



Church of the Ascension  
C.E. Primary School

Friday 8th September 2023

No 1



BACK TO SCHOOL



CHOICE MENUS  
WEEK 2  
£2.40 per day (incl. the book and  
PAY VIA SCHOOL MONY)

(V) suitable for vegetarians  
(VF) Fat Free  
(GF) Gluten Free

<b>MONDAY</b>	(Ve) Vegan Sausage Roll Salmon Bites Served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops in Tomato Sauce, Mixed Vegetables  Iced Sprinkle Sponge & Custard
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread (V) Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread Served with Sauté Potatoes, Sweetcorn & Peas Fruity Muffin & Custard
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Traditional Roast Chicken Seasoning & Gravy (V) Quorn Chicken Fillet, Seasoning & Gravy Fish Goujons Shortcake Biscuit & Custard
<b>THURSDAY</b>	BBQ Chicken Wrap (V) Cheese & Onion Lattice Fish Bites Served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn & Coleslaw Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce
<b>FRIDAY</b>	(V) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Fish Fingers Served with Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans & Peas Mousse & Fruit

Daily Items also available during lunch service — Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings, Salad, Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Fruit Jelly, Cheese & Biscuits  
\* Not suitable for vegetarians



# 'GRAB BAG' MENU



**MONDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



**TUESDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice

**Grab Bags must be ordered on Eduspot at least 24 hours before**

**WEDNESDAY**

Ham/Tuna Sandwich Or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



**FRIDAY**

Ham/Tuna Sandwich/ Cheese Wrap or Pizza  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice

**THURSDAY**  
Ham/Tuna Sandwich Or Cheese Wrap  
Salad Bag  
Yoghurt or Fruit  
Fruit Juice



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back to the new academic year, although the weather seems to think that we should be in the summer term! The school has quickly settled into the familiar routines and the children have enjoyed seeing their friends again as well as getting to know their new - or not so new in some cases - teachers. Miss Jordan has joined the school in Y1 and will be teaching Miss Vickery's class until the end of her maternity leave.

Thank you all of you who have already returned the raft of paperwork that always accompanies the September return. If you are able to give us as many photo permissions for the different categories that would be most helpful, especially when it comes to producing things such as the H.S.A. calendar. If you've not returned the forms, please get them to us as soon as possible. A reminder that all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal free school meal, but that meals have to be paid for from Y3 onwards. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Income based job seekers' allowance or Income related employment support allowance, your child is probably eligible for free school meals whatever their age. Additionally, the school will also receive extra funding for these children, so please do not wait until your child is about to enter Y3 before claiming this benefit. The school office is able to assist you if you wish to explore your

eligibility for this.

Finally, I have received a few questions about the decision to screen off part of the KS2 playground fence. This was done during the holiday in response to a few issues we have had regarding interactions between our children and people waiting at the bus stop. I fully appreciate that this restricts visibility into the playground from the Dudley Rd, but if you wish to wave at your child there are still several gaps where this is possible. Thank you for your understanding on this.

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### MENU

The menu for next week will be week 2.

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### SCHOOL CHOIR



School choir will be starting for children in Key Stage 2 from Monday 18th September after school in the spare classroom until 4:30pm.

If your child would like to take part they can collect a letter from Miss Jones (Class 3/4J) next week.

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### HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCHES

We try to encourage the children to eat healthily in school. Sweets are not allowed as a snack or part of their lunch so please ensure these are not sent into school. Can we also remind parents we are a 'nut free' school so do not send in any nut based snacks or nut products e.g Nutella.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL

The following activities will be taking place after school next week:

### Monday

Cricket Years 1 & 2  
(This is a pre-booked activity)

### Friday

Year 6 Football

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### H.S.A LOTTERY



For several years now the school has run its own lottery. This is linked to other schools across the country and gives all ticket holders an entry into a school level draw as well as a national draw - where the prize is bigger. As the years have gone on, many of the families that supported this fund raiser have now stopped playing as their children have left Ascension. There is a good chance of winning the local prize and the national prize has much better odds than the Euro Millions (though it's a lot less!) We would love there to be a relaunch of this valuable fund raiser as the numbers playing has dwindled significantly. Details are below, please consider this as all money raised from it is spent directly upon improving the school environment for our children. Thank you - SH

You've got to be in it to win it!  
Tickets are only £1 please go to

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/church-of-the-ascension-c-of-e-primary-school>

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**PRAISE ASSEMBLY**  
The following children have received a certificate in Praise Assembly today:-

Ivy —1J  
Ryan —1/2B  
Jessica —2S  
Joshua —3N  
Darcie —3/4J  
Annelise —4C  
Evanna —5CS  
Jake —5/6M  
Esther —6P

Kindness award—Reuben (6P)

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### DUDLEY PERFORMING ARTS

We currently have spaces for keyboard tuition with DPA in school so if your child is interested, please visit [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and search 'lessons in schools'.

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### CORE VALUE

The Core Value for this half term is 'Thankfulness'  
Please see the letter attached to this newsletter for more information.

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### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be in school to take individual photographs on Thursday 14th September. If you have pre-school children and would like a family group photograph taken please come to the hall at 8.30 a.m. Children who have siblings in school will have their photographs taken together during school time.

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