



# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 7th July 2023



**WELCOME**  
TO  
OUR CLASS

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

## Dear Parents and Carers

The children started their week with our official changeover day – an opportunity to spend a whole day of learning in their new class and with their new teacher. The day started with a whole school assembly on the theme of changes. The story “The Cautious Caterpillar” was used to explore the negative feelings that we can sometimes have around change, but when you embrace it, things work out for the best.

Changeover Day was a huge success across the school and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to bond with their new teacher and class. Each class reflected on their highlights before home time and there was a real mixture of thoughts.

"I think the best bit about today was meeting different people because it is good to work with people and try to understand them." Angie.

"The best bit about today was when we did the English activity because I love writing and it was a free write so I got to fully express myself." Lilly.

Sadly, in July, Speenhamland will say a farewell to some members of staff. Miss Hipgrave and Mrs Choudhury are both moving to schools which are closer to where they live. Miss Watkin is embarking on a new teaching adventure at a local Newbury school and Mrs Bolland is leaving school life to start a new chapter in her career. We thank each of these individuals for their continued commitment to the children of Speenhamland and we wish them every success for the future.

In September, we welcome Mrs McFall and Miss Goode who will be joining the teaching team. Mrs Garnish will also be starting as a teaching assistant. We look forward to working with them all next academic year!

**Mrs J Lewry**  
**Headteacher**



# Meet Your TEACHER



# DRAGON CLUB

## From 24th July to 11th August

Summer Playscheme booking forms now available.

***Lots of exciting activities planned!***

**HURRY, DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Deadline to return form is  
MONDAY 10TH JULY**



Next week, we will be collecting ALL library and reading books to be returned to the library for our summer audit.

Please send both books with your child to school next week for their library session.

## Exciting news:

Next Friday, we have a very exciting assembly about a Summer Reading Challenge.

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## Calling Year 2 Parents and Carers

**From September, once your child is in Year 3, meals are no long free unless you are entitled.**

Please click on the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals.

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

## WE ASPIRE, WE CHALLENGE, WE SUPPORT



AND THE  
WINNERS  
ARE...



## Achievement and PSHE Awards

|          | SCHOOL                 | PSHE                            |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wisteria | Anshumaan Dixit        | William Watt                    |
| Cherry   | Xavier Pereira Marques | Marley Clough-Culliford         |
| Oak      | Leyla Radbourne        | Joshnika Mattaparthi            |
| Ash      | King Maguraushe        | Sai Saharsa Alathur Venugopalan |
| Willow   | Finley Fisk            | Dylan Viasus Arevalos           |
| Hawthorn | Lola Waite             | Molly Chaplin                   |
| Juniper  | Charlotte Flitton      | Diana Gomzyakova                |
| Maple    | Antonia Gherbe         | Kinga Drewa                     |
| Acer     | Kiaan Solanky          | Abdul Wahab                     |
| Redwood  | Arthur Riley           | Ana Souza                       |
| Cedar    | Aleisha Terry          | JJ Mercer                       |



### HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 249

2nd Laal 198

3rd Zolty 175

4th Verde 134

*Congratulations to Azul!*

### ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 94.16%

Last week's attendance was 93.41%

There was also 280 learning minutes lost this week through late arrivals.

*Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.*

**EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!**

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Below are the results for the class that had the most children read 3 times or more from Monday 26th June to Sunday 2nd July.

### Let's keep reading!

Wisteria 29 children

Maple 17 children

Cherry 15 children

Oak 14 children

Juniper 13 children

Willow 12 children

Redwood 10 children

Hawthorn 9 children

Ash 8 children

Cedar 7 children

Acer 6 children





# PUPIL'S INCREDIBLE WORK



This week, the children in Wisteria class have been showing off their reading skills by reading stories to some of our year 6 children.



Year 1 have been learning about Eloise Renouf this term. We have developed our collage skills and combining different materials to create a finished piece. We are super proud of our displays and combined our previous knowledge of hot and cold colours to create a finished piece.



Mrs Caudle's maths class took their learning outside this week.

They had fun racing around the track, learning to use a stop watch and converted their times from minutes to seconds.

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Last Friday, EYFS and Infants enjoyed a Drama4All workshop in the hall.

They played some games based on Peter Pan, such as Tick Tock Croc as well as learnt a poem. Afterwards, they went on an adventure to Neverland and stole Captain Hook's boat with the aim of trying to retrieve the treasure.

Everyone really loved the workshop and would like to do more drama again soon.



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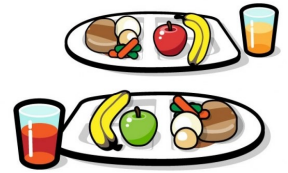




# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



## Aspens



**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens



Spring / Summer 2023 : 6/3, 27/3, 17/4, 8/5, 29/5, 19/6, 10/7, 31/7

## LUNCH WEEK 3 MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAIN EVENT



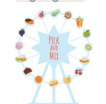
MEAT-FREE MAGIC



PASTA TWIRLER



BIG TOPPING



PICK AND MIX



DESSERT TROLLEY

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|--|---|--|--|--|
| Cheese & Tomato<br>Baguette Pizza<br>Sweetcorn     | All In One<br>Sausage & Cheesy<br>Potato Bake<br>Carrots        | Roast Chicken<br>& Stuffing<br>Roasties<br>Fresh Veg & Gravy       | Mild chilli beef &<br>cheese<br>Whole Grain Rice<br>and<br>Cauliflower | Golden Fish Fingers<br>(Salmon or Pollock)<br>Chips<br>Beans |
| Veggie Bolognese<br>Whole Grain Pasta<br>Sweetcorn | All In One Veggie<br>Sausage & Cheesy<br>Potato Bake<br>Carrots | Carrot & Stuffing<br>Pastry Plait<br>Roasties<br>Fresh Veg & Gravy | Cheese & veggie<br>chilli<br>Whole Grain Rice<br>Cauliflower           | Vegetable<br>Fingers<br>Chips<br>Beans                       |
| Hot Tomato Pasta                                   |   |  |  |  |
| Crispy Skin Jackets with Tasty Toppings            |   |  |  |  |
| Pick & Mix Packed Lunch                            |   |  |  |  |
| Banoffee<br>Dessert                                | Vanilla Iced Sponge   | Citrus Rice Crispie<br>Cake  | Apple Sponge<br>Cake   | Flapjack   |

# School Dinners

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