

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter as we wrap up a busy and rewarding half term.

This term, our school culture and learning have been anchored by our core values of **Respect**, **Aspiration and Resilience**, as well as this half term's value of **Trust**. Our pupils have spent time exploring what it means to build reliable relationships, act with honesty, and support one another in everything they do. It has been inspiring to see them put this value into practice every day, fostering a safe and encouraging environment across all year groups.

Throughout October, we have also been celebrating **Black History Month**. Across the schools, children have engaged with powerful stories, discovered influential historical figures, and celebrated the vital contributions of Black individuals throughout history and in modern society. These activities have sparked meaningful discussions and brought a deeper appreciation of diversity and inclusion into our classrooms.

Across every subject, our pupils have demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm—whether participating in hands-on science experiments, creating expressive artwork, or developing their creative writing skills. Thank you to our dedicated team of staff for providing such vibrant learning opportunities, and to our parents and carers for your ongoing partnership.

Looking ahead to next term, we will be turning our attention to our next core value, **Compassion**. We look forward to exploring how empathy, kindness, and looking out for others can make a positive difference both in our school and across the wider community.

As we begin the half-term break, please take a moment to review the newsletter for upcoming term dates and low-cost family activities happening locally. I wish you all a restful, safe, and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for another wonderful term.

Kind regards

Mrs Jo Cerullo
Executive Headteacher

Respect Resilience Aspiration



Nursery & Early Years

Acorn class enjoyed doing some baking. We made pumpkin biscuits for Autumn. The children were able to take turns well and name the ingredients we added to the mixture. They used different tools to support making these and worked well as a team.

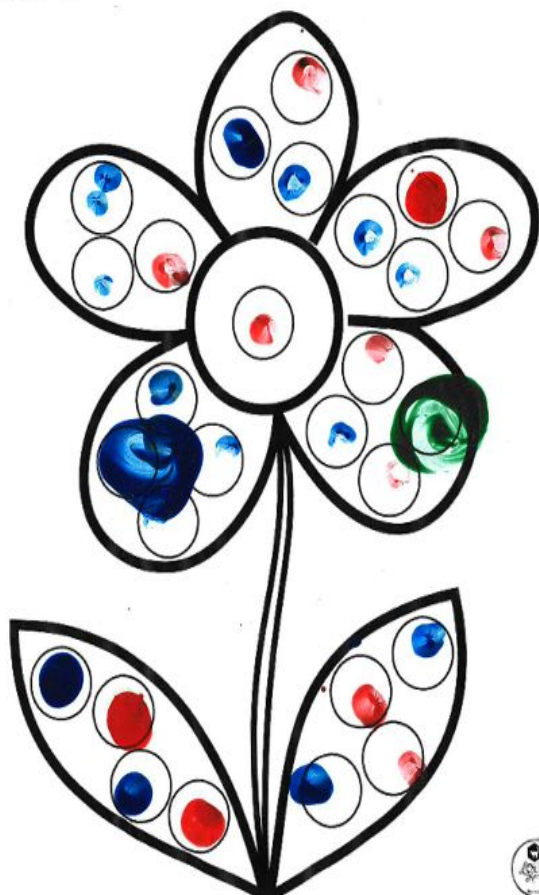


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Rowan Class have been learning the lunchtime routines and are trying hard to use a knife and fork.

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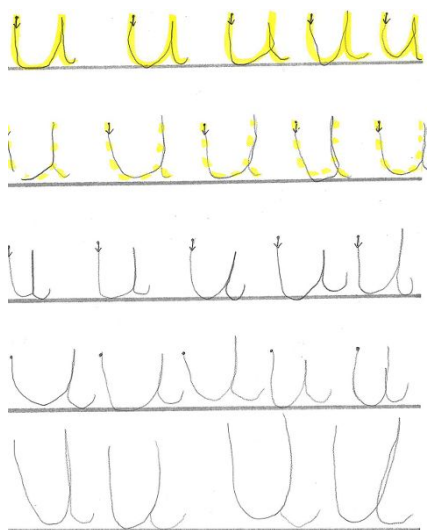


George

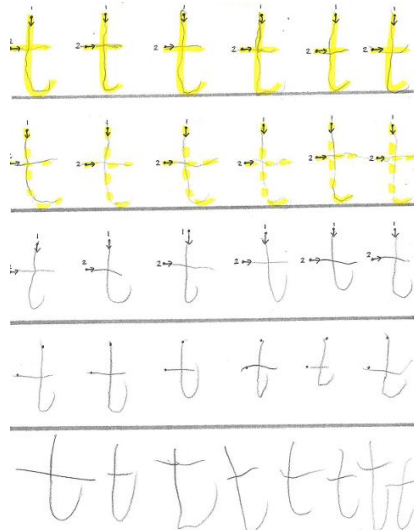


Using a cotton bud and paint to print dots helps us to develop the dexterity we need to hold pencils and learn to write letters.

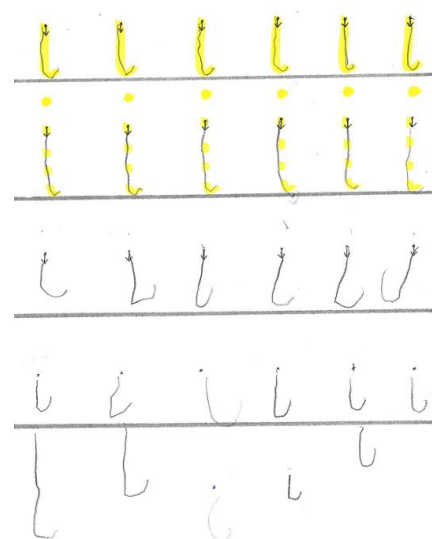
Nursery & Early Years



Lucas W



Temari



Isaac

Look at our amazing writing! We are practising writing letters from the 'I' team.



We are learning to play and interact together.



We are developing skills such as drawing and cutting with scissors.



Years 1 & 2

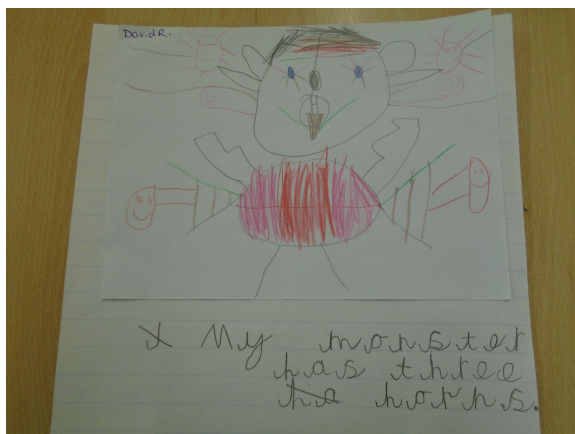
In our Science lessons, we have been finding out about how to keep our bodies healthy. We explored the importance of exercise and eating the right foods to help our bodies grow. We also investigated how germs are spread and completed a fantastic experiment using hand lotion and glitter to demonstrate just how easily germs can be spread and shared with others!



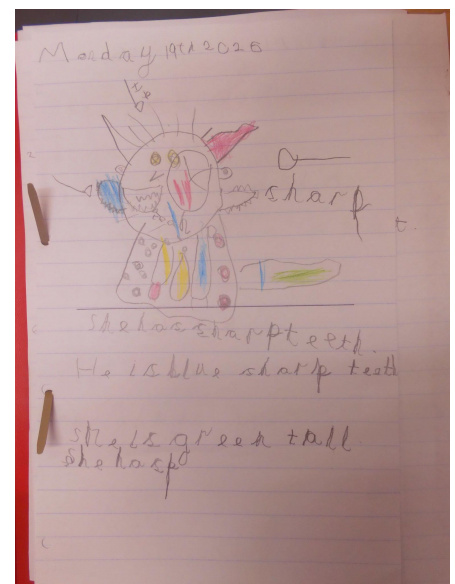
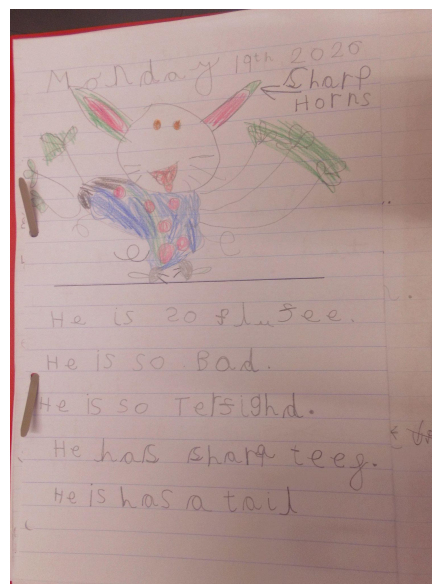
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We had a mysterious event happen in school for the children to try to solve... some curious footprints appeared in the corridor! The Year 1 children had a go at drawing who they thought had made the footprints and writing a description. The Year 2 children wrote about how they thought the footprints appeared.

Elm Class

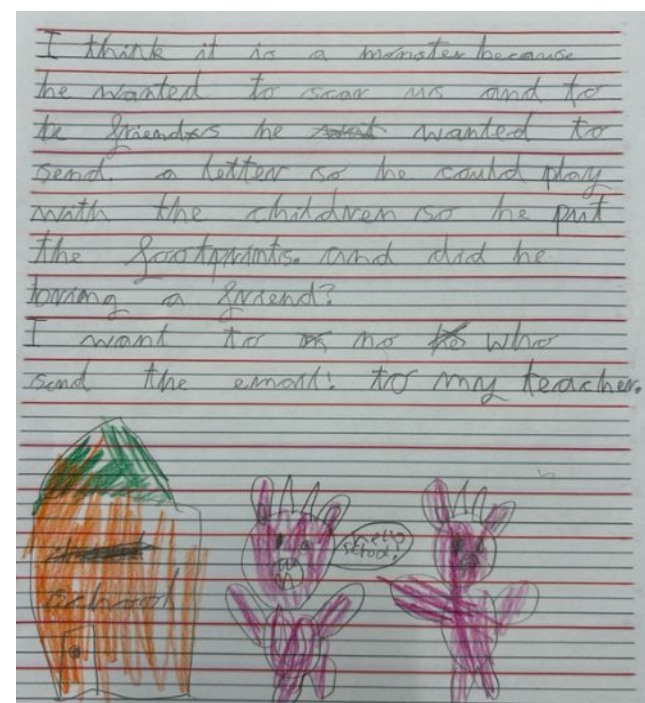


Ash Class



Beech Class

I think it was a ninga because they are fast and sneaky... I think it is a ninga and this is so us so that they wanted to be friends and have a race to have a see who is fastest.



Years 3 & 4

In Years 3 and 4, we have been learning all about the Romans. We found out what life was like for Roman legionaries and even created our own Roman shields.

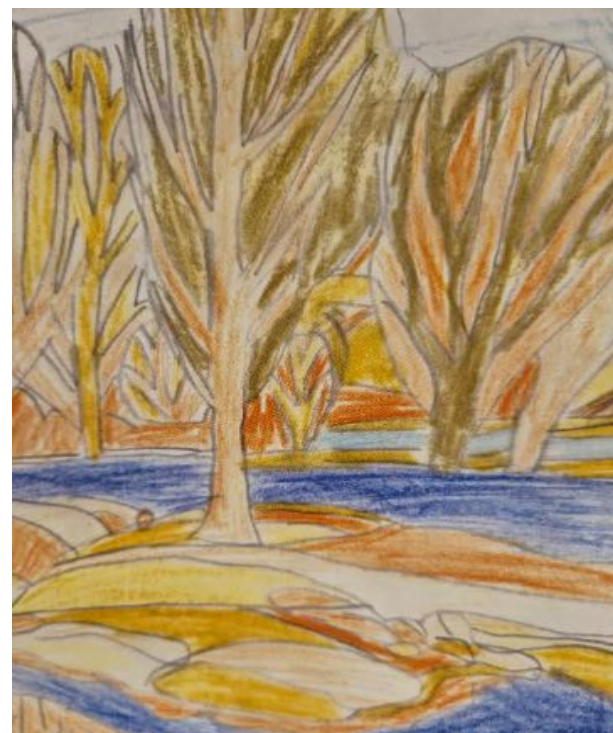


Once we made these shields, we went outside and practised real Roman formations. We learnt all about the formations called the Testudo (the tortoise formation) and the Orbis (the circle formation). We also learnt about what Roman legionaries wore to defend themselves in battle!



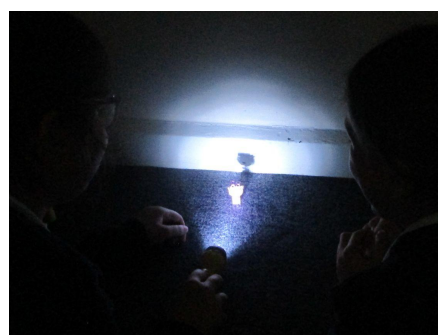
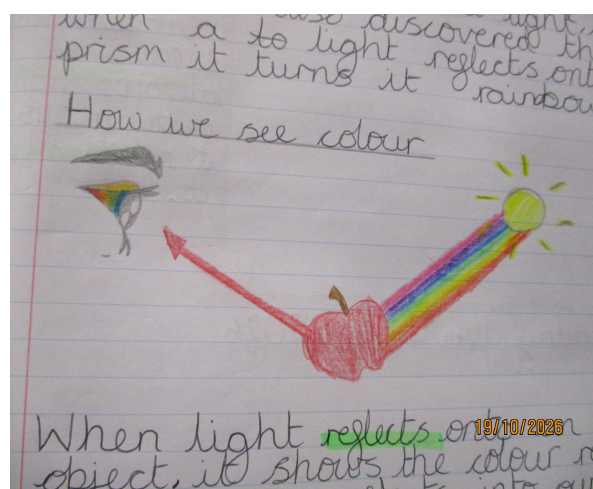
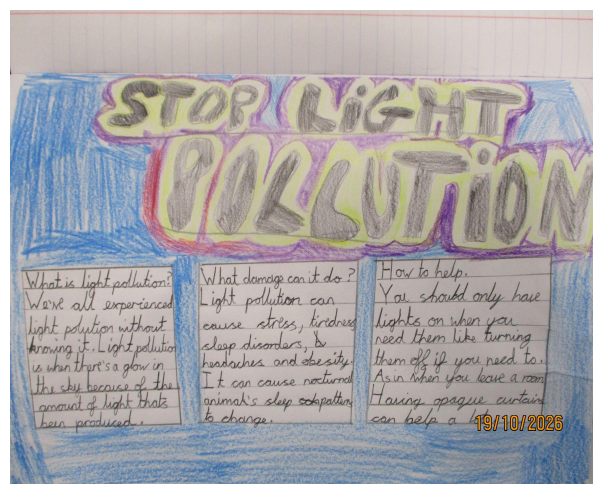
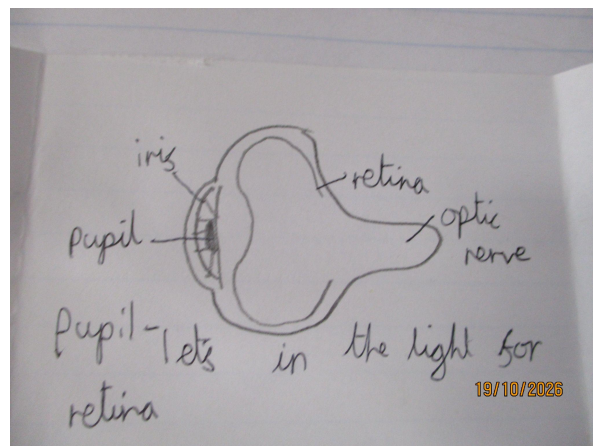
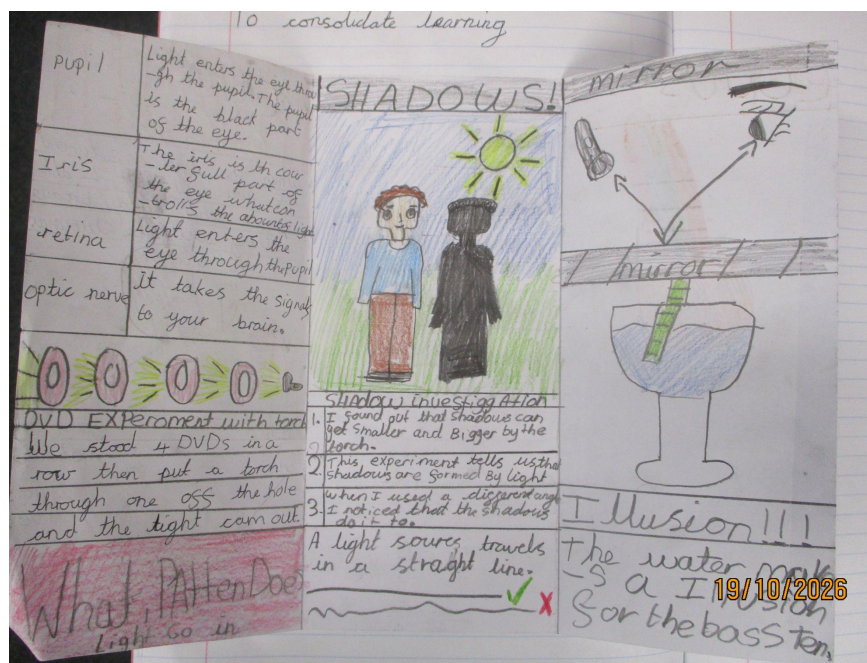
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In Art, we have been focusing on our drawing skills. We have learnt about how to use different graphite pencils and how they can produce different marks. We have also created our own pieces of art in the style of an artist, who created lots of prints of the landscapes along the Norfolk and Suffolk border, John Brunsdon.

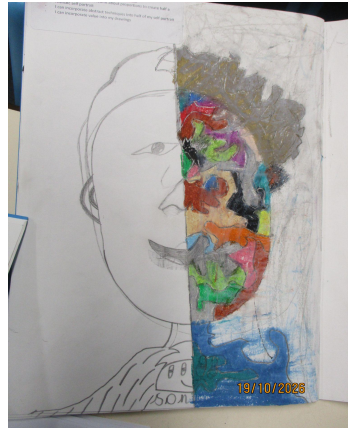
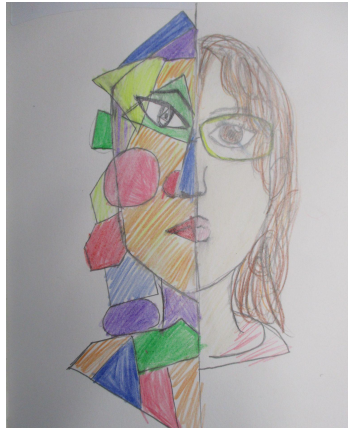
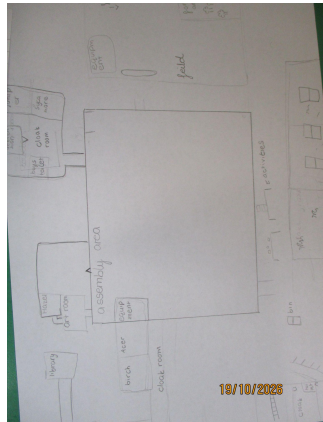


Years 5 & 6

In Science, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about light, including light sources, how we see colour and what the parts of our eye do. Here are some examples of our information leaflets that we designed. We also made periscopes, shadows using lego figures and investigated refraction with glass and water.



Years 5 & 6

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Monday 14th October 2026

The unknown mystery

One Sunday afternoon, I the CCTV footage caught something strange... It was Mrs Cook. The footage showed her searching on the old room and finding a lot of blue glitter. Mrs Cook never knew how where the glitter after walking out the door which led to the outside...

Once I saw all of that mess, I started to get suspicious and decided to get police. A lot of blue glitter to see where it would lead to.

While I was following the trail, it suddenly disappeared half way. I was really confused but still kept finding it by using the laser camera. After while I noticed a looking for her and said by a huge nothing came come from a wall but I just thought it was the wire but as I got closer, I saw a bunch of glitter spread all around the bush. I was really confused and knew it was the last case to try.

Surprise it was Mrs Cook! I was so much shocked and surprised at the same time!

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Useful Information This Issue

Low cost family activities during October Half Term

[Diss Baptist Church](#) on Denmark Street are holding a free Light Party on Thursday 29th October 2-4pm with craft, activities including face painting and glitter tattoos, iced biscuits, free play with tracks, construction and playdough, trampoline, bouncy castle, games, snacks & drinks, all with a glow in the dark theme. This is free to attend and is suitable for families. School aged children may come unaccompanied but must be booked on through our QR code (see below). Any questions contact Amanda Gingell on 07449078971



Kids go for £1 at Banham Zoo when booked by Sunday 25th October, see <https://www.banhamzoo.co.uk/october-half-term> for details

Fun for all ages at the Pulham Pumpkin Patch with pick your own pumpkins, pumpkin carving and crafts and children's play area. For more details visit <https://www.pulhampatch.co.uk/pumpkin-patch/>

Along with their daily half term activities, Bressingham Steam Museum are hosting a "Night at the Museum" during half term featuring music and fireworks, see below for more details

<https://bressingham.co.uk/bressingham-events/nights-at-the-museum-bonfire-night-special/>

Norwich Book Festival at the Forum - family activities for all ages, see [https://norwichbookfestival.co.uk/whats-on?filters\[0\]=nbf-children](https://norwichbookfestival.co.uk/whats-on?filters[0]=nbf-children) for more details

Diss Primary Academy Partnership NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2027  THE NOURISH MENU 					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Chicken Pie 1 Pesto Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Crushed Potatoes Peas Carrots Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,3,7 Vegetable Chilli Skins VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Garlic Bread 1,3 Seasonal Vegetables Bananas & Chocolate Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Cheese & Potato Pie 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Peas Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Vegetable Shepherds Pie VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Sweetcorn Broccoli Rainbow Pasta 1 Apple Crumble Bar 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Nuggets 1 Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Oaty Biscuit 1,3,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	BBQ Chicken Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice, Carrots Peas Jam Tart 1,3 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Tomato & Broccoli Pasta 1 VG Cheese & Bean Burrito with Wedges 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Seasonal Vegetables Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Cowboy Hotpot 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Crispy Cake 1,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Beef Stew & Dumpling 1,3 Herby Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Herby Bread 1,3 Seasonal Vegetables Beetroot Cake 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Coleslaw 9 Banana Bread 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	Macaroni Cheese 1,3,7 V BBQ Bean Loaded Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Garlic Bread 1,3 Sweetcorn Green Beans Apple Crumble 1,3 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Fajitas 1 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Potato Wedges Carrots Peas Caramel Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Fruit Pots VG	Pork Sausage 1,3,6 Quorn Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Broccoli Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Minced Beef Cobbler 1,3 Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Herby Bread 1,3 Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Sponge Cake 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1,3 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 BBQ Wrap Stack 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas Baked Beans Cucumber sticks Crispy Cookie 1,3,7,16 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
 AVAILABLE DAILY 1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.					

Term dates 2026/27

Autumn Term

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2026

(Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 - Monday 4th January 2027)

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2027

(Half Term holiday: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027)

Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March 2027

(Easter holiday Friday 26th March - Monday 12th April 2027)

Summer Term

Tuesday 13th April - Friday 28th May 2027

(Half Term holiday: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027)

Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2027

Websites - Our websites are at this address or link: www.dissjunior.stbenets.org / www.scole.norfolk.sch.uk
feedback will Any be gratefully received.

Each year group has its own page with information about the current learning.