

Weekly Word - 06/11/2026

This Week at Fishburn



This Week at Fishburn – Welcome Back to Autumn 2! 🍂

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone following the half-term break! We hope you all enjoyed some lovely family time and had the opportunity to relax and recharge.

It has been a fantastic first week back at Fishburn and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, smiling faces and positive attitudes towards their learning.

Across school, the children have settled straight back into their routines and have been working incredibly hard. There has already been some fantastic learning taking place, and we are looking forward to another exciting and successful half term together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with attendance, punctuality and ensuring our children arrive ready to learn each day.

This Week in Class 1

Class 1 have made a wonderful start to Autumn 2! The children have been enjoying the story The Leaf Thief, exploring the changing seasons and developing their understanding of autumn through this lovely story.

In phonics, the children have been working hard to recognise and practise the sounds h, b, f and l, alongside learning the tricky word 'the'. They are continuing to build their confidence with early reading and writing.

In maths, the children have been exploring 2D shapes, learning to recognise and identify different shapes and developing their mathematical vocabulary through practical activities.

It has been lovely to see the children return from half term so enthusiastic and ready to learn!

This Week in Class 2

Class 2 have made a fantastic start to the new half term! In English, the children have been exploring the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk, developing their descriptive writing skills through character descriptions.

In science, the children have been learning about living things, things that are dead and things that have never been alive, developing their understanding of the world around them. In geography, they have enjoyed exploring the school grounds, identifying and discussing different features of our school environment.

In RE, the children have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita, exploring its meaning and importance. They have also been enjoying Rainbow Maths, continuing to build their mathematical confidence and fluency.

This Week in Class 3

Class 3 have returned from half term ready for another exciting period of learning! In English, the children have been developing their non-fiction writing skills, creating fact files inspired by *Where the Wild Things Are*.

In maths, they have been strengthening their understanding of place value through adding 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 across number boundaries, developing their confidence when working with increasingly challenging numbers.

In science, the children have been learning how to classify animals, exploring their characteristics and identifying similarities and differences. They have also enjoyed learning French, alongside developing their coordination, teamwork and sporting skills through gymnastics and basketball in PE.

This Week in Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed a busy and productive start to Autumn 2! In English, the children have been developing their non-chronological report writing skills through their learning about World War One.

In maths, they have been exploring subtraction with exchange, applying formal written methods and building their confidence when solving increasingly challenging calculations.

In geography, the children have been investigating the different layers of the Earth, while science has focused on habitats and the environments in which living things survive.

The children have also enjoyed some practical learning in DT, making toast, and have begun exploring *Where the Poppies Now Grow* during their VIPERS reading sessions. In PE, they have been developing their skills through gymnastics and basketball.

This Week in Class 5

Class 5 have made a positive start to the new half term, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum.

In English, the children have begun developing their narrative writing skills, exploring how to create engaging stories. In maths, they have moved on to fractions, building their understanding of this important area of mathematics.

In geography, the children have been exploring map symbols and how they help us understand and interpret maps. In DT, they have been learning about sustainable resources, considering the importance of making responsible choices about the materials we use.

In RE, the children have been creating their own prayer areas, applying their understanding of religious practices. Their VIPERS reading work has continued through *Anglo-Saxon Boy*, while PE has included swimming and gymnastics.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire – We'd Love to Hear Your Views! 📣

At Fishburn, we are always looking for ways to make our school the very best it can be for our children and families.

We would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our Parent and Carer Questionnaire.

Your feedback is incredibly important to us. It helps us celebrate what is going well, recognise the things our families value and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

We want every parent and carer to feel that their voice is heard, and every response will help us as we continue to develop our school.

Please complete the questionnaire using the link below:

Complete our Parent and Carer Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for your continued support. It really does make a difference!

Have a Wonderful Weekend!

Kind regards,

Mr Parkin





Fishburn Early Birds Free Breakfast Club

BREAKFAST WITH A BUDDY
Time to catch up with a friend, listening to music or doing light exercise

BREAKFAST WITH A BOOK
Story time, reading book, mindful colouring

BREAKFAST WITH A BOARD GAME
Play your favorite game or with building blocks

BREAKFAST WITH BRAIN TEASERS
Riddles and simple math puzzles

BREAKFAST WITH HOMEWORK SUPPORT
Activities are facilitated by staff who ensure every child feels safe, included and supported.

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

30 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY

RANGE OF HEALTHY BREAKFASTS ON OFFER

CLUB START TIME IS 8.10 AM - 8.40 AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

Our children get a soft start to the day with the chance to play, learn and socialise with their friends before school.

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Attendance Update



OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IS 96 %.

We are currently on 94.6 %

🎲 **Fishburn Attendance-opoly Update!** 🎉

Class 5 have claimed victory in this week's **Attendance Award with 97.4 %.**

Monitoring of Nursery Attendance

In line with Government guidelines we now need to closely monitor the attendance of all our nursery children. Our nursery children are included on our automated email notification system which goes out on a weekly basis. This is for information only and is to simply make you aware of your child's current attendance levels.

We appreciate that our nursery children are of non statutory school age but their attendance and punctuality does need to be monitored carefully and in line with the rest of the school. As always if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are here to support you. If your child is absent from school without a reason being provided, our office staff will contact parents / carers to ascertain the reasons for any absences.

Please note, if your child is absent without a reason being provided, school staff and/or the local authority attendance team will carry out a welfare visit to the home address or request that the police carry out a welfare visit.

School doors open as follows:

Nursery AM = 8:40 am - 8.50 am

Nursery PM = 12.25 pm - 12.30 pm

Reception = 8.40 am - 8.50 am

KS1 = 8.40 am - 8.50 am

KS2 = 8.40 am - 8.50 am

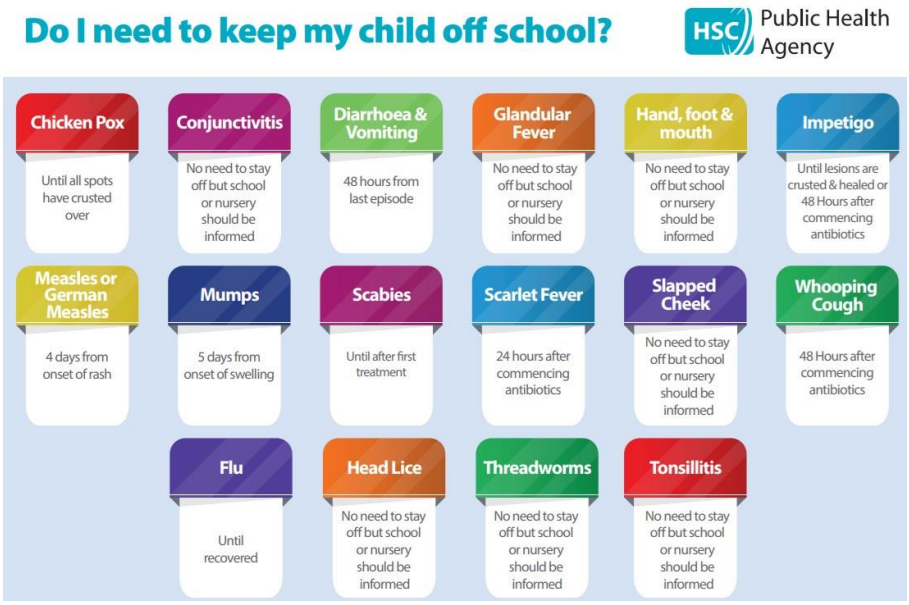
Please try and get your child into school on time to make sure that they get their full education entitlement and have a settled start to the day.

Please note, if your child arrives more than 30 minutes late they will be marked in as 'arrived after registration has closed'. This goes down as an unauthorised absence and will affect attendance (this is a legal requirement for all schools).

Attendance Absence Reporting: if your child is absent from school can you please ring or email the school office before 9.00 am to report your child's absence. If you do leave a message on our school answerphone out of school hours Mrs Leddy may ring you back to discuss your child's absence with you in further detail.

Class Name	Weekly Percentage
Class 5	97.4%
Class 2	97.2%
Class 4	96.2%
Class 1	95.3%
Class 3	95.3%
Nursery	91.6%

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Community Hub

We are pleased to let you know that our **Uniform Bank** is now up and running in school.

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform items available, completely free of charge, for families to come and collect. If you require any support with school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office — we are always happy to help.

Thank you for working with us to ensure every child feels comfortable, confident and ready to learn.

Nursery Places available - Childcare for Children aged 3 & 4



Please find below the latest information on childcare for children aged three and four.

* 15 hours free education and childcare for all 3 and 4-year olds (universal entitlement)

* 30 hours free education and childcare for eligible 3 and 4-year olds (working parents)

15 hours free childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds (universal entitlement)

This scheme is universal and open to all 3 and 4-year olds.

There are no earnings or work requirements and you don't need to be claiming any benefits to get the free childcare.

30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4-year olds (working parents)

If you are working you may be entitled to free childcare.

The amount of free childcare you can get depends on the age of your child. If your child is 3 to 4 you can get 30 hours of free childcare. To be eligible for 30 hours free childcare you and your partner must each expect to earn (on average) the equivalent of working 16 hours a week at your national minimum wage.

To receive 30 hours free childcare, you will need to apply online through gov.uk. After registering for an account, you will get a code that you can take to your childcare provider. You need to apply before the term starts or you will have wait until the beginning of the next term.

For further information on our nursery provision, please contact the school office.

Rag Bag - Help raise funds for free!



The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

Will you be having a clear out of old clothing, shoes, handbags and belts, if so you can help us raise some funds for our school. We have a metal outdoor bank box which is adjacent to the main school office, any items of clothing, shoes, handbags and belts can be placed into this box, once the box is full it is emptied and the school will receive a monetary payment.

Key Dates

Friday 13th November 2026 - Children in Need

Wednesday 18th November 2026 - School Photos

Friday 4th December 2026 - Teacher Training Day

Friday 11th December 2026 - Crafts and Carols

Tuesday 15th December 2026 - School Christmas Panto

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December 2026 - School Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December 2026 - Break up from School

Remembrance Day - RBL Poppy Appeal



We have some items available in school for children / yourselves to purchase in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Poppy items available to purchase:-

Poppy - suggested donation of 20p

Poppy reflectors / zip pulls - suggested donation of 50p

Poppy wrist bands - suggested donation of 50p

Poppy Snap bands - suggested donation of £1.50

Items can be purchased from the school office. Thank you in advance and for your continued support.

Children In Need - Friday 13th November 2026

We will be celebrating Children in Need in school on Friday 13th November 2026. On this day we will be holding a non-uniform day where children can come into school in either their pyjamas or wearing something spotty.

Rather than children bringing in a donation to school, any donations for Children in Need can be made using the link below, thank you:-

https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/fishburn-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC&utm_ref=UBS

School Photographer - Wednesday 18th November 2026

Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18th November 2026.

As in previous years for any families who wish to have a pre-school sibling photo, families can attend between 8.00 am - 8.45 am. Families who also have siblings in school can attend between 8.00 am - 8.45 am too. Photos will be taken in the School Hall and access will be via the KS1 yard.

During school hours we will arrange for siblings (who have not had their photos taken between 8.00 am - 8.45 am) to have their photos taken together and then we will arrange for all children to have individual photos.

Breakfast Club on this morning will take place in the room next to our After School Club and access will be via the KS1 main doors.

Please note, there will be no swimming lesson for our Class 5 on this day.

School Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December 2026



School Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 16th December 2026.

If your child normally has a school dinner then a Christmas dinner will automatically be provided for them with no further action needed on your part.If your child normally has a packed lunch and they would like a School Christmas dinner, then you must complete the following link and make payment on Arbor (under the heading of Accounts and Meals).

School Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December 2026 – Fill in form

Children in nursery are welcome to stay for a Christmas Dinner, the cost of a nursery Christmas Dinner will be £2.81.The deadline for ordering a School Christmas dinner is 5.00 pm on Friday 27th November 2026.

Requests after this date cannot be accommodated.

Ps. if you are unable to click onto the above link, you may need to copy and paste the link into your browser.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

PE at Fishburn



PE Timetable (from September 2026)

Monday - Class 2

Tuesday - Class 3, Class 4

Wednesday - Nursery, Class 1

Friday - Nursery, Class 1, Class2, Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5.

Class 5 - Swimming on a Wednesday

We ask that all children come to school in their full school uniform every day. On PE days, children should bring their PE kit in a named bag, and they will get changed in school.

Our PE Kit

- White round-neck t-shirt (no vest tops)
- Plain blue or black shorts
- Black tracksuit bottoms for colder weather
- Trainers or plimsolls

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are fully equipped and ready for PE each week.

Wraparound Care - bookings must be made via Arbor



Afterschool Care Club:

Our Afterschool Care Club is also available to all years from Reception to Year 6. The club runs Monday – Friday from 3:15 pm until 5:30 pm. The cost is £6.00 from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm and £7.00 from 3:15 pm until 5:30 pm per day.

If you wish for your child to attend our Afterschool Care Club, **you MUST pre-book them onto the relevant After School Care Club session using Arbor**, at the time of making the booking(s) you will be required to pay for the session(s) upfront. **Your child /children will not be allowed to attend the After School Care Club without being booked onto the session via Arbor.** Bookings can be made up until 2.00 pm on the day.

Children who attend our Afterschool Care Club need to be collected by a nominated adult from the KS1 yard.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School Meals - Hutchison Catering

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Our school meals are provided by Hutchison Catering. The price of a school meal is £2.81 per day (ie. £14.05 per week). If you wish for your child to have a school meal and they are

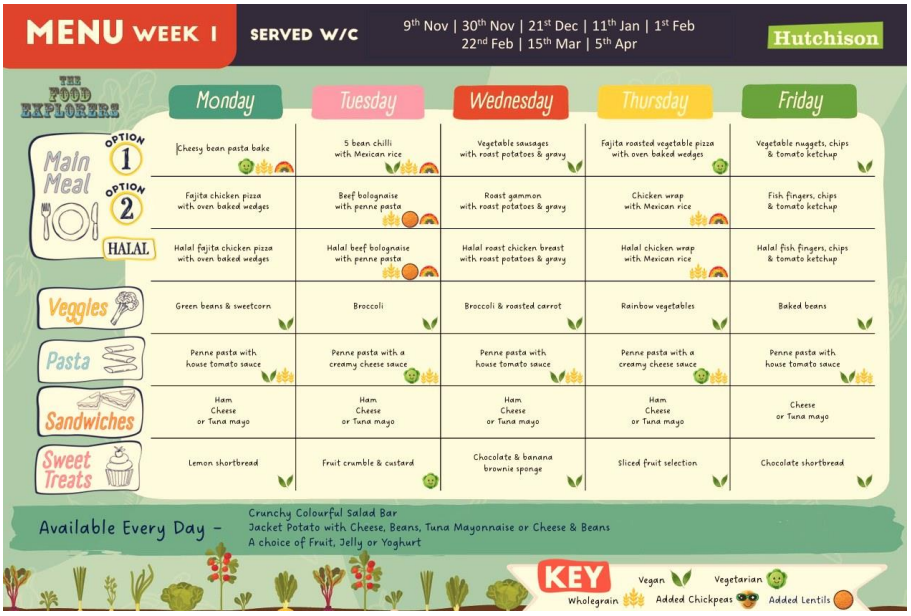
not entitled to free school meals, you will need to pay for your child's dinners **one week in advance at all times**, via Arbor.

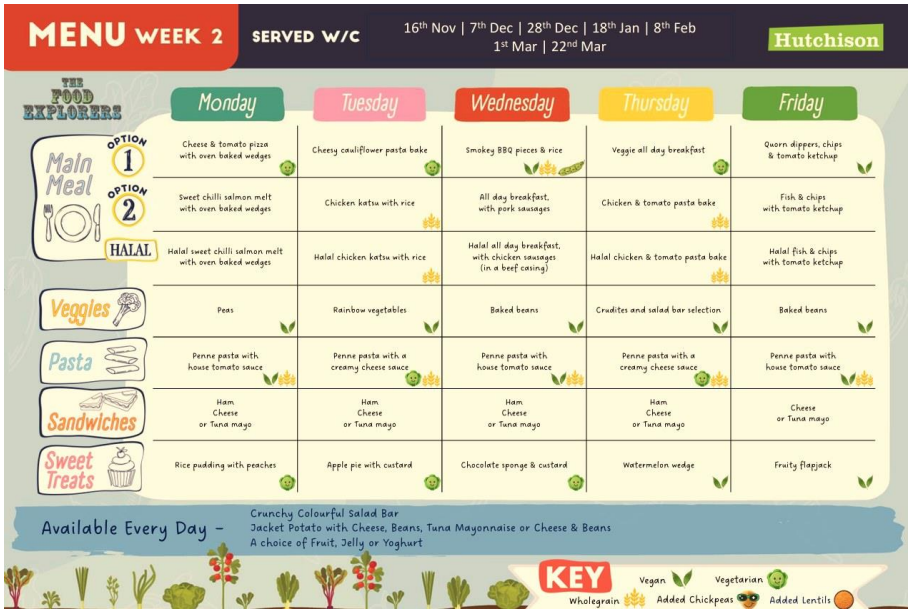
Can parents / carers who pay for school meals please ensure that your Abor account is always in credit as meals need to be paid for in advance, thank you.

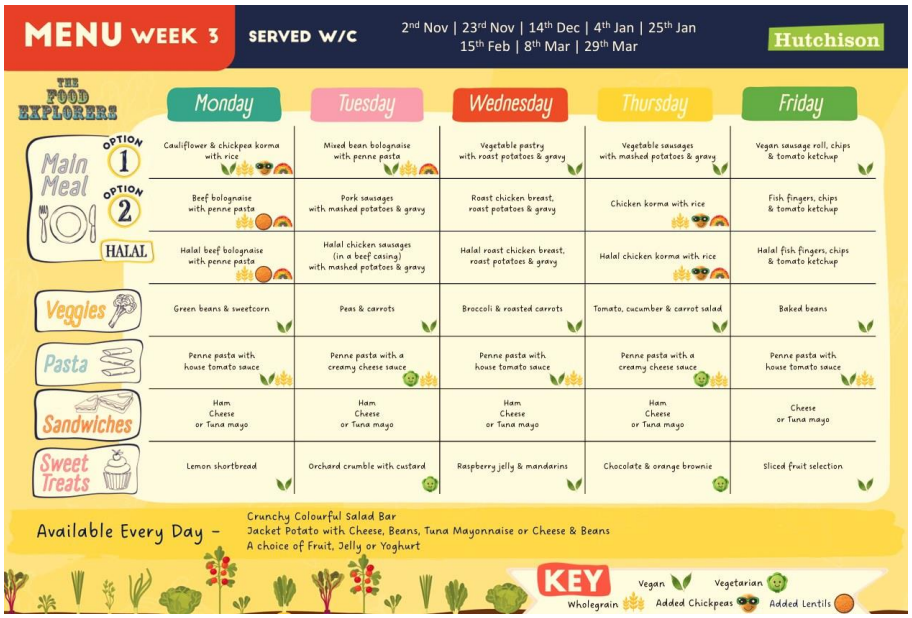
If you do not pay in time and you accrue arrears of more than one week's worth of meals, your child will not be able to have a school meal and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Reminder: If your child wishes to **change** their **meal pattern** from school meal to a packed lunch or vice versa **you must** inform the school office, who require at least one weeks' notice for the change to be made.

FROM MONDAY (02.11.2026) WE WILL BE ON WEEK 3 OF OUR NEW MEAL MENU. Our latest meal menus are below.




MENU WEEK 2
SERVED W/C
16th Nov | 7th Dec | 28th Dec | 18th Jan | 8th Feb
1st Mar | 22nd Mar
Hutchison
THE FOOD EXPLORERS
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Main Meal
OPTION 1
OPTION 2
HALAL
Cheese & tomato pizza with oven baked wedges
Cheesy cauliflower pasta bake
Smokey BBQ pieces & rice
Veggie all day breakfast
Quorn dippers, chips & tomato ketchup
Sweet chilli salmon melt with oven baked wedges
Chicken katsu with rice
All day breakfast, with pork sausages
Chicken & tomato pasta bake
Fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Halal sweet chilli salmon melt with oven baked wedges
Halal chicken katsu with rice
Halal all day breakfast, with chicken sausages (in a beef casing)
Halal chicken & tomato pasta bake
Halal fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Veggies
Peas
Rainbow vegetables
Baked beans
Crudites and salad bar selection
Baked beans
Pasta
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Sandwiches
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Cheese or Tuna mayo
Sweet Treats
Rice pudding with peaches
Apple pie with custard
Chocolate sponge & custard
Watermelon wedge
Fruity flapjack
Available Every Day –
Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese & Beans
A choice of Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt
KEY
Vegan
Vegetarian
Wholegrain
Added Chickpeas
Added Lentils


MENU WEEK 3
SERVED W/C
2nd Nov | 23rd Nov | 14th Dec | 4th Jan | 25th Jan
15th Feb | 8th Mar | 29th Mar
Hutchison
THE FOOD EXPLORERS
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Main Meal
OPTION 1
OPTION 2
HALAL
Cauliflower & chickpea korma with rice
Mixed bean bolognaise with penne pasta
Vegetable pastry with roast potatoes & gravy
Vegetable sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy
Vegan sausage roll, chips & tomato ketchup
Beef bolognaise with penne pasta
Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy
Roast chicken breast, roast potatoes & gravy
Chicken korma with rice
Fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup
Halal beef bolognaise with penne pasta
Halal chicken sausages (in a beef casing) with mashed potatoes & gravy
Halal roast chicken breast, roast potatoes & gravy
Halal chicken korma with rice
Halal fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup
Veggies
Green beans & sweetcorn
Peas & carrots
Broccoli & roasted carrots
Tomato, cucumber & carrot salad
Baked beans
Pasta
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce
Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Sandwiches
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo
Cheese or Tuna mayo
Sweet Treats
Lemon shortbread
Orchard crumble with custard
Raspberry jelly & mandarins
Chocolate & orange brownie
Sliced fruit selection
Available Every Day –
Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese & Beans
A choice of Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt
KEY
Vegan
Vegetarian
Wholegrain
Added Chickpeas
Added Lentils

School Uniform



Friendly Reminder

A polite reminder that children are expected to wear full school uniform every day. Our uniform helps to promote a sense of pride, belonging and high standards across the school.

PE kits should be brought into school on your child's allocated PE day. Children will change into their PE kit in school rather than arriving wearing it.

Please see uniform section below for expectations.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high expectations.

Uniform Policy

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy.

We believe that wearing a uniform helps children to feel part of something important and creates a sense of belonging. From September, members of the Senior Leadership Team will be monitoring uniform daily and will be contacting parents where children are not in the correct attire.

Please note that there is **no expectation** for your child's uniform to have the school badge embroidered. We also have a **Uniform Bank** in school, which has plenty of good-quality uniform items available, including shoes. Please make use of this if needed.

Our School Uniform

- Grey or black skirts

- Grey or black trousers or shorts (no joggers or tracksuits)
- White polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Year 6 students may wear a white shirt and tie
- Blue gingham dresses may be worn in the summer
- Flat black shoes or plain black trainers (no inappropriate styles or heels)

PE Kit

- White round-neck t-shirt (no vest tops)
- Plain blue or black shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Black tracksuit bottoms may be worn in colder weather

Thank you for your support in helping all children come to school smart, proud, and ready to learn.

Our School Uniform - please note there is no expectation at all that your child's school uniform needs to include the school logo on it.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

EXAMPLES– **please note there is no expectation at all that your child's school uniform needs to include the school logo on it.**

 Royal Blue Round Neck Jumper	 Royal Blue Cardigan
 Royal Blue V Neck Jumper	 White Polo Neck T-shirt
 White Shirt for Year 6 children (Long or short sleeves)	 Grey or Black School Skirt (pleated or non- pleated)



Grey or Black School Trousers (no leggings)



Blue Gingham Dress (during summer months)



Blue or Black PE Shorts



White Round Neck T-shirt for PE

Term Time Dates for 2026 -2027

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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026/2027		
Summer 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Autumn Half Term 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026	Monday 2nd November 2026
Christmas 2026	Friday 18th December 2026	Monday 4th January 2027
Spring Half Term 2027	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
Easter 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 5th April 2027
May Bank Holiday 2027	Friday 30th April 2027	Tuesday 4th May 2027
Summer Half Term 2027	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 14th June 2027
Summer 2027	Friday 16th July 2027	
Teacher Training days 2026 / 2027 - Tuesday 1st September 2026, Friday 4th December 2026, Monday 19th July 2027, Tuesday 20th July 2027, Wednesday 21st July 2027.		

Safeguarding - is everyone's responsibility



At Fishburn we take the safety of our children incredibly seriously.

If you have any concerns at all regarding a child please speak with our Designated Safeguarding Leads who will be happy to advise.

Mr Parkin - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Sinclair - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Key Safeguarding Information and contacts.

Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership (DSCP) - responsible for co-ordinating local agencies, in the 'statutory' and 'non statutory' sectors, with a collective responsibility for ensuring that all agencies working with children in Durham undertake their safeguarding duties and responsibilities.

Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership: 03000 265 770 / dscpsecure@durham.gov.uk

First Contact: 03000 267979 / firstcontact@durham.gov.uk

Safeguarding Referral Form

Https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fdurham-scp.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F07%2FSafeguarding-Referral-

Early Help: EarlyHelpAdvisorSupport@durham.gov.uk ; strongerfamilies@durham.gov.uk

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Sharon Lewis03000 268835
CYPSLADOSECURE@durham.gov.uk

Key Documents

Keeping Children safe In Education 2024 -
Https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2

Working Together To Safeguard Children in Education; Https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2