# 3rd November 2023





# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

FOWS Film Night & Non-Uniform Day – 10th November Reception 2024 Open Days – 13th & 14th November Parents Evening – 15th & 16th November Reception Nativity – 6th & 7th December Whole School Elf Run – 8th December Year 1 Nativity – 13th December FOWS Christmas Festive Evening – 13th December Year 2 Christmas Production – 14th December KS2 Carols – 20th December

# Lunch Menu for November & December

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 30.10.2023, 13.11.2023, 27.11.2023, 11.12.2023.	Main Choice	Sausage Roll & Mash Served with Vegetables	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake Served with Garlic Bread	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Wedges	Beef Burger & Chips Served with Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Sausage Roll & Mash Served with Vegetables	Tomato Pasta Bake Served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Dippers Served with Wedges	Veggie Burger & Chips Served with Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Tuna	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Beans	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Chicken
	Dessert	Cake or Fresh Fruit	Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Apple Crumble & Custard or Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Cake or Fresh Fruit
Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 06.11.2023, 20.11.2023,	Main Choice	Chicken Burger & Wedges Served with Vegetables	Mac & Cheese Served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey Served with Mash & Gravy	Cottage Pie Served with Vegetables	Fish & Chips Served with Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers & Wedges Served with Vegetables	Tomato Soup Served with a Bread Roll	Vegan Sausages Served with Mash & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie Served with Vegetables	Vegan Dippers & Chips Served with Vegetables
04.12.2023, 18.12.2023.	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
18.12.2023.	Sandwich	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Chicken	Cheese
	Dessert	Shortbread or Fresh Fruit	Jelly or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit	Marble Cake or Fresh Fruit	Oatie Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Muffins or Fresh Fruit

### Poppy Appeal

To support this year's Poppy Appeal, we will be selling Poppies and Poppy themed accessories to the children at breaktime.

The prices vary from 50p to £1. There are only a limited number of accessories available and these will be on sale from Monday.

#### **Class News**

#### Penguins and Puffins

A great first week back. The children have settled really quickly and we have had lots of fun! In Maths we have continued with deepening our understanding of numbers to 5 by subtilising auditory patterns and making patterns of 4. In Literacy, we have been reading a new story called Star in a Jar! We have talked about what is special to us and predicted where the star might have come from. We have also been labelling treasures using CVC words. A super start back with our Phonics sessions. The children have started in their new groups. Please keep up the hard work with practising your sounds at home and remember to read every night please. Our new topic is Let's Explore! We will be learning about the local area and beyond. We might even make it to Space! 😭 This week we have also learned about Bonfire night as one of our key celebrations & have learned about the job of the fire service. 💭 we hope to have a visit from the fire service in the coming weeks.

Well done everybody- keep up the great work! 💥

#### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

The children have had a fantastic first week back after half term and they have all worked extremely hard.

On Tuesday we had a spooky afternoon for Halloween. We made Halloween crafts and designed our own monsters and pumpkins on purple mash.

In literacy we have started to immerse ourselves into our new text. Both Woodpeckers and Goldfinches received a mysterious parcel on Tuesday which had clues in about the story. The children had to make predictions and explore new vocabulary using role play.

In maths the children have been working really hard writing number sentences to match a part whole model. We have also looked at what numbers can be doubled and we have made our own doubles using cubes.

In geography the children enjoyed exploring google earth to see where abouts in the world we are. We looked at an aerial photograph of Wheelock and labelled the different features that we could see.

In music the children learnt a call and response song about fireworks. They were split into two groups and we performed the song together.

#### **Owls and Robins**

It has been lovely to have year 2 back this week after a busy and exciting half term. This week the children have been introduced to their new text 'The Night Gardener'. The story has some beautiful illustrations and the children have loved discussing the clues in the pictures and making predictions

about the characters. We have continued to develop our descriptive language by writing a short simile poem about the setting of the story.

In math, we have dug deeper into addition, exploring using tens frames to use partitioning when adding and introducing number lines.

Art this week has been all about creating characters! They have built on their work last term on drawing emotion and have created their character ready to put into their own story next week!

We have begun our new PHSE topic and started to talk about the differences and similarities between boys and girls and the stereotypes some people fall into when talking about boys and girls.

#### Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have been starting lots of new exciting topics. We have begun learning about forces and magnets in Science and have practised physical pushes and pulls in the classrooms.

We have begun our new exciting Geography topic, learning about parts of the planet and journeys to far flung places! Within whole class reading we have swapped books and are learning amongst other things about the Human Body in a fabulous non-fiction text.

For Literacy, we have thoroughly enjoyed reading our fantastic new focus text - Leaf by Sandra Dieckman - all about the plight of a lost and lonely Polar Bear, who wants to go home.

We have begun or new Design and Technology topic, where we will design a machine that will help us recycle. On top of all of this, we have been introducing our super, new spellings practice books from Oxford Owl and writing words in our spelling logs to take home and practice.

Overall, we have had a great week of learning and are keenly all looking forward to the rest of the term. A great start, well done Waterbirds!

#### Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

What a busy, and wet, first week back.

During literacy, the children have immersed themselves in our new text - FArTHER. The children have made predictions and explored new vocabulary such as omen, agitated and shard.

In maths, year 5 have focussed on multiplication and division, whilst year 6 have started their fractions unit. The children must be secure using times table facts- regular TTRS practise will really help.

The children have loved their art afternoons this week. They have created self-portraits and used words for their face outlines. They have then explored separating their faces to create new, distorted faces. There was much laughter this week.

All three classes have enjoyed completely their fiction books in WCR. They have completed immersed themselves in the stories and loved reading them all.

A fab first week- enjoy your weekend.

#### Praise

#### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Kaelyn	For working hard in Maths and representing 4 in different ways! Well done, Kaelyn!
Penguins	Samuel	For showing great listening and working cooperatively with his friends! Well done, Sam!
Puffins	All the Class	For returning to school with such enthusiasm. Well done Puffins!
Goldfinches	Ronald	For showing lots of enthusiasm and sharing lots of information about our aerial photographs.
Goldfinches	Ada	For taking care with the presentation of her writing - keeping all her letters sitting on the line.
Woodpeckers	Felix	For always being engaged and ready to learn
Woodpeckers	Piper	For settling into Woodpeckers and having a fantastic first week.
Owls	Aria	For her interesting creative art character.
Owls	Jenson	For his lovely contributions to literacy discussion.
Robins	Jenson	For fantastic work in Maths this week.
Robins	Eric	For being a kind and respectful member of Robins.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Charlie	For showing responsibility in class by
Swans	chanic	making good choices within learning time.
Swans	Fearn	For showing an aspiring resilience within lessons where she keeps trying particularly with Maths and Spelling.
Sandpipers	Chloe	For always following the Wheelock behaviours – a role model to others!
Sandpipers	Juan	For his brilliant contributions to class discussions.
Kingfishers	Ethan	For being amazing in Maths, always engaged and producing great work.
Kingfishers	Grace	For making great progress in her learning and completing lots of quizzes on accelerated reader.
Kestrels	Finley	For showing excellent creativity and skill when creating distorted portraits. Well done.
Kestrels	Cameron	For always asking such well thought out questions and being an active participant in all lessons. Well done
Hawks	Seb	For an excellent personification poem in Literacy this week.
Hawks	Claudia	For settling in really well to Wheelock since joining us before half-term. Well done!
Eagles	Ethan	For excellent Maths work finding multiples and factors.
Eagles	James	For always being an excellent friend to people in class.
The Hive	Leo	For sharing his creative Lego ideas with others.
The Hive	Luis	For being a kind and helpful member of the Hive team.

#### The Hive

The seasons are defiantly changing, the children have been settling into the change of routines with the dark and wet nights.

It has been lovely to see the arrival of the slippers, I think the children have enjoyed slipping them on at the end of a busy day.

This week we have seen Halloween crafts and some inspirational firework pictures.

The Lego and Chess games continue to be popular.

As always, we can be contacted via the school office.

#### FOWS NEWSLETTER

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We hope you had a good week off!

Important news!

10th of November is Movie Night! Use this link to book your tickets. The deadline for tickets is next Tuesday so book now to avoid disappointment.

https://friends-of-wheelock-school.square.site/

Son this day, your children will be invited to come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation towards our Rainbow Raffle! This will be instead of a tombola donation like we usually ask for. They can take their donation straight into their classroom.

& Wednesday 13th of December

Our Christmas Merry Market is undergoing a transformation. After feedback of last year's event we have made some big changes. The event will now become FOWS Festive Evening and we will run crafts and festive food alongside Santa's Grotto.

If you'd like to help us out with this event by volunteering, you would be really welcome. Please email us at fowscontact@gmail.com

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

#### **Community News**

