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Can you believe we're already halfway through the first half term of the new school year? Time really does fly when you're surrounded by curious minds, big smiles, and endless energy!

Our team are finding that every single day at school brings a flurry of wonderful "firsts" for our children. Whether it's tying shoelaces independently, reading aloud with confidence, making a new friend, these moments matter. They're the quiet triumphs and proud smiles that remind us why we have the very best job.

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Top story this week



A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Early Reading and Phonics Workshop this week, it was such a pleasure to welcome you into school and share a glimpse of learning in action. We hope you found the session helpful and picked up some useful tips and ideas to support your child's reading journey at home.

We're always looking forward to more opportunities to work together. Next week marks the first of our SEND Family Workshops. If you haven't signed up yet, please don't worry, a reminder was sent out earlier today.

During our assembly today our Head Boy and Head Girl announced the winners of our Talk for Writing Performance Competition. And the proud recipients of the Golden Microphone are... **Space Adventures Class** who delivered a performance packed with creativity, confidence, and storytelling magic.

Next Friday, we're inviting all our children and staff to wear a splash of yellow as we come together to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. It's a lovely way to spark conversations about wellbeing, every little bit of sunshine counts.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kaye













	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Next PE lesson!	Let's make our own innovated stories.	Learning about more special people with Bertie Owl.	Science- learning about animals and their habitats.	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 1	Talk for Writing! What interesting sounds are you writing about?	Computing Time! Let's learn all about online safety when using Purple Mash!	PE Day! Let's Dance!	Funky French Thursday!	Drop Everything and Read!
Year 2	Investigating everyday materials in our Science lessons.	Learning fundamental skills in our PE lesson.	Partitioning tens and ones.	Where will we explore in our Beacon visit today?	Drop everything and read.

















7	Monday Tue		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Geography - Europe	Talk for Writing Independent application	Math Solving problems	PE Day Wear your PE kit to school!	Drop Everything and Read Can you quiz yet?
Year 4	DT-Electrical Systems!	Talk for Writing The ending to our wishing tale!	Maths Rounding to the nearest 1000	PE Day and Fun French Thursday	Drop Everything and Read <mark>Wear something Yellow!</mark>
Yeare 5	Writing our Innovation What is Torak's next adventure?	PE Football with Plymouth Argyle.	RE Rules to make the world a happier place	Marvellous Maths Rounding raps to the nearest 100,000	Wear something yellow for Mental Health Drop everything and read.
Year 6	Writing the ending for our holes unit!	Find out what happens next in The Haunting of Aveline Jones	PE	Continuing drawing our self-portraits	Drop everything and read
Cosmonauts	PSHE Zones of Regulation	Amazing Art Pirate coins	Sensational Science Waterproof Materials	History Pirate Flags	Cooking Pirate biscuit decorating

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'





Nursery

This week in nursery we have introduced the story Leaf Man. We have been developing our fine motor skills by threading to create our own Leaf Man.

Pre-School

During independent learning this week the children found two very fluffy caterpillars. We put them into a caterpillar house and used the internet to find out what sort of caterpillars they were. We learnt that they were Tussock moth caterpillars.





Reception

Another very busy week in Reception full of lots of wonderful learning. All the adults in Reception are so proud of how hard the children are all working in phonics. They are showing such determination to learn their sounds and hear 'Fred'.

The children are also making sure they are using their pinchy fingers to hold the pencil when forming the sounds they have learnt.





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing an innovation of the original story. The Sound Collector. We had so much fun choosing our sounds and writing all about our different objects. Alongside writing, we have been learning all about where we live in Geography! We learnt how to use a map and later created our own map of the school and designed a key to go with it. At the end of the week, we used our maps to go on a treasure hunt around the school grounds. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have learnt how to create an algorithm to make a plane take off. We have created a code to turn a frog into a prince and the princess into a monkey using various command blocks. We then added a timer to the code and learnt how to use collision detected to enhance our algorithm, as well as de-bugging a code. Our favourite game to code was the snail race.







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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 3

Year 3 have been incredible this week! As writers we have been writing our innovation, focusing on a losing tale. Everyone has been using ambitious vocabulary, which is lovely to read.

We have also been doing computing every afternoon – we have been using code to create our own moving character. It has been great to see everyone use their positive growth mindset to overcome the challenges coding can bring.

Keep shining brightly Year 3!



Year 4

This week has been focusing our learning on all things 'electric' in Year 4! We have been building circuits with bulbs, motors and buzzers. As scientists, we have learnt the difference between conductors and insulators and have conducted our own experiment of making a switch.

We have also been writing our innovations of a wishing tale, using dialogue.

A lovely week Year 4 - keep it up!





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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





Year 5

This week, Comets and Meteors have had the opportunity to unleash their creative sides during art lessons. They have had great fun exploring the work of local artists and developing different techniques when using a variety of paints such as watercolours and acrylics. On Tuesday afternoon, we had our PE lesson with Harry from Plymouth Argyle; this is always a highlight of our week. The children's ability to control and pass the ball with precision has improved enormously!

Year 6

We have had a lovely week in Year 6, full of fun! Reading lessons have been exciting as we have explored the haunting town of Malmouth with Aveline Jones. We cannot wait to find out what happens next when we read the second chapter next week!

The children have also been producing some amazing artwork, and we will continue to work on these next week! We have also enjoyed some brilliant PE – so many wonderful things!





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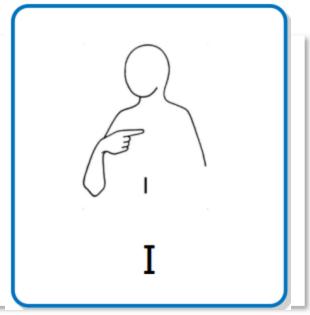




Cosmonauts

Everyone has been working super hard this week! We have been working on making 10 and learning our multiplication tables in maths. Exploring instruments and pirate rhymes as well as activities linked to our 'The Night Pirates' story in English. Developing our gross motor skills in Funfit and yoga sessions and building our engagement and turn-taking skills in attention autism activities.

Core word of the week









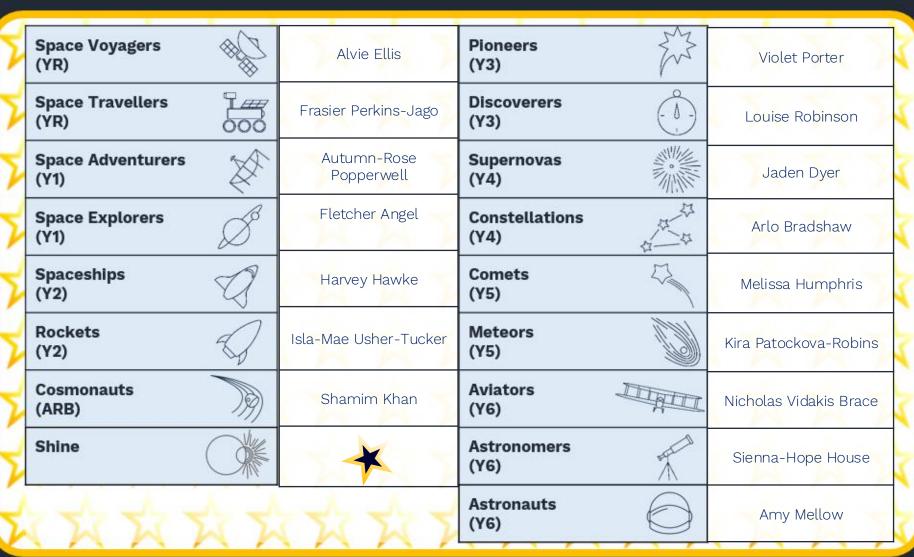


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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?

Being brave

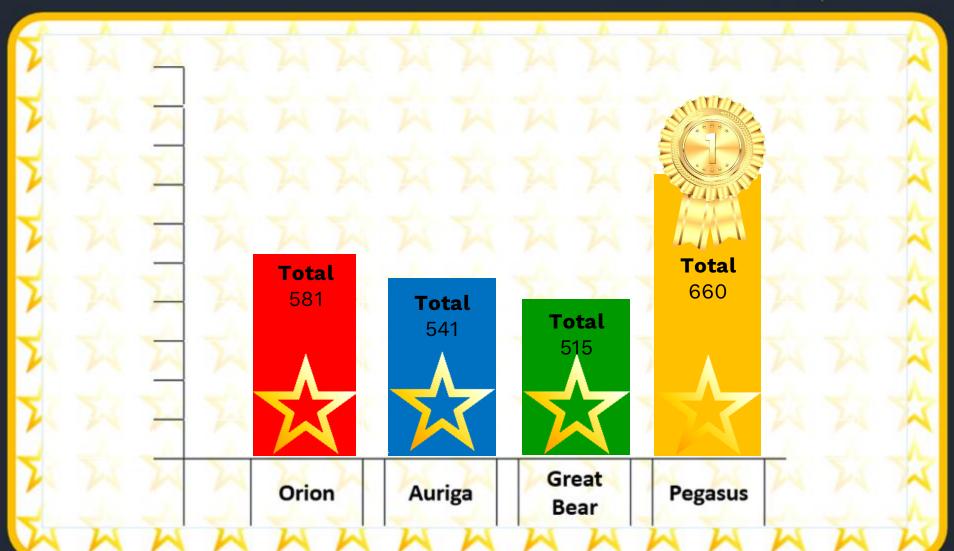


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House Points!



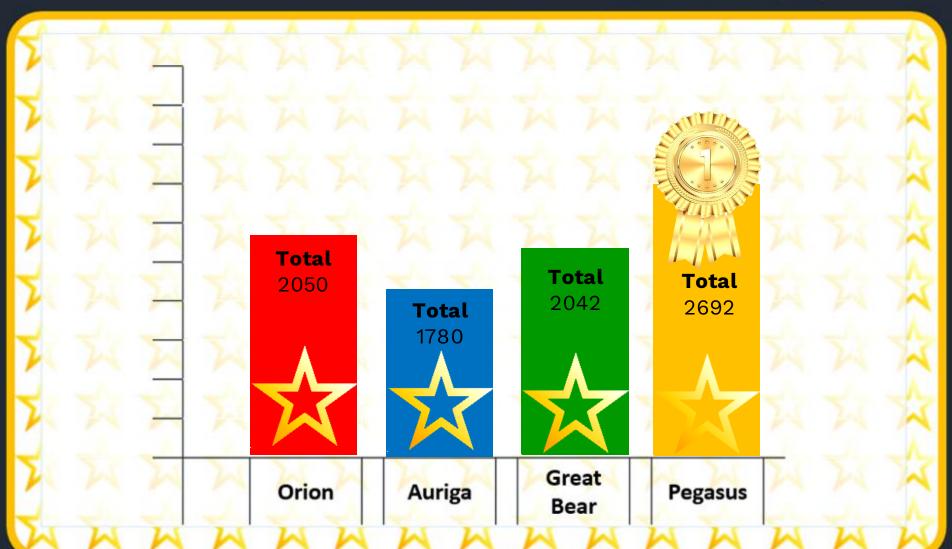


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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) during term time, without authorisation from the school, for a holiday for example
- Unauthorised absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) of absence from school, either when a parent fails to provide an explanation, or an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise
- Unauthorised lateness of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period), resulting from arrival at school after the register has closed

NB A Penalty Notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons, where the unauthorised absence from school results in 12 sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 session period)

Or, when:

 A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours, in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60.00 if paid within 21 days of issue, doubling to £120.00 if paid after 21 but within 28 days.



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Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, for example, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £240.00 if paid within 21 days and £480.00 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on 01872 323400, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty Notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 323400. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/ or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 323 400

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall









If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk t: 0300 1234 100



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The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

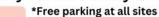
During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild __ Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

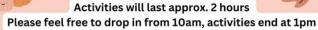
This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing. Please book EACH child on to a session



Sessions available at:

Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October





To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv





Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events: Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)













IMPORTANT



For safeguarding purposes children should not be wearing smart watches in school.









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Dates for the diary!

Friday 10th October	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day				
Tuesday 14th October • Reception & Nursery Open Afternoon – 2026 intake 2pm					
Thursday 16th October	Hearing Screening – Year 1				
Friday 24 th October	County Dodgeball competition				
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils				
Tuesday 4th November – Friday 7 th November	Community Week				
Wednesday 5th November	 Individual and family photos – Class Photography Beacon Bonfire Celebrations 				
Friday 9th November	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6 pm				
Monday 10 th November	 NO CLUB THIS WEEK Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day Parent and Teacher Meetings – 3:30pm-6pm 				
Tuesday 11th November	Parent and Teacher Meetings – 3:30pm-6pm				
Wednesday 12th November	SEND Parent Workshop 2 - 2pm-2:30pm				
 Fhursday 13th November Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6 pm Flu immunisation – Reception – Y6 inclusive 					
Friday 14 th November • Children in Need					
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Dates for the diary!

	Monday 17 th November	KS2 Science Roadshow Performance – Al		
	Tuesday 18 th November	Reception & Nursery Open Afternoon – 2026 intake 2pm		
	Thursday 20 th November	Parent Workshop – Reading		
	Friday 21 st November	Children make decorations at home for School Christmas Tree		
	Monday 24th November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils		
	Tuesday 25th November	Last Week for Clubs		
	Wednesday 26th November	Maths Number Workshop Supporting Your Children as Mathematicians		
1	Friday 28th November	Bodmin Lights up parade 6pm		
	Monday 1 st December	Beacon Advent Calendar – Day 1		
	Thursday 4 th December	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6		
	Friday 5 th December	 Beacon Christmas Countdown Assembly Decoration winners of competition to be announced 		



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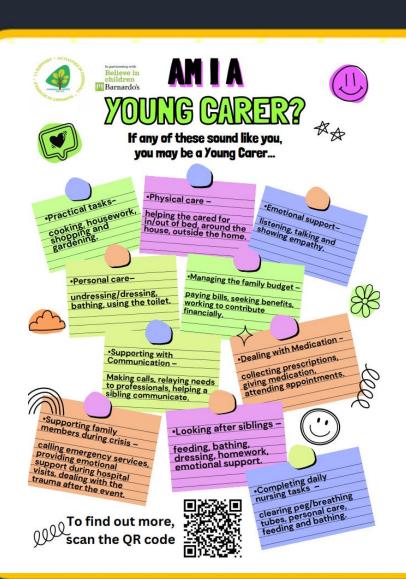
5	Monday 8 th December	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop – Y6
-	Tuesday 9 th December	St Petroc's Bodmin Schools Concert – 6pm
٢	Thursday 11 th December	 Nursery Christmas Performance – am Family Worker Drop Ins
4	Monday 15 th December	Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm
5	Tuesday 16 th December	 Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance – 2pm KS2 Christmas Concert @ St Petroc's Church – 5pm
	Wednesday 17 th December	ARB, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Peformance – 9:30am
٢	Thursday 18 th December	Christmas VisitorsWhole School Jumper Day and Class Parties
2		#Christmas Jumper Day
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Z	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Holidays
	Monday 5 th January 2026	Children Return to School

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Young Carers





If you believe that your child is a young carer then please speak to our admin team and they will advise you as to how we can help you in school.

Or you can contact Cornwall Young Carers directly on their freephone number 01736 756655, or by emailing kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk.

Cornwall Young Carers complete great work with the young carers in our county by aiming to support them to self-manage caring responsibilities, providing information, advice and guidance over the phone and working with schools.

They also provide direct 1-1 work with Young Carers and Young Adult Carers as well as offering activities on a regular basis and during the school holidays.



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Extra notifications







Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily

(Booking required)

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available to all pupils. Starting at 8:00 AM until the start of school we offer the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, cereals, fruit, water, and milk. The children will then have the opportunity to enjoy reading games puzzles and other to activities.

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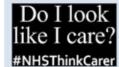


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End of day pickups

We all experience problems from time to time collecting at the end of school day, the long queue, stuck in a traffic jam etc, so if you find the playground empty when collecting your child at the end of the day, please collect them from wraparound - situated in Spaceship class via the Y2 playground.



IMPORTANT

Please can we remind all parents do not park, during drop off and collection, on the yellow Zigzags outside the school. This is for the safety of your children. Please help us keep our children safe.



A Polite Request.



If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the main office before 2:30pm to ensure the message is passed on.

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Can we please ask parents when collecting children from school that you do not park in the bays above the bungalows. We had one resident today that could not park her car near her bungalow and due to being disabled this caused problems for her. Thank you for being respectful to our neighbours.









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IMPORTANT

Polite reminder – There are no staff on duty in the mornings until 8:30am. Children arriving before that time are very welcome to attend our free Breakfast Club but should not be on the grounds otherwise for their own safety.



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Nursery



Can we please remind all our Nursery families to be ready at our entrance for your child's start time.

When staff have to come out and let people in, it leaves the Nursery understaffed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Start times are 8.30am or 9.00am and

12pm for afternoon sessions.



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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

Monday 6th October

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		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
	Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake peas and carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt dessert Allergens: 2,4,5,7,	Chicken Pie with herbed potato's, Carrots and peas Vegetable pie (v) Lemon sponge Allergens: 2,4,7	Roast beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Vegetable roast (v) Apple crumble and custard Allergens: 2,4,7,	Sticky BBQ sauce with chicken, steamed Rice and stir fry vegetables Sticky BBQ sauce with Quorn (v) Meringues with fruit Allergens:2,4,7,12,13	Pork sausage with Chips and peas Veggle sausage (v) Various puddings Attergens: 2,5,7
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Please ensure you are pre booking your dinners via the MyEd/PlusPay app.