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15 minutes late everyday
↓
2 whole weeks of lost learning

Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome back, and a very happy New Year to you all.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week of headship. Despite the added challenges of icy conditions and stormy weather, it has been a pleasure to see the school community return with such positivity and resilience.

I am delighted to say that the children have settled back into school life excellently. They have returned with enthusiasm, demonstrating positive attitudes to learning and a clear readiness to re-engage with their routines. Their behaviour and commitment during this first week have been a real credit to them and to the support they receive at home.

Over the past week, I have also been working on a communication strategy for the school to ensure that information is shared clearly, consistently, and in a way that celebrates the many positives taking place across our community. As part of this, next week's newsletter will be presented in a different format.

In addition, our school Facebook page will be used as our *good news channel*. Year groups will be regularly posting updates and celebrating learning and achievements, starting from Monday 12th January. I encourage you to follow and engage with these posts to stay connected with the exciting work happening in school.

Looking ahead to next week, our whole-school focus for teaching and learning will be on 'no hands up' questioning and increased partner talk. These strategies are designed to ensure that all children are actively involved in lessons. *No hands up* allows teachers to check understanding across the whole class and encourages every child to think carefully about their answers. *Partner talk* gives children valuable opportunities to explain their thinking, build confidence in speaking, and learn from one another before sharing ideas more widely. Together, these approaches help deepen understanding, improve communication skills, and promote inclusive classroom practice.

Thank you for your continued support and please do speak to me at pick up and drop offs to share any feedback, my door is always open.

Mrs Chubb

Diary Dates to Remember

Fri 30th January 2026
NON PUPIL DAY

Mon 16th- Fri 20th February 2026
HALF TERM

Mon 23rd February—Fri 13th March 2026
YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Fri 13th March 2026
NON PUPIL DAY

Mon 16th—Fri 20th March
NETHERCOTT TRIP YR4

Fri 3rd– 17th April 2026
EASTER BREAK

Wed 22nd April 2026
CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Mon 27th-29th April 2026
PGL TRIP YR5

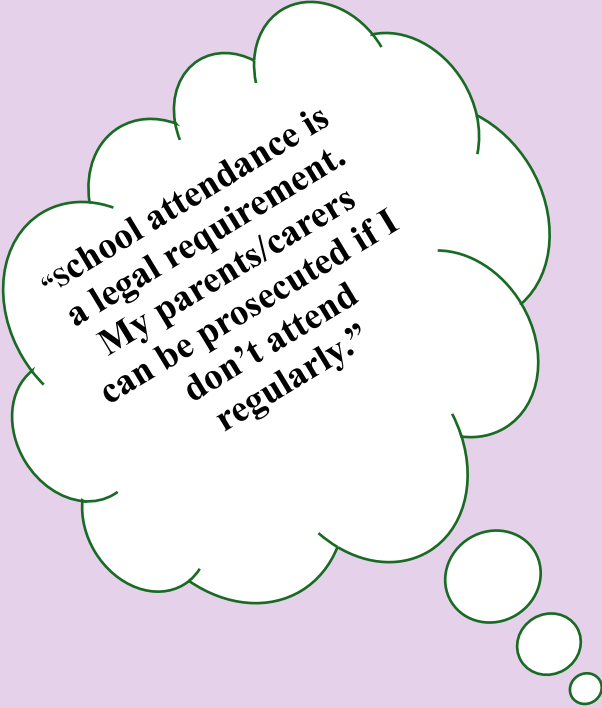
Mon 4th May 2026
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 25th –29th May 2026
HALF TERM

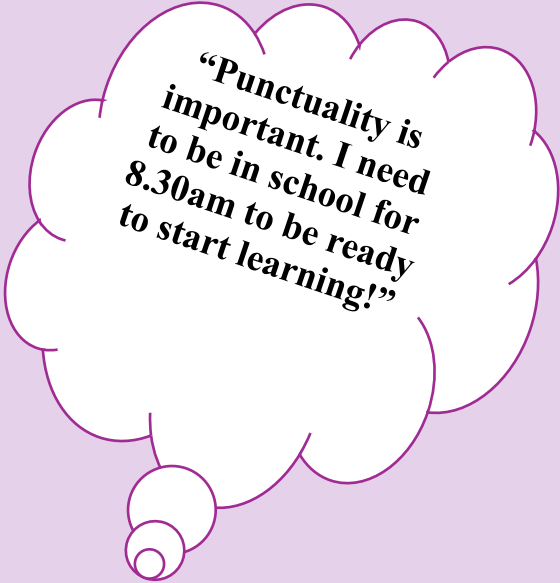
Mon 29th June 2026
NON PUPIL DAY

Thurs 2nd-Fri 3rd July 2026
YR6 LONDON TRIP

Fri 24th July 2026 **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**



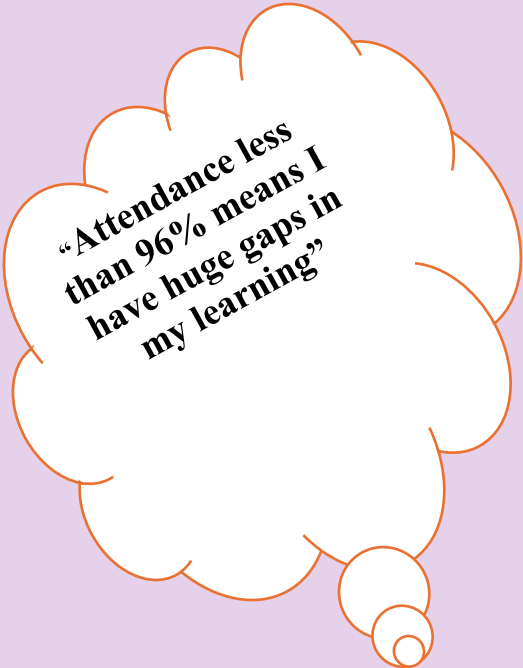
**“school attendance is
a legal requirement.
My parents/carers
can be prosecuted if I
don’t attend
regularly.”**



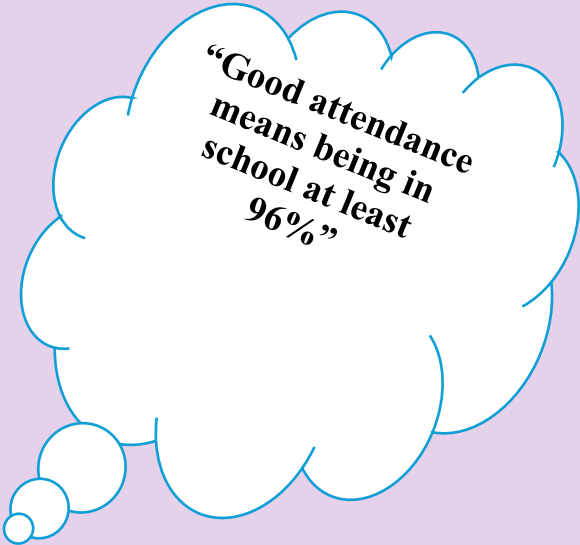
**“Punctuality is
important. I need
to be in school for
8.30am to be ready
to start learning!”**



**I NEED TO AIM TO ATTEND SCHOOL
100% OF THE TIME!**



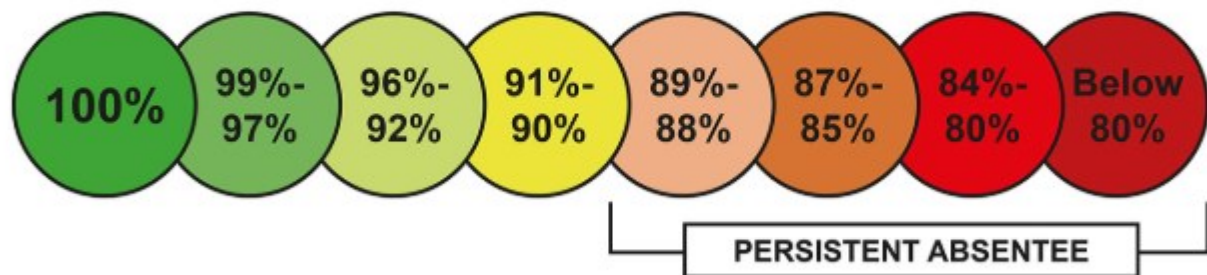
**“Attendance less
than 96% means I
have huge gaps in
my learning”**



**“Good attendance
means being in
school at least
96%”**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

Weekly Attendance for 5th to 9th January 2026

The UK Government expectation is **96%**.
We are striving for children to achieve this, as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

This week, our whole school attendance is **93.84%**
FAB Friday for children attending 100%
GOLDEN TICKET for never late never away

SMEATON	97.63%
FIRESTONE	96.01%
MAYFLOWER	90%
MT EDGCUMBE	94.83%
MOUNTBATTEN	92.76%



SALTRAM	96.62%
DOCKYARD	90.27%
BURRATOR	90.40%
RALEIGH	95.64%

A gentle reminder to parents that contact must be made with school on your child's first day of absence **and each day** until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council.

Arriving late for school after 9am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Please remember to label your child's jumpers and please send your child in with a water bottle every day. Thank you

School Trip payment reminders

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

Fourth instalment of £50 due by 31st January 2026. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

Third instalment of £27 due by 30th January 2026. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

Year 6 - London Trip

Third instalment of £50 due by 31st January 2026. Please pay using your child's ParentPay account. Thank you

TERM DATES 2025/26



Teaching days (statutory)	190
BWD and OAK INSET Days	2
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-25	24-Oct-25	39
2	03-Nov-25	19-Dec-25	35
3	05-Jan-26	13-Feb-26	30
4	23-Feb-26	02-Apr-26	30
5	20-Apr-26	22-May-26	23
6	01-Jun-26	23-Jul-26	38
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

	OCTOBER				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	

	NOVEMBER				
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	DECEMBER				
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		

	JANUARY				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	FEBRUARY				
2	9	16	23		
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	MARCH				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	APRIL				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		

	MAY				
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

	JUNE				
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		

	JULY				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	

	AUGUST				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year



September 2026						October 2026						November 2026								
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2026						January 2027						February 2027								
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu			2	9	16	23
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27	W			3	10	17	24
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28	Th			4	11	18	25
F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29	F			5	12	19	26
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa			6	13	20	27
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su			7	14	21	28
March 2027						April 2027						May 2027								
M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
June 2027						July 2027						August 2027								
M			7	14	21	28	M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Term time	School holiday	Bank holiday	INSET day
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Term dates									
Term 1	03 September	-	23 October	37 days	Term 2	02 November	-	18 December	35 days
Term 3	04 January	-	12 February	30 days	Term 4	22 February	-	25 March	24 days
Term 5	12 April	-	28 May	34 days	Term 6	07 June	-	23 July	35 days
Total									195 days

Bank and public holidays			
Christmas Day	25 December	Easter Monday	29 March
Boxing Day	28 December	May Day	03 May
New Year's Day	01 January	Spring	31 May
Good Friday	26 March	Summer	30 August

LUNCH MENU

Ham and Cheese paninis are on the menu again replacing wraps week commencing 3rd November 2025, this will run alongside the new menu as a daily choice.

We have colour choices on parent pay
Purple -cheese and tomato
orange -ham and tomato



WEEK 1

W/C: MONDAY 3RD NOV, 24TH NOV, 15TH DEC, 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 9TH MARCH, 30TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se	CHOICE 1 - H Potato topped chicken pie served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar	CHOICE 1 - H Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan chilli with rice and veg Allergens: So	CHOICE 2 - H, V Broccoli and potato bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh So	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg	CHOICE 2 - H, V, W Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
DESSERT - H, V Pear flapjack Allergens: Glu, O	DESSERT - H, V Chocolate shortbread Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuit and fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V Apple crumble and custard Allergens: Glu Wh O Mi m/c Bar

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period.
 All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.
 H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Cereals (Ce), Soy (So), Soya (Soy), Substitutes (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (Nu), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (Cr), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain

Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW
 You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
 Tilda

WEEK 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, F
CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable curry served with veg	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh O	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
DESSERT - H, V, W Blueberry cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, W Banana cookies Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, W Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar

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WEEK 3

DATES: W/C: MONDAY 17TH NOV, 8TH DEC, 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 2ND MARCH, 23RD MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu W Mi m/c So	All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, V Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mu Mi m/c E, Bar		CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Date crispy crunch Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c Mi So	DESSERT - H, W, V Toffee and apple cake Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V Orange butter biscuits Allergens: Glu, Wh E	DESSERT - H, W, V Steamed jam sponge and custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi

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 Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (Nu), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (Cr), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain.

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ED'S SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

While the menu remains the same this week, we're taking this opportunity to highlight the importance of school meals and the vital role they play in supporting children's health, wellbeing, and learning every day.

LACA's theme days celebrate the five key pillars of school meals: environment, community, nutrition, social connections, and cooking together.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Various dates

Roast turkey ^{Glu Wh}
 or Quorn fillet ^{Glu Bar Wh}
 roast potatoes,
 trimmings and gravy

Christmas custard
 biscuits ^{Glu Wh}
 Rudolf muffins ^{Glu Wh Mi E Su m/c So}
 Krispmas pudding ^{Glu Bar Mi Su}

JANUARY

INTERNATIONAL LEGO DAY

Wednesday 28th January

Lego pepperoni pizza
^{Glu Wh So Mi}

Everything Is Awesome! mediterranean
 vegetable tart ^{Glu Wh m/c Bar}

Crispy crunch brick bites
^{Glu Bar Mi Su}

FEBRUARY

PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday 13th February

Change of dessert:
 A selection of
 sweet pancakes
^{Glu Wh E Mi}

MARCH

GREAT BRITISH PIE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd March

Beef and vegetable
 pie ^{Glu Wh}

Creamy vegetable
 and bean pie ^{Glu Wh Mi So}
 both with broccoli and
 green beans

Cherry flapjack
^{Glu Wh Bar}



(For additional allergy information, please speak to the kitchen or school)

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for is:-

Year 1/2 –

Year 3/4 -

Year 5/6 –



Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Oakwood Primary Academy.
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Raleigh Class - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5 - Dockyard Class – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 5/6 Burrator Class – l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4- Mountbatten Class – k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4 - Mt Edgcumbe Class - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3/4 - Saltram Class – t.spencer@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Mayflower Class – g.chandler@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Firestone Class – j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Smeaton Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk