

Olive Dining Primary Menu Creator - Autumn Term 2026/27

**Introduction**  
Dear Colleagues,

We're delighted to share with you the Autumn 26/27 Menu Selector, thoughtfully curated by our talented Olive Dining Development Chefs. As part of our continuous efforts to enhance your experience, we've made a few key updates:

**Menu Submission Deadline:**  
To ensure a smooth process for everyone, we kindly ask that all completed menu selectors be returned to us by the deadline as stated in the email. Please note that, due to planning and procurement timelines, we will not be able to accommodate any changes submitted after this deadline.

**Menu Design & Budget Considerations:**  
Our chefs have worked diligently to create a menu that's not only exciting and nutritious but also features student favourites, all while adhering to school food guidelines. We've made every effort to absorb the impact of rising food inflation, but we now need to be more mindful of budget constraints. As such, the dishes included in the selector have been carefully chosen to stay within your agreed cost parameters. Requests for dishes outside the selection will be subject to an additional charge.

**Clear Cost Transparency:**  
Please note that, as per the previous menu selector, some changes may incur an additional charge. For full transparency, any additional cost per dish per day is clearly indicated at the top of the selector. These charges will be agreed upon with you in writing before the menu is implemented.

**Allergen Information:**  
The allergens on the menu selector are there for guidance only and will be finalised after all menus have been confirmed. For any queries around allergens on menus and feeding children with allergies and intolerances, please contact nutrition@olivedining.co.uk.

**Student-Inspired Menu Updates:**  
In response to valuable feedback from school councils, we're pleased to continue our updated Pasta and Jacket Potato offering. As in the current term, these are alternated throughout the week, with our pasta offer being a selection of favourites.

**Easy Menu Navigation:**  
When you change a main course, the corresponding vegetarian option and side will update automatically for ease. However, you'll still have the flexibility to select an alternative vegetarian option from the drop-down menu. We've also introduced a second Dessert Option to offer even more variety.

We can't wait to see the thoughtful and creative menus you'll create. As always, thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Warm regards,

*Chris*  
Chris Whitter, Director Of Food

**Instructions**  
The only items you need to amend or change are highlighted in GREEN. The remainder of the document is uneditable.

Start by completing your SCHOOL NAME and selecting your Olive Dining OPERATIONS MANAGER in the box next to this. This is a drop down list, rather than a 'free type' option - Hover over the right of the box and a drop down cursor will appear.

Onto the menu itself, your first option is the Main in GREEN. Using the drop down box, make your selection, the allergens will update to the new dish. If you are making changes, please ensure you choose your different Main first and then make changes to the other dishes.

Changing the Main will trigger a change in Vegetarian Option and Vegetable Side Dish

\*\*\* NB - The Vegetarian option can be overridden to something else in the dropdown if you prefer \*\*\*

When you change a dish, the background will change from GREEN to ORANGE, so we can both see any changes from the suggested menu.

Your final choice is on the Pudding in GREEN. Use the drop down option again for each day and make your choice with the allergens changing as you make the required changes.

When you're happy everything is complete - Press the green button below to open a new pre populated email with the choices attached and your Operations Manager on copy.

Cost Of Changes Made Per Child Per Day:	£0.00
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School Name:		Operations Manager:	
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Term Dates - DD/MM/YYYY				
<b>Week 1 - Date 1</b>	<b>Week 1 - Date 2</b>	<b>Week 1 - Date 3</b>	<b>Week 1 - Date 4</b>	<b>Week 1 - Date 5</b>
31/08/2026	21/09/2026	12/10/2026	09/11/2026	30/11/2026
<b>Week 2 - Date 1</b>	<b>Week 2 - Date 2</b>	<b>Week 2 - Date 3</b>	<b>Week 2 - Date 4</b>	<b>Week 2 - Date 5</b>
07/09/2026	28/09/2026	19/10/2026	16/11/2026	07/12/2026
<b>Week 3 - Date 1</b>	<b>Week 3 - Date 2</b>	<b>Week 3 - Date 3</b>	<b>Week 3 - Date 4</b>	<b>Week 3 - Date 5</b>
14/09/2026	05/10/2026	02/11/2026	23/11/2026	14/12/2026

**Allergen Key**  
CE - Celery / CR - Crustacean / E - Eggs / F - Fish / G - Gluten / L - Lupin / MK - Milk / MO - Molluscs / MU - Mustard / N - Nuts / P - Peanuts  
SE - Sesame Seeds / SO - Soya / SU - Sulphur Dioxide / \* - May Contain

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Smokey BBQ Chicken	Super Swirl Beefy Pasta	Roast Chicken with Gravy	BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza	Captain's Crispy Fish Fingers of Salmon Fishcake & Chips
		(G/W)		(MK, G/W)	(F, G/W)
<b>Veggie</b>	Smokey BBQ Pulled Jackfruit	Super Swirl Veggie Pasta	Cheesy Veggie Hot Pot with Gravy	Cheesy Tomato Pizza	Cheesy Mexican Veggie Burrito & Chips
		(G/W)	(MK, G/W)	(MK, G/W)	(MK, G/W)
<b>Sides</b>	Steamed Rice with Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Carrots & Broccoli	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Baked Beans or Peas
<b>Pasta</b>	Italian Tomato Twirl Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Mac & Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta
	(CE, MK, G/W)	(E, F, MK)	(MK, G/W)	(E, F, MK)	(CE, G/W)
<b>Pud</b>	Banana Bonanza Sponge & Creamy Custard	Golden Pear Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Chocolate Mousse	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce
	(E, MK, SO*, G/W)	(MK, G/B*, O, W)	(G/W)	(MK, SO*)	(E, MK, SO*, G/W)
<b>Daily Cold Selection</b>	Homemade Bread, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit				

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main</b>	Beef Ragù Topped Mac & Cheese	Mild Chicken Tikka Masala	Lightly Spiced Chicken	Homemade Beefy Lasagne	Pepperoni Pizza
	(MK, G/W)	(MK, G/B*, O*, R*, W*)		(E*, MK, G/B*, W)	(CE*, E*, MK, MU*, SO*, G/W)
<b>Veggie</b>	Roasted Butternut Squash Topped Mac & Cheese	Mild Vegetable Tikka Masala	Lightly Spiced 'Plant Based' Chicken	Homemade Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne	Margherita Pizza
	(MK, G/W)	(MK, G/B*, O*, R*, W*)		(E*, MK, G/W)	(MK, G/W)
<b>Sides</b>	Peas & Sweetcorn	Steamed Rice with Carrots & Green Beans	Paprika Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Homemade Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
<b>Pasta</b>	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Italian Tomato Twirl Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
	(E, F, MK)	(CE, MK, G/W)	(E, F, MK)	(CE, G/W)	(E, F, MK)



<b>Pud</b>	Apple Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Jam Sponge with Custard	Cool School Ice Cream
	(E, MK, G/W)	(G/W)	(MK, G/W)	(E, MK, SO*, G/W)	(MK)
<b>Daily Cold Selection</b>	Homemade Bread, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit				
<b>Week 3</b>					
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main</b>	Sticky Chicken Pasta Bake	Cowboy Beef Chilli	Roast Chicken with Gravy	Jerk Chicken Curry	Crispy Catch Fish & Chips
	(CE, G/W)	(CE)		(CE)	
<b>Veggie</b>	Sticky Veggie Pasta Surprise	Tex Mex Mild Veggie Chilli	Roast Jerk Quorn Fillet	Jerk Vegetable Curry	Cheesy Pizza & Chips
	(CE, G/W)	(CE)	(G/W)	(CE, G/B*, O*, R*, W*)	(MK, G/W)
<b>Sides</b>	Broccoli	Steamed Rice & Broccoli	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Rice & Peas	Baked Beans or Peas
				(CE)	
<b>Pasta</b>	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Mac & Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Italian Tomato Twirl Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
	(E, F, MK)	(MK, G/W)	(E, F, MK)		(E, F, MK)
<b>Pud</b>	Winter Berry Cake	Syrup Sponge with Custard	Oaty Crunch Cookie	Mixed Berry Crumble with Custard	West Indian Fruit Cake
	(E, MK, SO*, G/W)	(E, MK, SO*, G/W)	(MK*, G/B*, O, W)	(MK, G/W)	(E, MK*, G/W)
<b>Daily Cold Selection</b>	Homemade Bread, Salad Bar & Fresh Fruit				

