

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Harvest collection. Our School Council proudly delivered the contributions to Bretton Food Bank and even helped pack parcels. The food bank team were incredibly grateful, and your kindness will make a real difference to families in need.

Year 5 have had a particularly exciting few weeks! Their trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge was a brilliant success. The children created terracotta clay pots inspired by Greek vases and explored the galleries, learning how stories and symbols were used in ancient artefacts. Back at school, they kicked off their new writing unit with persuasive speeches—trying to convince their teachers to give them extra playtime! They used rhetorical questions, emotive language, repetition, and even quotes to make their arguments as convincing as possible.

We've also had some wonderful visits from Woodgreen Animal Shelter. The children loved learning about how to care for animals and how to stay safe around them. Alongside this, our pupils have been exploring how to stay healthy and what makes a balanced diet.

This term, our whole school writing unit was inspired by *Hermelin*, the detective mouse. Children across the school embraced the challenge of becoming sneaky sleuths, solving mysteries and writing creatively with great enthusiasm.

We currently have places available for children throughout the school. If you have children starting in September or know friends or family who are looking for a school place in any year group, please do encourage them to contact the school office—we'd love to welcome them.

A reminder that we have a **two-week half term break**, and school will reopen on **Monday 3rd November**. Have a fantastic half term break and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Buffham  
Head Teacher



## ABSENCE PROCEDURE

Please contact the school on the first day of absence and keep us informed daily via the absence line, the school office or via the Arbor app. If your child is due to have a planned medical appointment, you must notify the school in advance and provide documentary evidence in the form of an official letter or appointment card. Where possible, please make appointments outside of school hours.

## PRIVACY NOTICE

Lime Trust takes the privacy of pupil & parent data very seriously; therefore, we would just like to remind parents that you can view/read our privacy notices on the school website

[privacy-notice-pupils-parents-updated-jan-23-1.pdf](#)  
([limeacademywatergall.org](http://limeacademywatergall.org))

## SCHOOL COLLECTION PROCEDURE

### For repeat collection

- Must be 16 or over, with proof of age
- Must be registered on Arbor as a contact and authority under 'can collect'

### For 'one off' collection

- Contact from a legal guardian must be made to the School Office only

- ID must be shown at the point of collection

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT RELEASE A CHILD IF THE PERSON COLLECTING IS NOT ON THE COLLECTION LIST.**

2025-26 School Calendar						
	School Days			School Closure		
	Bank Holidays			Inset / Staff Training Days		
Month	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
September 2025	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
October	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	22	23	24	25	
November	27	28	29	30	31	Oct Half-term
	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
December	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
January 2026	29	30	31	1	2	Winter Break
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
February	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	Feb Half-term
	23	24	25	26	27	
March	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
April	30	31	1	2	3	Spring Break
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
May	27	28	29	30	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	May Half-term
June	1	2	3	4	5	
	8	9	10	11	12	
	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
July	29	30	1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	Summer Break

## PE DAYS

EYFS – Wednesday & Friday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Thursday & Friday

Year 4 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 5 – Monday & Tuesday

Year 6 – Monday & Friday

**Children should come to school on their PE day wearing a full school PE kit.**

Swimming for Year 4 will start in January and information will be sent out nearer the time.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page for school updates and class activities.

[Facebook-Watergall](#)

If you do not already have access to Class Dojo, please ask your child's teacher about accessing an account

## BREAKFAST CLUB 8AM-8.40AM

Breakfast Club is available to book via Arbor by accessing the Clubs section.

To secure a spot for your child, kindly make sure to book their attendance at least 24 hours in advance.

Please note the School Office cannot book club spaces.

Payment in advance is required before booking can be completed.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3.25PM-5.45PM

Club is available to book via Arbor by accessing the Clubs section. Late collections will incur an additional cost.

To secure a spot for your child, kindly make sure to book their attendance at least 24 hours in advance.

Please note the School Office cannot book clubs.

Payment in advance is required before booking can be completed.

## School Lunches

School lunches are available to order on Arbor at a price of £2.50 per meal (**£2.65 from January 2026**). Please book 7 days in advance or until the end of term to avoid missing out on a school meal. PLEASE NOTE SOME MEALS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM 3.11.25.

**Please ensure your child's dietary requirements are up to date on Arbor.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Cheesy Beef tacos served with Mexican rice and seasonal vegetables	Jerk chicken and gravy served with creamy mash potato and seasonal vegetable	Meat feast pizza served with diced potatoes and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	MSC Battered pollock fillet served with chips, seasonal vegetables or baked beans 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo
Vegetarian sausage roll served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables	Cheesy Quorn tacos served with Mexican rice and seasonal vegetables	Pork Sausages served with creamy mash potato and seasonal vegetable	Tomato & mozzarella pizza served with diced potato seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Vegetables and Quorn Chilli quesadilla served with chips, seasonal vegetables or baked beans 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo
Jamaican brown stew served with steamed rice and seasonal vegetables	Gluten free bubble salmon served with pasta and seasonal vegetables	50/50 cheese Slice sandwich served with tortilla chips and salad	Veggie sausage, onion and spinach frittata served with diced potatoes and seasonal vegetables	Baked Potato served with baked beans and cheese or tuna and mayonnaise and seasonal vegetables

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian penne amatriciana served with garlic bread seasonal vegetables	KFC style chicken served with Steamed rice and cucumber slices 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Mixed herbs roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Pepperoni & mozzarella pizza served with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Fish fingers served with chips, seasonal vegetables or baked beans 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo
Creamy chicken less cheesy pasta served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Veggie nuggets served with Steamed rice and cucumber slices 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables	Margherita Pizza served with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Hoisin Chicken-less Noodles with seasonal vegetables
Pork sausage roll served with diced potato and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	50/50 sandwich with tuna and mayonnaise, tortilla chips and salad	Baked Potato with cheese and baked beans or tuna and mayonnaise served with seasonal vegetables	Baked Potato with cheese and baked beans or tuna and mayonnaise served with seasonal vegetables	Chicken Pie served with chips and beans 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mac & Cheese served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Crispy coated chicken breast strips served with steamed rice naan bread and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Traditional roast chicken served with gravy, herbs roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables	Pepperoni & mozzarella pizza served with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	MSC Battered pollock fillet served with chips, seasonal vegetables or baked beans 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo
Tomato and basil wholemeal penne pasta served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Bun less veggie burger served with curly fries and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Baked Potato served with baked beans and cheese or tuna and mayonnaise and steamed vegetables	Margherita Pizza served with potato wedges and seasonal vegetables 10g portion of Ketchup or Mayo	Veggie Penne Bolognese with seasonal vegetables
BBQ Chicken Wrap with diced potatoes and seasonal vegetables	MSC Breaded gluten free salmon fingers served with curly fries and seasonal vegetables	Pesto Beef lasagna served with salad and coleslaw	Baked Potato served with baked beans and cheese or tuna and mayonnaise and steamed vegetables	Pork meatballs in tomato and herbs sauce served with pasta spirals and seasonal vegetables







During assembly Mr George, Executive Chef, asked the children what new lunches they would like to see on the menu and these are what they chose, plus a new option of ketchup or mayo (10g) is available on selected days.

## CAN YOU HELP?

### 🌸 **Help Us Bring Our Sensory Garden to Life!** 🌸

We're building a magical outdoor space where children can explore, play, and connect with nature—and we'd love your help!

We're currently looking for donations of:

-  **Colourful hanging items** to brighten the garden
-  **Solar lights** to create a warm, welcoming glow
-  **Herbs** to awaken the senses
-  **Child-friendly garden decorations** to inspire imagination
-  **Plant pots** to help us grow
-  **Outdoor sensory toys** to encourage playful learning

Every item donated helps us create a space that supports wellbeing, curiosity, and joy.

**Together, we can make something truly special—thank you!**

### **NO NUTS** (including Nutella/Nutoka)

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that we are a Nut Free School. Please ensure all food that is brought into School, including snacks, does NOT contain nuts. We have many children and staff who have severe nut allergies. Please check sunscreen as some ingredients include almond oil.

**Please remember to order your child's school meals 7 days in advance, this includes Reception and FSM children.**

### **UNIFORM**

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled to help lost property find its way back to the correct child.

## WRAPAROUND CARE AVAILABLE

08.00-08.40

15.25-17.45

BOOK VIA ARBOR

**BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB  
AVAILABLE EVERYDAY**

PRICES SHOWN ON OUR WEBSITE & ARBOR

**HOT AND COLD  
BREAKFAST &  
SNACKS PROVIDED**

## MENU

### Wraparound Care Menu

#### Monday

*Breakfast: Baked Beans on Toast,  
Cereal & Fruit*

*Afterschool: Cheese or Ham Sandwich  
with Salad & Tortilla chips*

#### Tuesday

*Breakfast: Scrambled Egg on Toast,  
Cereal & Fruit*

*Afterschool: Cheese Toastie  
with Salad & Tortilla chips*

#### Wednesday

*Breakfast: Baked Beans on Toast,  
Cereal & Fruit*

*Afterschool: Pizza Panini  
with Salad & Tortilla chips*

#### Thursday

*Breakfast: Scrambled Egg on Toast,  
Cereal & Fruit*

*Afterschool: Sausageroll  
with Salad & Tortilla chips*

#### Friday

*Breakfast: Baked Beans on Toast,  
Cereal & Fruit*

*Afterschool: Cheese or Ham & Cheese  
Wrap with Salad & Tortilla chips*

**BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB  
AVAILABLE EVERYDAY**

08.00-08.40

15.25-17.45

Book via Arbor

Gluten & Dairy Free Alternatives Available

## Head Lice

**Half term is the perfect time to check your child's hair for headlice. Please follow the NHS guidelines below.**

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Signs of head lice

Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.

They can be difficult to spot in your hair.

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white and attached to the hair.

Head lice can make your head feel itchy.



The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

### **How to get rid of head lice**

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Check everyone you live with, or have close contact with, and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You do not need to wash your laundry on a hot wash.

### **Wet combing**

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. When you've finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.



## **Medicated lotions and sprays**

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child to use, and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

## **Treatments that are not recommended for head lice**

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

Information:

## **Wet combing video**

The charity [Community Hygiene Concern](#) has a [video about wet combing for head lice](#).

## **You cannot prevent head lice**

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet combing regularly, using a detection comb, to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

***I wanted to reach out to say a heartfelt thank you for your recent support with both our harvest festival and Mental Health awareness day. Your generosity, as always, blew us away and the staff at the food bank could not believe how many items we arrived with!***

***I thought you would like to know how much we raised for each event.***

***The food bank items were weighed and they clocked in at an impressive 170kg. This is enough to feed between 300 and 400 people!***

***For the mental health day, we raised an incredible £250 which will be sent off to Young Minds.***

***I know that the current cost of living crisis means that all of us are having to tighten our wallets more than ever, so the fact that we as a school family have managed to come together and impact such worthy causes makes us feel unbelievably proud as a school and as a community.***

***I do not feel there are enough ways for us to say thank you but I will try one more time!***

***For your time, your consideration and your generosity- a big big THANK YOU. It truly is amazing what we can achieve when we work together.***

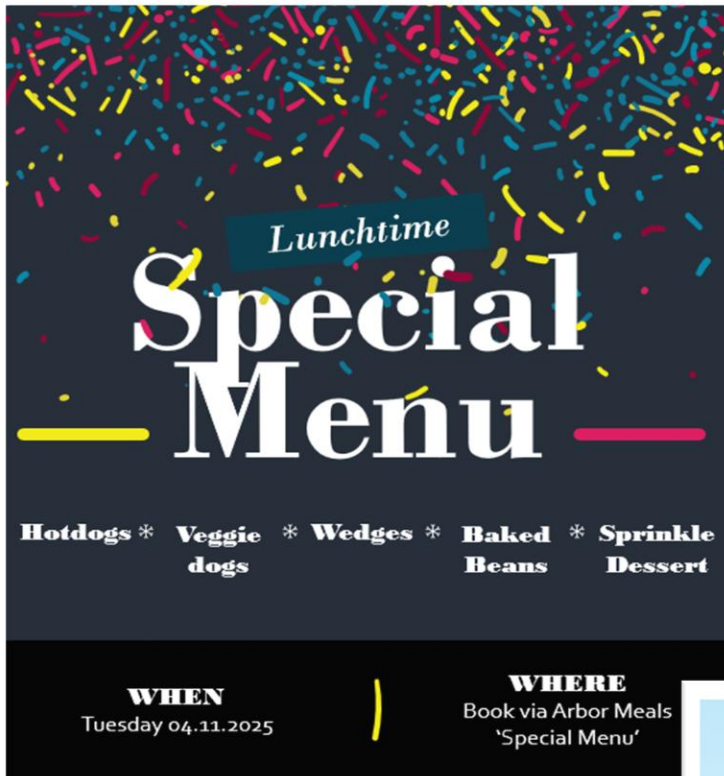
***Please see the newsletter for upcoming events and until then,***

***Have a safe and restful half term break,***

***Mrs Carroll, Miss McKenzie and The School Council***

Date	Schedule of upcoming school events (subject to change)
17.10.25	Last day of term
3.11.25	Back to school
3-7.11.25	Poppy Appeal – Donations for poppies, slap bands, wristbands & buttonholes
4.11.25	<a href="#">KS1 School Council Trip to Peterborough Hospital</a>
5.11.25	<a href="#">Year 6 Peterborough Museum</a>
13.11.25	Individual and Sibling Photos
14.11.25	Children in Need – Wear something SPOTTY, donate and join in with our '25 fun scavenger hunt challenge
20-24.11.25	Book Fair –15.25-16.00 each day
26.11.25	Flu immunisation team visit (15.12.25 catch up visit)
28.11.25	<a href="#">Year 1 Peterborough Cathedral</a>
9.12.25	KS1 Disco – Info to follow
10.12.25	Winter Feast & Christmas Jumper Day
10.12.25	KS2 Disco – Info to follow
17.12.25	Winter Fayre – Info to follow
15.1.26	*Special Menu*
16.1.26	<a href="#">Year 3 Peterborough Museum</a>
13.2.26	<b>TRIP PAYMENT DEADLINE</b>
24.2.26	<a href="#">Year 5 Wonder Dome</a>
5.3.26	<a href="#">EYFS Sacrewell Farm</a>
12&13.3.26	Mother's Day Breakfast
23.4.26	<a href="#">Year 5 Nene Park</a>
1.5.26	<a href="#">Year 3 Burghley House</a>
1.5.26	<a href="#">Year 4 Fitzwilliam Museum</a>
15.5.26	<a href="#">Year 6 Bowling</a>
21.5.26	<a href="#">EYFS Little City Experience Day</a>
10.6.26	<a href="#">Year 2 Stanwick Lakes</a>
17or24.6.25	<a href="#">Year 6 Ferry Meadows</a>
18&19.6.26	Father's Day Breakfast
25.6.26	<a href="#">Year 1 Hamerton Zoo</a>

All class trip information will be available on Arbor by the end of half term.



**Lunchtime**  
**Special Menu**

**Hotdogs \* Veggie dogs \* Wedges \* Baked Beans \* Sprinkle Dessert**

**WHEN**  
Tuesday 04.11.2025

**WHERE**  
Book via Arbor Meals 'Special Menu'

Please note this is instead of the normal menu.



**WINTER FEAST**

10<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Please book via Arbor Special Menu

**OPTION 1**

- Traditional Roast Turkey
- Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Roast Potatoes
- Peas & Carrots
- Brussel Sprouts
- Yorkshire Pudding

**OPTION 2**

- Puff Pastry Vegetable Parcel
- Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Roast Potatoes
- Peas & Carrots
- Brussel Sprouts
- Yorkshire Pudding

**DESSERT**  
A selection of festive desserts will be available to choose from on the day.

**JUMPER DAY**  
Wear a jumper full of glee—be it snowflakes, stars, or a Christmas tree!  
A winter wonderland or festive delight, you'll bring the magic and feel just right!

## TRIPS

Class trip details are available on Arbor under the 'Trips' section. All trips have now been added, and to help manage the cost, payments can be spread over the next five months.

## WATER ONLY

Please ensure your child brings plain water to school. Squash and flavoured drinks are not allowed as part of our commitment to encouraging healthy hydration.

## SAFEGUARDING

Please see our Designated Safeguarding Leads within school—  
Chloe McKenzie (Family Support Worker) DSL  
Andy Buffham (Headteacher) DDSL  
Laure McWilliam-Richardson (Assistant Headteacher/SENCo) DDSL  
Previn Walrond (School Business Manager) DDSL  
Liz Rose (Teacher) DDSL  
Kellie English (HLTA) DDSL  
Please contact a member of the safeguarding team for support or to report any safeguarding concerns.

# *Friendly Reminders*

## **We are a NUT FREE school**

Please check all items sent into school are nut free and have no traces of nuts.

## **Do not send sweets or cakes for birthdays or special occasions**

This is due to dietary allergies and intolerances.

## **The school car park is for staff only**

Please use the public car park just outside the school entrance.

## **Mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted in school**

Only children that have walking home consent can bring a phone and this needs to be given straight to the teacher on arrival.

## **Toys and fidgets from home**

We kindly ask that toys and fidget items be kept at home. Unfortunately, the school cannot take responsibility for any personal items that are lost or misplaced.