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Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for all your kind words of congratulations and support, regarding our Essex Teaching Award.

Essex County Council
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Essex Teaching Awards 2026

Recognising and celebrating
the inspirational work of
Cann Hall Primary School

Highly commended

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - PRIMARY SCHOOL

17 June 2026

Cllr Sam Journet
Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Education, SEND and Skills

Clare Kershaw
Director for Education, Essex County Council

New Staffing Structure and One-page profiles from new teachers

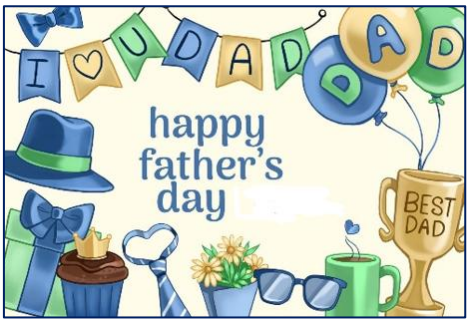
Today, you should have received a letter informing you of our staffing structure for next year and your child should have brought home a one-page profile all about their new class teacher(s) and support staff.

Next week is our Transition Week, which will provide children with the opportunity to get to know the adults who will be working with them in the coming academic year, to ensure they have a smooth and positive transition into their new class.

Father's Day Pop Up Shop

A huge thank you to our **PTA** for organising and running the Father's Day Pop-Up Shop. The event was a wonderful success and helped to raise valuable funds for our school.

We hope all the dads, grandads and special father figures enjoy receiving their gifts and have a very happy and special Father's Day. Thank you for all that you do! 💙



Parking

Book Fair

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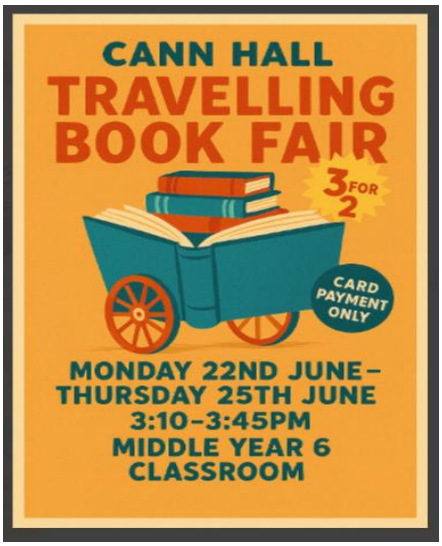


Summer Fair - Reminder

The PTA will be running their annual Summer Fair (weather permitting) on **Friday 10th July**.

As usual you will be able to collect your children at **2pm** on this day, so they have plenty of time to visit the fair. If you are unable to collect your child, at the earlier time, we will of course look after them until 3.10pm.

You can beat the rush by preordering wristbands and tokens directly from the PTA (see flyer).

Please let your child's class teacher know, in advance, if your child will be collected by someone else, or you want them to leave on their own, at this time, as they will not be able to release them otherwise, for safeguarding purposes.

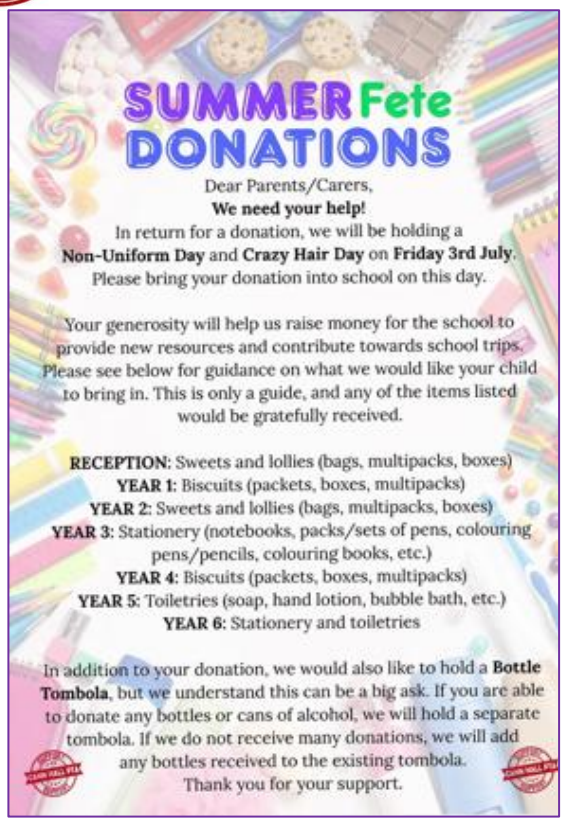
If you would be interested in helping at this year's fete, please email the PTA on friendsofcannhallpta@gmail.com

A plea for teddy bears! - Reminder

These can be placed in the tub under the bike shelter at the front of the school.

Non-Uniform Day/Crazy Hair Day - Reminder

To help the PTA with donations for the Fair, we will be having a non-uniform/crazy hair day on **Friday 3rd July.** Please see the poster as to what items the PTA would like donated, in return for the children being able to take part in this day.



Sports Day - Reminder

As mentioned last week, we are pleased to confirm that we will be able to run our sports days, this year. A separate letter has been sent out with the details but here is a reminder of the timings:

Wednesday 1st July

Year 2 sports event will take place at 8.45am – 10.15am
Year 1 sports event will take place at 10.15 – 11.45am
EYFS sports event will take place at 1.45pm

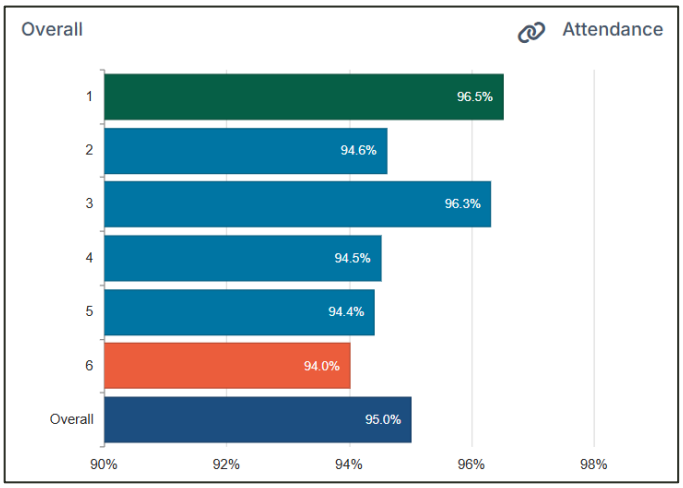
Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 sports event will take place at 8.50am – 10.05am
Year 4 sports event will take place at 10.10am – 11.25am
Year 5 sports event will take place at 11.30 – 12.45pm
Year 6 sports event will take place at 12.50pm – 2.05pm

Attendance Update

Great news, our attendance is back up to **95%.** this week.

Even though we are approaching the end of the year, it is still so important for your child to be in school every day, when they are well enough to do so. There is so much learning, still to cover and this term is jam-packed with exciting events, that your child will not want to miss out on. This can be seen from the photographs of what has been going on in school, this week



Please remember to let us know as soon as possible, if you child is unable to attend school by contacting the school on the morning of every day of their absence. Home visits will continue to be carried out, if a child has been absent for three days.

Great attendance from Year 1 and Year 3, this week. The rest of the school are getting closer to this top spot, all sitting at 94%+.

Year 6 Leavers' Party - Reminder

It's that time of the year again, when the Year 6 children start planning their leavers' party. The famous Penny Wars has already started the Year 6 parents will be selling ice pops outside the Year 6 block, after school, to raise funds for the party in the run up to the party.

On **Fridays** they will also do 'Guess number of sweets in a jar' and 'Guess name of teddy.'

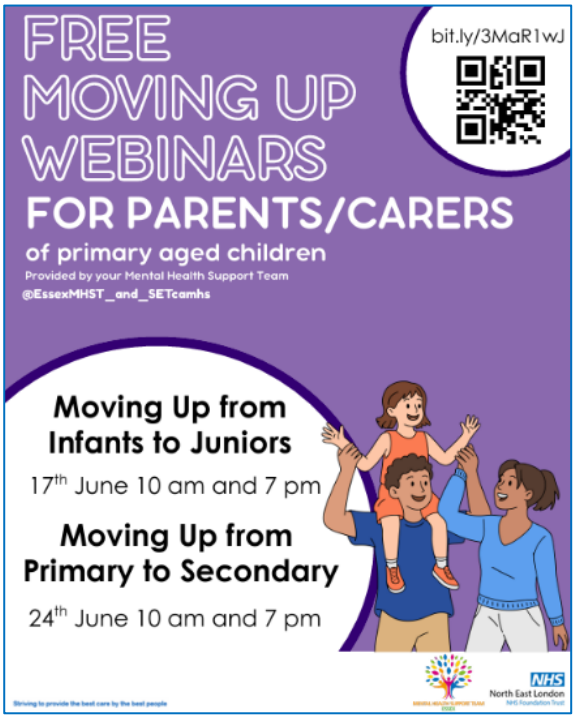
On **Tuesday 23rd** June there will be a cake sale and soak the teacher outside the Year 6 block, straight after school.

On **Tuesday 30th** June there will be a bric a brac sale outside year 6 block straight after school. All welcome.

If you would like to donate or would be able to help in any way towards ensuring the children have a fantastic 'send off' please speak to Mr AB or Mrs Levy.

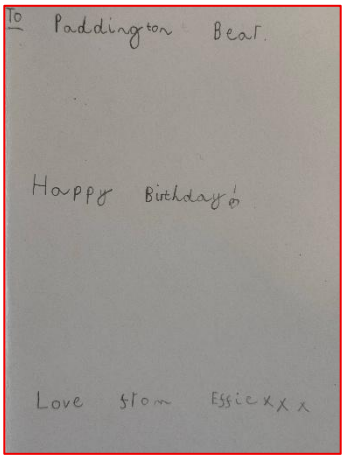
Transition Worries

For parents and carers of children in Year 6, the Mental Health Support Team still have two 'Moving Up from Primary to Secondary School' webinars planned for **24th June and 10am and 7pm.**

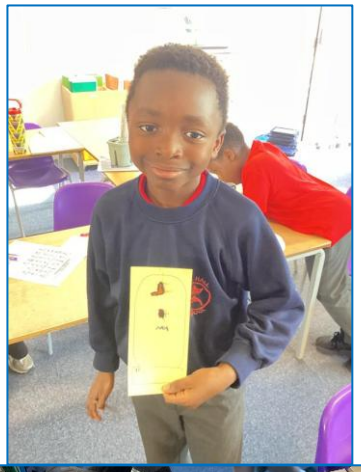


Learning

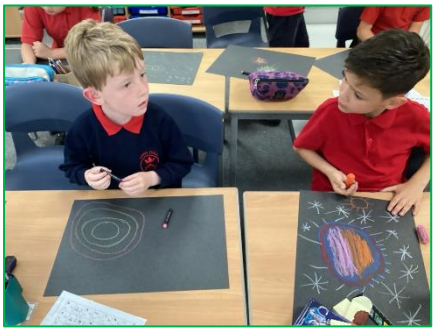
Ahead of Paddington Bears birthday on the 25th of June, **1Y** have been busy designing and writing birthday cards for his special day.



Year 3 have had an amazing Ancient Egyptian Day, participating in a variety of different learning experiences. The children had a go at making their own amulets and canopic jars out of clay, writing their names in hieroglyphics and making their own jewellery. They enjoyed a quiz on the different Gods and Goddesses and even learnt about the mumification process using tomatoes!



In RE this half term, **Year 1** have been learning about different creation stories. This week, we watched a child-friendly video about the Big Bang Theory, which explained how some humanists believe the universe began. We discussed our own ideas about space, the stars, and planets, before creating colourful artwork inspired by what we had seen.



In P.E, **4A** have been practising our throwing and batting skills for rounders.

A huge well done to **Year 4** for successfully completing their MTC. The children showed fantastic determination, resilience and had a positive attitude throughout. We are all incredibly proud of the effort they put in. To celebrate their hard work, we enjoyed some well-deserved ice lollies together.

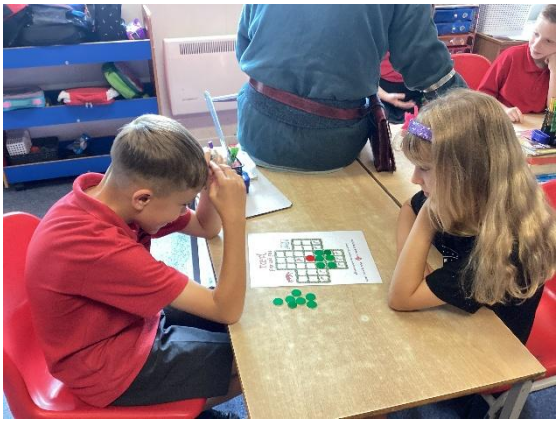
This half term **5S** have been taking part in Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

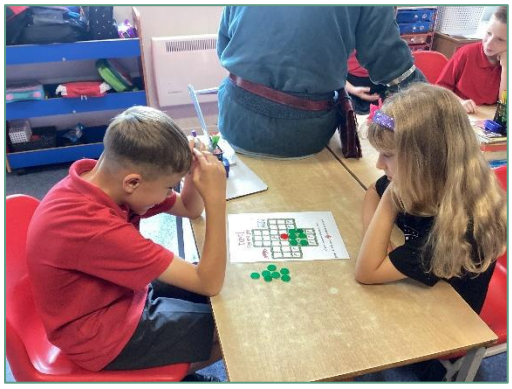
The children have worked together to develop their communication, negotiation and problem-solving skills. Fairness has also been considered.

They have created human machines, built maps by following verbal instructions and have completed group challenges to earn points for their team.

Vikings!

Our school was taken over by Vikings today as Year 4 pupils enjoyed an exciting Viking Day linked to our history topic. They welcomed a visitor who brought the past to life with fascinating artefacts, weapons and stories of Viking life. It was fantastic to see so many pupils fully embracing the day by dressing up and proudly showcasing the props they had made.





Congratulations

Well done to the children that took part in the athletics tournament and to Mrs HH and the support staff that helped with this. We came away with some brilliant results!

Sports News!

Medal Winners

Oliva (Yr3) – Gold 60m sprint
Jorge (Yr6) – Gold 80m sprint
Woody (Yr6) – Bronze 150m
Year 5/6 Relay Team (Amaris, Rachel, Oakley & Jorge) - Bronze

CDPSSA Athletics Tournament

On Monday 15th June, 16 children competed in a local schools athletics competition at White Hall Academy with 17 other schools.

Despite the wet weather, they all gave 100% effort in their events, with several of them making the finals in the track events. Overall, it was a successful day and we came away with 4 medals.

Congratulations to **Chester in 5S**, who plays for Holland under 10s reds. He won the parents player award at his football awards evening. What a great achievement.

Celebration certificates

The role models, receiving certificates in our celebration assembly today were:

Year 1: Rosie & Jimmy
Year 2: Ellis & Archie
Year 3: Vinnie & Annalynn
Year 4: Bailey & Ella
Year 5: Jack & 5R
Year 6: Silan & Jacob P

Following the feedback received through our Parent Survey and in response to your suggestions, we are pleased to be offering a number of opportunities for parents to come into school and get involved. We would like to invite you to the following upcoming events:

Coffee and Chat

We are delighted to invite you to our first **Coffee and Chat** session on **Tuesday 14th July at 2:30pm**.

These sessions are open to all parents and provide a relaxed opportunity to meet with **Mrs Byrne** and **Mr Smith** and **Mrs Newman** to discuss a range of topics in an informal setting.

For our first session, we will be focusing on:
Feedback from this academic year – what has gone well and how we can continue to improve.
As the name suggests, this will be a friendly and informal gathering, with hot drinks provided (and biscuits too, if Mr Smith remembers!)

If you would like to attend, please let Mr Smith know either at the gate or by email at msmith@compassps.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and hearing your thoughts. We hope to see you there!

Reading workshop

To help you support your child's reading at home, we would like to invite you to a reading workshop for parents.

During the session, we will:

- Explain how reading is taught in the upper year groups at Cann Hall
- Outline the different reading comprehension domains
- Share practical ideas to support your child at home

The workshop will focus primarily on supporting older children (Years 5 and 6). However, parents of children in younger year groups are also very welcome to attend.

We previously offered this workshop to Year 6 parents at the start of the year, and the feedback was very positive. Following feedback from the recent parent consultation evenings, we have decided to run the workshop twice — once during the school day and once after school — to provide greater flexibility.

Dates and times:

- **Monday 29th June at 4:30pm**
- **Thursday 2nd July at 2:30pm**

If you would like to attend, please let Mr Smith know either at the school gate or via email at *msmith@compassps.uk*
We look forward to seeing you there.

This Week's Additional Information

At the end of this letter, this week, you will find information about free courses for parents, St Johns holiday club, the daily mile wave and our Spring/Summer dinner menus (we will be back on to Week 2 next week).

Upcoming dates for your diary

22.06.26: Story time with new teachers
24.06.26: Games with new teachers
25.06.26: Transition Day
29.06.26: Rocky Steady Concert 2:15
30.06.26: EYFS trip to Hasty's Farm
01.07.26: EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting)
02.07.26: KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting)
03.07.26: Non uniform day
05.07.26: Year 6 Residential (5-8 July)
07.07.26: End of Year Reports sent home

08.07.26: Open Evening (3.10-4.10pm)
10.07.26: KS2 SATs results shared with parents
10.07.26: Summer Fair (weather permitting)
13.07.26: Year 6 production PM (time TBC)
14.07.26: Year 6 production AM and PM (times TBC)
15.07.26: Year 6 Leavers' Party (tbc)
16.07.26: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am
16:07.26: Last day of term (Summer Holiday)
17.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)
20.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

From everyone here, we hope you have a wonderful weekend and again Happy Fathers' Day for Sunday to all those important and special male figures in our community.

Kindest regards

Join the Daily Mile at the Vitality Westminster Mile 2026 - for free.

We'd love your support in inviting families from your school to be part of something BIG 👟
The Daily Mile is returning to the Vitality Westminster Mile 2026, and we're encouraging parents and carers to sign their children up to take part in our the Daily Mile Wave – completely free of charge.

Not only is the day filled with celebration, including access to the free Festival Area in Green Park - but children will also finish the mile in style just outside Buckingham Palace.

Event Details
🗓️ Saturday 26 September 2026
⏰ 9:45am
📍 Starting at The Mall
🏁 Finish at Buckingham Palace

Want to find out more? *Take Part | London Marathon Events*

As if taking part wasn't fun enough… participants also receive a FREE Daily Mile t-shirt, timed results, BUXTON® Natural Mineral Water and a Finishers medal (optional)

Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Parents

Introduction
In Essex, the Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) approach is helping schools/settings to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people.

Values and Mindset
Through this training, we aim to promote:

Compassion & Kindness	Hope	Connection & Belonging
...instead of Shame & Blame	...instead of Hopelessness	...instead of Disconnection

Course Details

Venue:	White Hall Academy Training Room
Duration:	6 weeks
Dates:	Monday 18th May 2026 Monday 1st June 2026 (after half term break) Monday 8th June 2026 Monday 15th June 2026 Monday 22nd June 2026 Monday 29th June 2026
Time:	9.30am-11.30am
Facilitators:	Ms Watts and Mrs Davis

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the booking link (link is also available on the school website)
If you have any difficulty booking, please contact Suzy Watts or Tracy Davis at
White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP
email: admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk

Booking link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hlHtQLVoqhmxyBUMkwwVVlNNUhYQldVMlZZNlZEODhOUU9XTC4u

Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) Course Course date: 18th May - 29th June 2026

Holiday Club 2026
Monday 20th to Friday 24th July
10 am – 12 noon
The Prophet, the giant fish & the love of God
Jonah and his adventures
-- GAMES --- CRAFTS --- SNACKS --- STORIES --
-- QUIZZES -- CHALLENGES -- FILM CLIPS --
for primary school age
(Reception – year 6)
COST: £1 per day
helpers of secondary school age are also welcome
Bookings close Mon 13th July
St John's Church
Great Clacton
Book using the yellow form,
phone 01255-475704,
or email:
gtclactonparish@gmail.com
Return forms to:
St John's Church Office,
St John's Rd, Gt. Clacton.
CO15 4BP

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU — WEEK 1

W/C: 13/04/2026, 04/05/2026, 25/05/2026, 15/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 27/07/2026, 17/08/2026, 07/09/2026, 28/09/2026, 19/10/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Sausage Bites with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pollock with Chips
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HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers with Chips
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HOT DISHES – OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU — WEEK 2

W/C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026, 03/08/2026, 24/08/2026, 14/09/2026, 05/10/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tandoori Chicken with Wholegrain Rice and Chota Naan Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
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HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dipper Wrap with Chips
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HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES – OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap	Roast Gammon Baguette	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll
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DELI DISHES – OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Cheese and Cucumber Wrap	Cheese Baguette	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Ham Roll
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Slice	Caramel Mousse	Ginger Biscuit with Melon Wedges	Strawberry Ice Cream

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian · Vegan · Oily Fish · Fruity! · Wholegrain · Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU — WEEK 3

W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 20/07/2026, 10/08/2026, 31/08/2026, 21/09/2026, 12/10/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges	Herby Tomato Chicken with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
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HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	Veggie Pizza with Wedges	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Veggie Fingers with Chips
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HOT DISHES – OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES – OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese Roll	Cheese and Tomato Baguette
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DELI DISHES – OPTION 5	Houmous and Carrot Wrap	Ham Roll	Cheese Wrap	Tuna and Sweetcorn Roll	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Raspberry Jelly	Mango Frozen Yoghurt

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