! In English we are so proud of the folk tales they have written! They have been so imaginative and tried their best throughout the writing of the plan, draft, edits and final piece. In Maths we have started a new unit of addition and subtraction. A fantastic week all round!



Year 4

We have had another really productive week this week in Year 4! In English, the children have been writing their stories to recount the story of Queen Boudicca and the Iceni tribe and I have been so impressed with how well the children have been including all the key techniques and vocabulary within their work. In maths, the children have been working on estimating between a number and have shown real resilience when rounding numbers this week. Elsewhere in the curriculum, the children have inventing their own switches in Science, which they have really enjoyed! They had to think carefully to select an item that was a conductor of electricity and think practically how that item would fit into a

circuit. Finally, the children were treated to a karate masterclass on Thursday afternoon, which they thoroughly enjoyed! A fantastic week year 4, keep it up!

Year 5

As ever, Year 5 have had a busy week! In English, the children have been drafting and editing their diary entries about the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, writing from a variety of perspectives, such as an American Citizen, Buzz Aldrin, NASA Control Centre and Fred Hayes. We can't wait to read their finished products next week. In Maths, Year 5 have completed their second unit of learning on place value and are now moving onto addition and subtraction. In Science this week, the children were investigating the hardness of materials. Year 5 made predictions about which material they thought would be the hardest, and then tested their theories. In History, the children learnt about the Tudor Family Tree and the escapades of King Henry VIII. They couldn't believe the reasons behind King Henry VIII beheading and divorcing his wives!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 the children have been very busy. A broad range of learning has taken place. At the start of the week, to celebrate European Day of Languages, we had a taster session of Spanish where we were introduced to a new friend to help us. Bob, the puppet, began the lesson with a lovely conversation in Spanish with Miss Lord. He then helped us with greetings and how to say our name. Bob remained with us for the rest of the week, and he really enjoyed helping all of us with the rest of our learning. In History, we continued with WW2 and looked at the concept of propaganda and how it influenced people. Science was fun where we investigated how shadows can change. We finished the week with PSHE where we looked at Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Elliott T	Ayaat A	
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Year 1	Lincoln S-B	Khalia R	
Year 2	Peta O	Charlotte M	
Year 3	Thea K	Aiza L	
Year 4	Afrah M	Aleena A	
Year 5	Jibreel Q Esmee G		
Year	Freya B	Henry Mc C	

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Hamza I
Year 1	Jack P
Year 2	Penelope T
Year 3	Aiza L
Year 4	Rosie T
Year 5	Kian S
Year 6	Lilly L

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are Year 5! Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	92.4%	Target	
Year 1	96.3%		
Year 2	96.3%	97%	
Year 3	95.6%		
Year 4	95.0%	Overall (to date)	
Year 5	99.1%		
Year 6	94.4%	97.1%	
Overall	96.1%		

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 29.09.23)	26	22	26	23
Position	1 st – 4 points	3 rd – 2 points	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points
Running Total	10	8	14	11

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

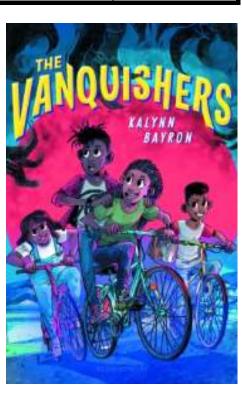
The Vanquishers

by Kalynn Bayron

In the world of the Vanquishers, vampires were history ... until now.

Malika "Boog" Wilson and her best friends have grown up idolising The Vanquishers, a group of heroic vampire hunters who wiped out the last horde of the undead decades ago. Nowadays, most people don't take even the most basic vampire precautions - the days of garlic wreaths and early curfews are long gone - but Boog's parents still follow the old rules, much to her embarrassment.

When a friend goes missing, Boog isn't sure what to think. Could it be the school counsellor, Mr Rupert, who definitely seems to be hiding something? Or could it be something more dangerous?



Boog is determined to save her friend, but is she ready to admit vampires might not be vanquished after all?

No one ever expected the Vanquishers to return, but if their town needs protection from the undead, Boog knows who to call ...

Diary Dates 2023-2024

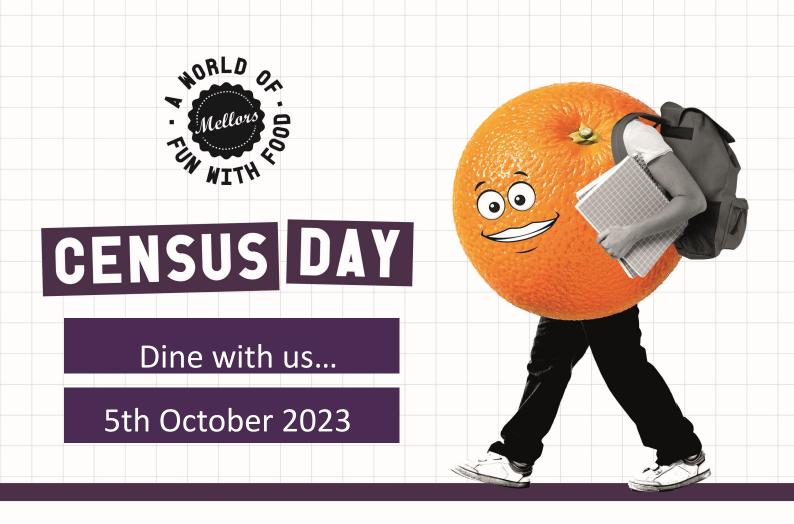
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Event	Date/Time		
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th October 2023		
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023		
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023		
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023		
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November to Friday 1 st		
	December 2023		
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023		
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and	Thursday 21st December 2023, 10.00am		
the Beast, Lichfield Garrick			
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm		
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024		
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11th January 2024		
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024		
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8 th February 2024		
	 Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm 		
	 Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm 		
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024		
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024		
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024		
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21st March 2024		
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm		
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024		
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9th April 2024		
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024		
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024		
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024		
INSET Day	Friday 24th May 2024		
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024		
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21st June 2024		
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024		
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm		
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024		

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time	
Harvest	Monday 2 nd October 2023	
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED Tuesday 10 th October 2023		
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 13 th October 2023	
	 Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm 	
	 Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm 	
Parents' Evening	Monday 16 th October 2023	
	Wednesday 18 th October 2023	
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 16 th October 2023 to Friday 20 th October	
	2023 inclusive	
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 th October 2023	
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023	
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023	

Odd Socks Day	Monday 13 th November 2023		
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023, 4.30-6.00pm		
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November 2023 to Friday 1 st		
	December 2023 inclusive		
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 th November 2023, 9.00am		
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023		
Christingle	Monday 4 th December 2023		
Choir Winter Wonderland Concert	Tuesday 5 th December 2023, Hill Street Church,		
	Swadlincote, 7.00-8.00pm		
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December 2023, 9.15am		
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7 th December 2023, 9.15am		
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 9.15am AND		
	2.15pm		
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Thursday 14 th December 2023, 9.15am		
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023		
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20 th December 2023		
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and	Thursday 21st December 2023, 10.00am		
the Beast, Lichfield Garrick			
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm		
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Main

Beef burgers Veggie burgers Chunky chips Beans Peas

Dessert

Ice cream Sundae station Chocolate brownie Fruit or yoghurt

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor



Shobnall Primary & Nursery School Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent Staffordshire, DE14 2BB

Lunchtime Supervisor

Permanent, term time only 5.83 hours/week (1 hour 10 minutes every weekday in term time)

Salary: Grade 2 £20,812 per annum pro rata

Actual salary £2,760 per annum

John Taylor Multi Academy Trust (JTMAT) believes in the power of education to improve lives – and the world. As a partner academy in JTMAT, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our evolving organisation.

The successful candidate will:

- Demonstrate high standards of teamwork, collaboration and respect.
- Be flexible, adaptable and dependable.
- Have excellent communication skills with children and staff.
- Be kind, compassionate and caring with our pupils.

If you have a passion for excellence and share our vision, we can offer you the opportunity to be part of a successful and progressive Trust, which is committed to ensuring learning is at the heart of all we do.

If you want to discuss this role, please contact David Adams, by emailing shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk or telephoning 01283 247410.

Completed application forms should be emailed to shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk Only fully completed application forms will be submitted for shortlisting. CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date: 12 noon on Friday 13th October 2023 Selection/Interview: Thursday 19th October 2023

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974

Please note if you are shortlisted, an online search will be carried out before interview which may identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which we might want to explore with you at interview. Please review our Privacy Notice for Job Applicants for the lawful basis for processing and retention.

John Taylor MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Pre-employment checks include an enhanced disclosure and barring service check as a requirement of this post. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on our website, and we encourage applicants to review it before applying.

Please review our Recruitment Pack on the school website before submitting your application.

MEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	with baked Bolognese		Beefburger with chunky chips	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian burger with chips	Vegetarian bolognese	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian burger with chips	Cheese pinwheels with diced potatoes
Accompaniments	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Fresh fruit 8 whip	Lemon biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Ice Cream Sundae station Chocolate brownie	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection





Staffordshire

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

> Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

Discover more at

staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel





