



Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

**Week beginning: 26.9.25**

The sports events and visits are beginning and it has been a busy week with football, basketball and a trip to the opera. The children always make us so proud when they are on visits and their behaviour is outstanding. They are a credit to the school.

*The Leesons Team*

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

| <b>Class</b>   | <b>Attendance (%)</b> | <b>Punctuality (number of lates)</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Little Orchard | 100%                  | 5                                    |
| Hedgehog       | 100%                  | 6                                    |
| Owl            | 100%                  | 3                                    |
| Robin          | 100%                  | 7                                    |
| Woodpecker     | 100%                  | 4                                    |
| Kingfisher     | 100%                  | 0                                    |
| Badger         | 100%                  | 5                                    |
| Fox            | 100%                  | 3                                    |
| Rabbit         | 100%                  | 4                                    |
| Mole           | 100%                  | 5                                    |
| Starling       | 95.65%                | 4                                    |
| Otter          | 94.74%                | 8                                    |
| Stag           | 95.24%                | 2                                    |
| Kestrel        | 100%                  | 0                                    |

Well done to Little Orchard, Hedgehog, Robin, Owl, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Badger, Fox, Rabbit, Mole and Kestrel Class who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week! This is amazing!

Well done to the following class who won the Punctuality cup this week - Kingfisher and Kestrel! Both the attendance and punctuality winners will get an additional ten minutes play time.

Well done to Woodpecker Class for winning the Walk to School Award.

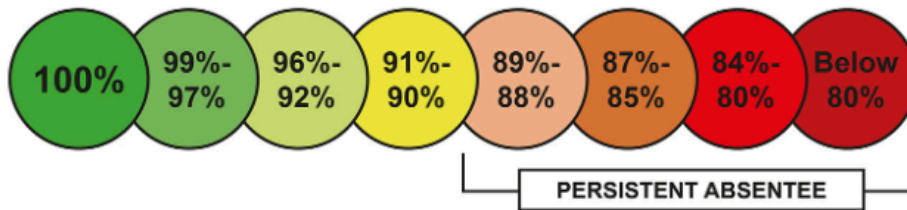


**Attendance**

School attendance this week is at 96.3% with our year so far being 96.3%. This is a great start to the year. Thank you all for your support. Let's keep it up!

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



## Which CIRCLE are you in?

**Language of the week**

| Flag  | Language | Country | Greeting | Picture   |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---|
|  | Swedish  | Sweden  | God dag  |  |

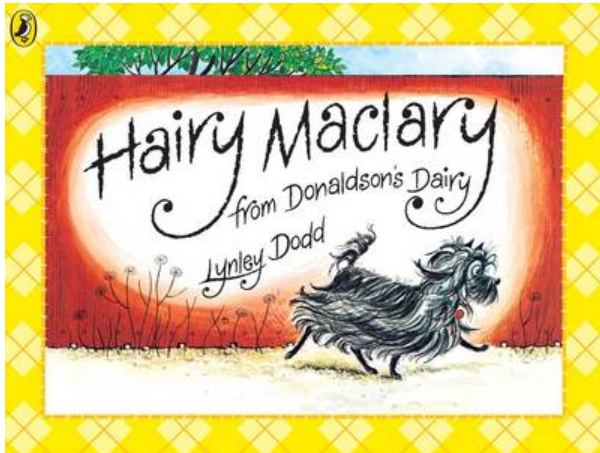
Did you know that Sweden has an ice hotel? This might literally be one of the coolest Swedish things!. Located up in Sweden's Arctic Lapland region, the Icehotel is kept at a steady -4°C inside to preserve all the hand-sculpted ice artworks and ice furnishings.

**Oracy Talk Topic**

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following: 'Should the school day be shortened?'

**Book of the week**



















Hairy Maclary and Friends is a series of children's picture books created by New Zealand author and illustrator Dame Lynley Dodd. Year 1 have been looking at this book this week and Mrs Dobbs was reminded of what a fun book it is to read. You can listen to the story read here by the author, Lynley Dodd.

▶ Read along with Puffin: Hairy Maclary fr...

**Word Aware**

Please discuss these words with your child at home and see if any of you can use them in conversation this week.

| EYFS and Key Stage 1  | Key Stage 2  |  |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <div data-bbox="215 1033 670 1675" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;">  <p><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">bellow</p>  <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p> <b>Meaning</b></p> <p>To shout with an angry, loud, deep voice.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p> <b>Challenge</b></p> <p>Think of another word that is a bit like <b>bellowed</b>. Do others at home agree with you? Can they think of other words that have similar meanings?</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid red; border-bottom: 1px solid red; margin-top: 10px;"><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge.</p> </div> | <p> <b>Meaning</b></p> <p>To shout with an angry, loud, deep voice.</p>   | <p> <b>Challenge</b></p> <p>Think of another word that is a bit like <b>bellowed</b>. Do others at home agree with you? Can they think of other words that have similar meanings?</p> | <div data-bbox="839 1033 1278 1654" style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;">  <p><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">banish</p>  <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p> <b>Meaning</b></p> <p>If someone or something is <b>banished</b> it is sent away and stopped from coming back.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p> <b>Challenge</b></p> <p>If you were <b>banished</b> to your room what might you have done? If someone was <b>banished</b> from a club, what could have happened?</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid blue; border-bottom: 1px solid blue; margin-top: 10px;"><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 2, Routledge.</p> </div> | <p> <b>Meaning</b></p> <p>If someone or something is <b>banished</b> it is sent away and stopped from coming back.</p> | <p> <b>Challenge</b></p> <p>If you were <b>banished</b> to your room what might you have done? If someone was <b>banished</b> from a club, what could have happened?</p> |
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**Maths Challenge**



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Monica wants to save £1 a week by putting coins in her piggy bank each day. By Wednesday, she has 5 coins in her piggy bank, and she has saved more than 20p, but less than 40p. The digit sum of the amount she has saved is less than 11.



How much has she saved, and how much more does she need to create a complement of 100?  
Find four different possibilities.

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### Junior Duke

At Leesons, we are running Junior Duke in a slightly different way this year, we are giving every child the opportunity to complete the award FREE OF CHARGE.

On Friday 3rd October, to launch this year's programme, we are holding a Junior Duke afternoon and every child will take part in a fun, age appropriate task. After the launch event, we will let you know how you can register your interest in obtaining a booklet to continue work towards gaining the award.

### Flu Immunisations

Please complete the form on the link attached whether you want your child to have the flu vaccination or not. [Flu Immunisation Form](#)

### Harvest celebration

On Tuesday 30th September Leesons will be celebrating Harvest, can children please bring in donations of full tins of beans and tinned vegetables for Bromley food bank.

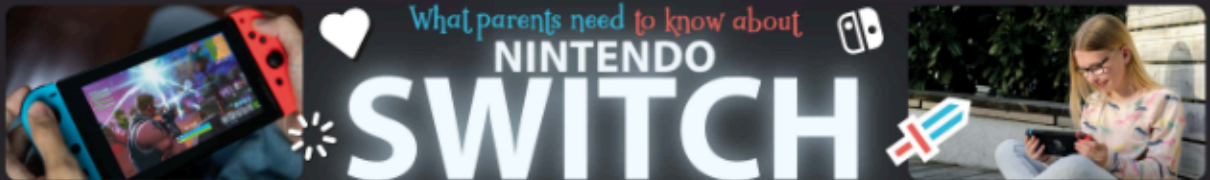
### E-safety

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At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



### NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers: 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.

### ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.

### NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.

### NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.

### PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when traveling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



## Top Tips For Parents

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.

### ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

### PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.

### NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.

### LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

### SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.

### SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.

### MEET OUR EXPERT

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.





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### Highlights of the week

On Monday a group of **Year 5 and Year 6 children** represented Leesons at a trust football tournament. The sun was shining and the young budding Ronaldo's and Lucy Bonzes were excited to get stuck in and enjoy the game. With a nervous start they soon grew into each game working for each other and with each other. Miss Issac is so proud of each one of them. They took the advice Miss Isaac gave them and were eagerly asking at each half time what they did well at what they needed to improve on in the next match. Coming 4th they ended the tournament meeting several players from Bromley Football club men's team, including an ex Millwall player Ben Thompson and captain Byron Webster. A successful and happy first sports event with our first set of Leesons sports representatives.

We are looking forward to more Leesons pupils having the opportunity to represent the school in more sports events throughout the year.



On Thursday 25th September, twelve of us **Y6 girls** went to Battersea power station for the rugby mega-fest. This was inspired by the success of our women's rugby team who are in the world cup final on Saturday. As soon as we got to the fan zone at Battersea power station we played a game which included throwing, catching and dodging. To play the game we all had to get into groups of three (two people were throwing and catching and one person was dodging).

Eventually, we swapped when someone was hit, dropped the ball or got tired.

After that, we went on to the second game, a throwing, catching and snatching game. During this, we had to throw from further distances while making sure no-one was throwing the ball to us or snatching it. We also learnt different positions like Tackle 3 (the Ball Carrier and Ripper were both holding the ball and the Tackler stood behind the Ball Carrier holding onto their back).

Once we had completed the other two activities we played a stuck-in-the-mud-like game. The only difference between the two games was that the game we played used a rugby ball to tag.



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In the other game we played we had to use rugby balls to tap people to earn points, the highest amount of points we got was 31!

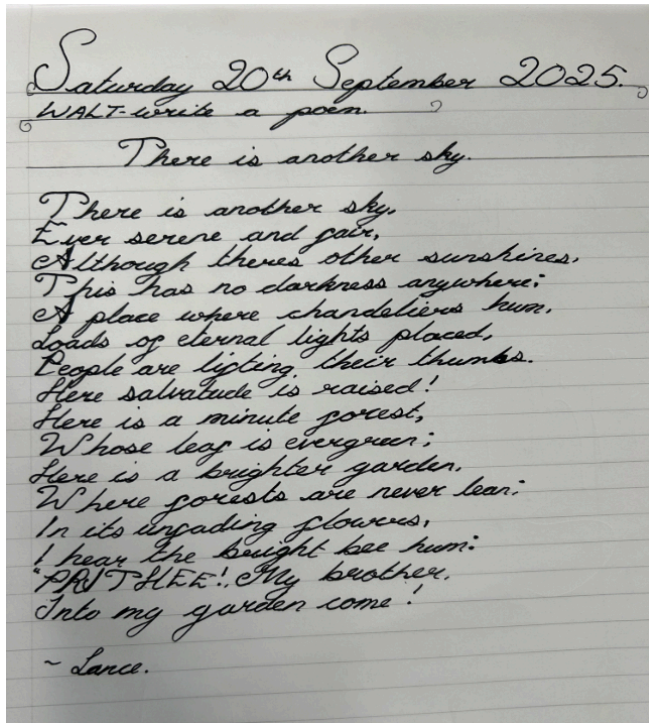
Last but not least we played a non-violent game of rugby using bibs to create two teams. Each team had to get to the other side of the pitch and tap the ball on the ground to earn a point. Every time someone scored the opponent team got the ball for that round.

There were seven schools invited to play on these pitches in the shadow of the power station right next to the river Thames and we entertained Mr Jamieson and Mrs Thirkell all the way there and back in the mini-bus with our beautiful singing!

It was really fun and exciting to play rugby and do something new. We all really enjoyed the trip.

By Amelia J





**Lance** wrote this wonderful poem at home following some work on poetry in school. The imagery it creates is amazing and his hard work was rewarded with a golden ticket. Well done Lance!

**Hedgehog class** has been exploring with their five senses, learning what each sense helps us to do. They have particularly enjoyed the food tasting, but have also tested their sight skills by playing Kim's game, been on a listening walk around the school and used the djembe drums to follow a beat. They used feely bags to describe texture and played in cornflour slime! They ended the week with a smelling guessing game.





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In Year 6, we have been learning about the heart and blood. This week we used our Science Enquiry skill of researching to find out what the 4 different components of blood were. We then made our own blood soup, using rice krispies to represent the platelets, jelly beans for the red blood cells, mints for the white blood cells and orange squash for the plasma. We discovered lots of amazing facts. Oliver discovered that we have more red blood cells than any other component - we have 3-5 million in one drop of blood!

**Nursery** have been busily creating work for our new 'Where we come from' display board'. The children have explored family stories, traditions, and cultural backgrounds through age-appropriate activities like looking at books, looking at photographs, looking at traditional foods, and learning about cultural music and dance.



### What's on?

| Week 5             |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Monday - 29.09.25  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 swimming</li></ul>   |
| Tuesday - 30.09.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eco Assembly</li><li>• 2.30 Harvest festival assembly with st Barnabus - collecting tinned beans and vegetables</li></ul> |



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| Wednesday - 01.10.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singing EYFS and KS1 - 1pm and KS2 3.00pm</li><li>• Nigerian Independence Day</li></ul>  |
| Thursday - 02.10.25  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.50pm My Happy Mind assembly in class</li><li>• Bees Netball @ Bromley High</li></ul>   |
| Friday - 03.10.25    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior Duke afternoon (info to follow)</li><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Iraqi National Day</li><li>• MacMillan Cake Sale after school (Please bring donations to school on Friday. Cakes will be 50p or £1)</li><li>• Staff bake off (£5 donation to enter the bake off and win a late start or early finish)</li></ul> |

| Week 6               |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Monday - 06.10.25    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10am New Starters Open Morning</li><li>• 3pm - whole school assembly</li><li>• Year 4 swimming</li><li>• Year 5 Library-Otter</li></ul>   |
| Tuesday - 07.10.25   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents Evening</li><li>• Share a story - KS1 - 1pm KS2 3.00pm</li></ul>  |
| Wednesday - 08.10.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trust Y5 Boys Football @ LPS</li><li>• Yr 1&amp;2 Gymnastics @ Bromley valley AM</li><li>• Singing EYFS and KS1 - 1pm and KS2 3.00pm</li></ul>                                  |
| Thursday - 09.10.25  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents Evening</li><li>• 2.50pm My Happy Mind assembly in class</li><li>• Year 5 Library- Starling</li></ul>   |
| Friday - 10.10.25    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu vaccinations Rec - Year 6</li><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Hello Yellow - Wear yellow and bring £1</li><li>• Year 4 Synagogue visit Rabbit Class</li></ul> |

| Week 7             |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Monday - 13.10.25  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm - whole school assembly</li><li>• Year 4 swimming</li></ul>   |
| Tuesday - 14.10.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share a story - KS1 - 1pm - KS2 3.00pm</li><li>• Year 2 trip to Unicorn Theatre pm, arrive back to school</li></ul> |



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|                      | around 4pm   |
| Wednesday - 15.10.25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing EYFS and KS1 - 1pm and KS2 3.00pm</li> <li>• Y6 Chislehurst Caves - Kestrel - 11:15 Stag - 12:15</li> <li>• RWI development day</li> </ul>              |
| Thursday - 16.10.25  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.50pm My Happy Mind assembly in class</li> </ul>   |
| Friday - 17.10.25    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.45pm - Celebration assembly</li> <li>• Class assembly - Starling Parents in at 2.30 for input first</li> <li>• Year 4 Synagogue visit - Mole class</li> </ul> |

Half term - 20th October 2025 - 31st October 2025

### Menu

Please note a menu change on Thursday 2nd to 'All Day Breakfast' for our Census Day lunch raffle.

# Leeson's Primary School

# WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3

|                           | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | THEME DAYS  |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>MAIN</b>               | Hoi Sin Chicken Stir Fry<br>(CE, MU*, SO, G/W)                 | Beef Burger<br>(SE*, SO, SU, G/W)                            | Roast Chicken & Gravy   | Beef & Lentil Bolognese<br>Pasta Bake<br>(MK, G/B*, W)         | Fish Fingers or Salmon<br>Fishcake & Chips<br>(F, G/W) | <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: red;">LOVE<br/>BRITISH FOOD</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: orange;">FESTIVAL<br/>OF LIGHT</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">BONFIRE<br/>NIGHT</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">WINTER<br/>WONDERLAND</div> |
| <b>VEGGIE</b>             | Hoi Sin Quorn & Vegetable<br>Stir Fry<br>(CE, E, MU*, SO, G/W) | Vegetable Burger<br>(SE*, G/W)                               | Roasted Vegetable Filo<br>Parcel with Homemade<br>Tomato Sauce<br>(G/W) | Mac & Cheese<br>(MK, G/W)                                      | Cheese & Tomato<br>Pinwheel<br>(MK, G/W)               |   |
| <b>SIDES</b>              | Egg Fried Rice & Stir Fried<br>Greens<br>(E, SO, G/W)          | Homemade Potato Wedges<br>with Baked Beans or Green<br>Salad | Rustic Roast Potatoes with<br>Roasted Carrots & Parsnips                | Mixed Green Salad &<br>Coleslaw<br>(E)                         | Beans or Peas  |   |
| <b>PASTA &amp; JACKET</b> | Vegan Roasted Vegetable<br>Pasta<br>(G/W)                      | Jacket & Salad   | Tomato & Basil Pasta<br>(CE, G/W)                                       | Jacket & Salad   | Mac & Cheese<br>(MK, G/W)                              |   |
| <b>PUD</b>                | Homemade Chocolate<br>Cookie<br>(E, MK, SO, G/W)               | Yoghurt with Honey & Fruit<br>(MK)                           | Winter Fruit Crumble with<br>Custard<br>(MK, G/B*, O, W)                | Orange Syrup Sponge with<br>Vanilla Sauce<br>(E, MK, SO*, G/W) | Ice Cream with Fresh<br>Fruit<br>(MK)                  |   |

DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

8 SEP / 29 SEP /  
3 NOV / 24 NOV /  
15 DEC

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY    F = FISH    G/O = OATS    L = LUPIN    MU = MUSTARD    SO = SOYA    \* = MAY CONTAIN  
 CR = CRUSTACEAN    G = GLUTEN    G/R = RYE    MK = MILK    N = NUTS    SU = SULPHUR    V = VEGAN  
 E = EGGS    G/B = BARLEY    G/W = WHEAT    MO = MOLLUSCS    P = PEANUTS    SE = SESAME SEEDS    S = SEASONAL VEG

Olive  
STIRLING  
food with passion