



Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner who was very impressed with the school. She commented on the children's fantastic behaviours for learning in class and the strong relationships between staff and pupils. This is something we are incredibly proud of, and it's a testament to the hard work and positive attitudes of our children and staff.

As a school, we will be focusing on providing challenge for all children and ensuring that teachers adapt their work to meet the needs of every child in their class. We want to ensure that every child is reaching their full potential and is supported in their learning journey. We will also be putting a real focus on the presentation of work in all books. We believe that taking pride in how our work looks helps us to take pride in what we are learning.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with our home learning so far. We are so pleased to see the children taking pride in their work at home. We would, however, love to see more children accessing our online learning platforms. If you need any support with this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

I sent a letter this week regarding breakfast and after school club, please don't forget that you must book and pay for your child's place in advance through our online booking system. Thank you to the many parents who are already using this new system correctly.

Finally, a reminder that the best way to communicate with us is through ClassDojo. You can also speak with your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team at the end of the school day.

Please continue to make sure your children are in school every day, on time, and ready to learn. It really does make a difference! For more updates and to see what our pupils have been up to, remember to follow us on our social media.

Best wishes,

Ms. Aujla



Dates for your diary

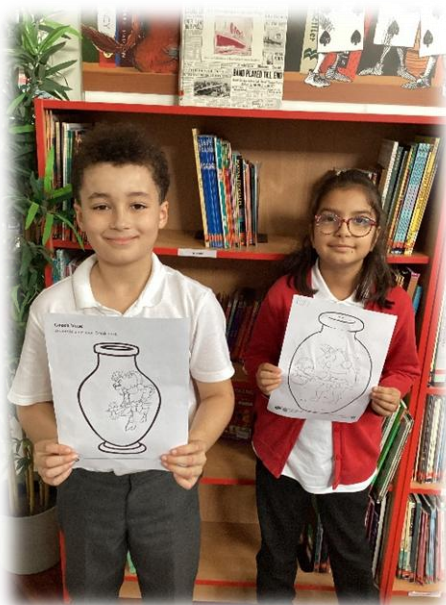
Monday 22nd September 2025	Tuesday 23rd September 2025	Wednesday 24th September 2025	Thursday 25th September 2025	Friday 26th September 2025
Dolphins and Whales trip to Cutty Sark	Zebras swimming	Choir Club	YR6 Tower of London PTA AGM 3.30pm All welcome!	

SEN surgeries

Tues 30th Sept

Wed 1st Oct

If you would like to book a meeting (in person or phone call) with our SENCO to discuss your child's SEN provision, please contact the Office.



Attendance

For W/E 19/09/25

Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!



Ladybirds	82.9%	0
Butterflies	93.8%	1
Dragonflies	85.6%	1
Owls	97.2%	4
Squirrels	90.8%	2
Koalas	93.5%	1
Kookaburras	92.6%	2
Narwhals	93.4%	5
Penguins	98.0%	2
Dolphins	99.3%	1
Sharks	94.6%	3
Whales	98.6%	3
Giraffes	95.2%	3
Lions	88.8%	1
Zebras	92.0%	4
Eagles	92.9%	3
Falcons	98.2%	3
Hawks	91.5%	2



Term dates

Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
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52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
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February 2026							
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March 2026							
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April 2026							
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18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
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18					1	2	3
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June 2026							
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July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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36	31						



INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26

Lunch menu

 APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025		 WEEKLY MENU				
WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
21 ST APRIL	Mild Chili Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells 1,7 Rice & Bean Burrito & Wedges 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Sausage Roll & Gravy 1,6 Vegetable Sausage & Gravy VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Fish Fingers 1,8 or Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8 Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	
12 TH MAY	Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas	Seasonal Vegetables	Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots	Rainbow Pasta 1, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Cucumber	
9 TH JUNE	Jammy Finger 1,6 VG & Custard 7	Ice Cream 7	Fruit Jelly VG	Sultana Cake 1VG	Caramel Cookie 1,7	
30 TH JUNE	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	
21 ST JULY						
15 TH SEPTEMBER						
22 ND SEPTEMBER						
13 TH OCTOBER						
WEEK TWO	Vegetable Nuggets with Katsu Sauce 1VG Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Beef & Onion Pie 1 Cheesy Pasta Twists 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Roast Chicken & Gravy Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Tuna Penne Pasta 1,7,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	
28 TH APRIL	Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas	Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots	Cauliflower, Coleslaw 9	Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot	
19 TH MAY	Vanilla Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse 7,3 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Cornflake Cookie 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Spiced Apple Focaccia 1,3 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Daty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG	
16 TH JUNE						
7 TH JULY						
8 TH SEPTEMBER						
29 TH SEPTEMBER						
20 TH OCTOBER						
WEEK THREE	Pork & Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells 1 Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Caribbean Chicken Curry Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Roast Gammon & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Coconut & Spinach Biryani 6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	Chicken Bites 1 Cheese & Cauliflower Nuggets 7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9	
5 TH MAY	Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Rice, Green Beans, Carrots	Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Swede	Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers	Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9	
2 ND JUNE	Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Peach Sponge 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chocolate Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Ginger Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	
23 RD JUNE						
14 TH JULY						
15 TH SEPTEMBER						
6 TH OCTOBER						



WE ♥ VEGGIES

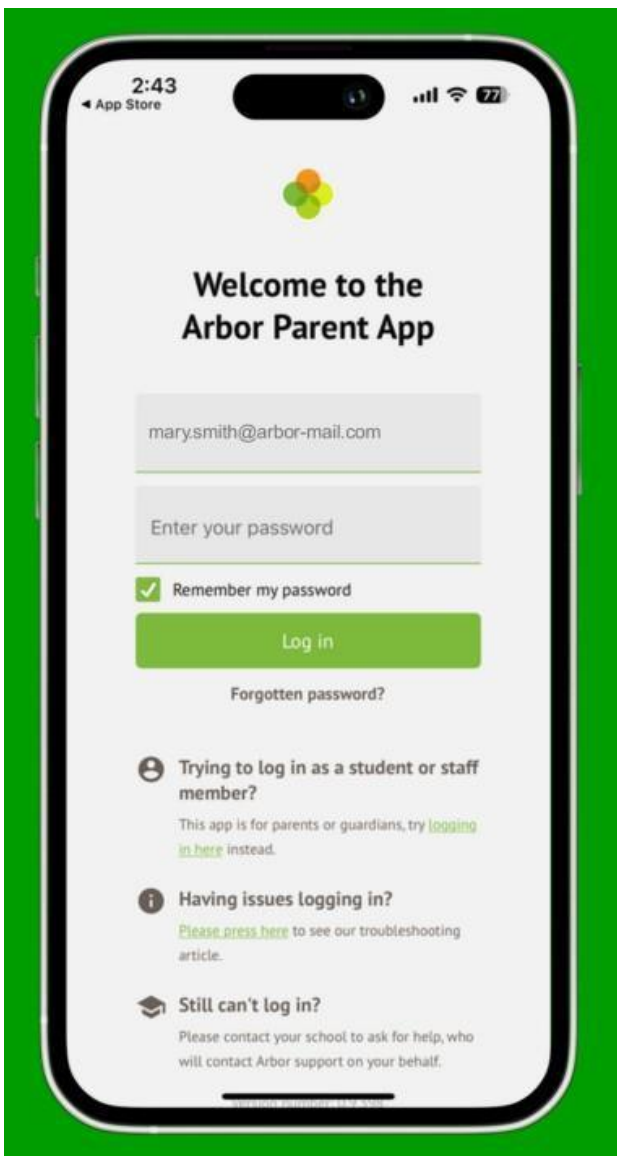
AVAILABLE DAILY 1 Wheat 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat 16 Gluten 17 Barley 18 Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Primary Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre-prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

Communication



We're using the Arbor Parent App!



Please log in to update any changes to your child's details

- ❓ Addresses / phone numbers.
- ❓ Medical Information; - i.e. GP info, allergies and medical conditions.
- ❓ Consents;- For Forest School, photographs, Walking home (Y6 only).
- ❓ Mode of travel to school.

Everyone has been sent login details.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

Information

Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT (AGE RESTRICTION 13+)

With over 800 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the My AI Chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may show unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and disguise-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to miscommunication, harassment, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION
Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks. Daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend. When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 'streak' icon. The number of days and streaks increases, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even when idle.

SEXUATION
Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then threaten to share them if they don't comply. This might involve coaxing them to share images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+
Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new feature called Snap+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY
Snapchat is not accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The platform uses a group content moderation system, but not all content is determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on Snapchat - no posting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB
Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Guide that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about screen time and blocklists before letting children sign up. If they're logged into a screen, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasizing its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular challenges on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT
If a stranger contacts with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to take any time you're reporting that case, with a tabbed reporting section under the 'Notify and Report Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for harassing to look sexually explicit images or 'hustle'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER
Sit down with the children in your care and review Snapchat's privacy settings, as well as shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, deepening their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Makaton sign of the week is 'Communication'



Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake-Up Wednesdays guide on "Snapchat"

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