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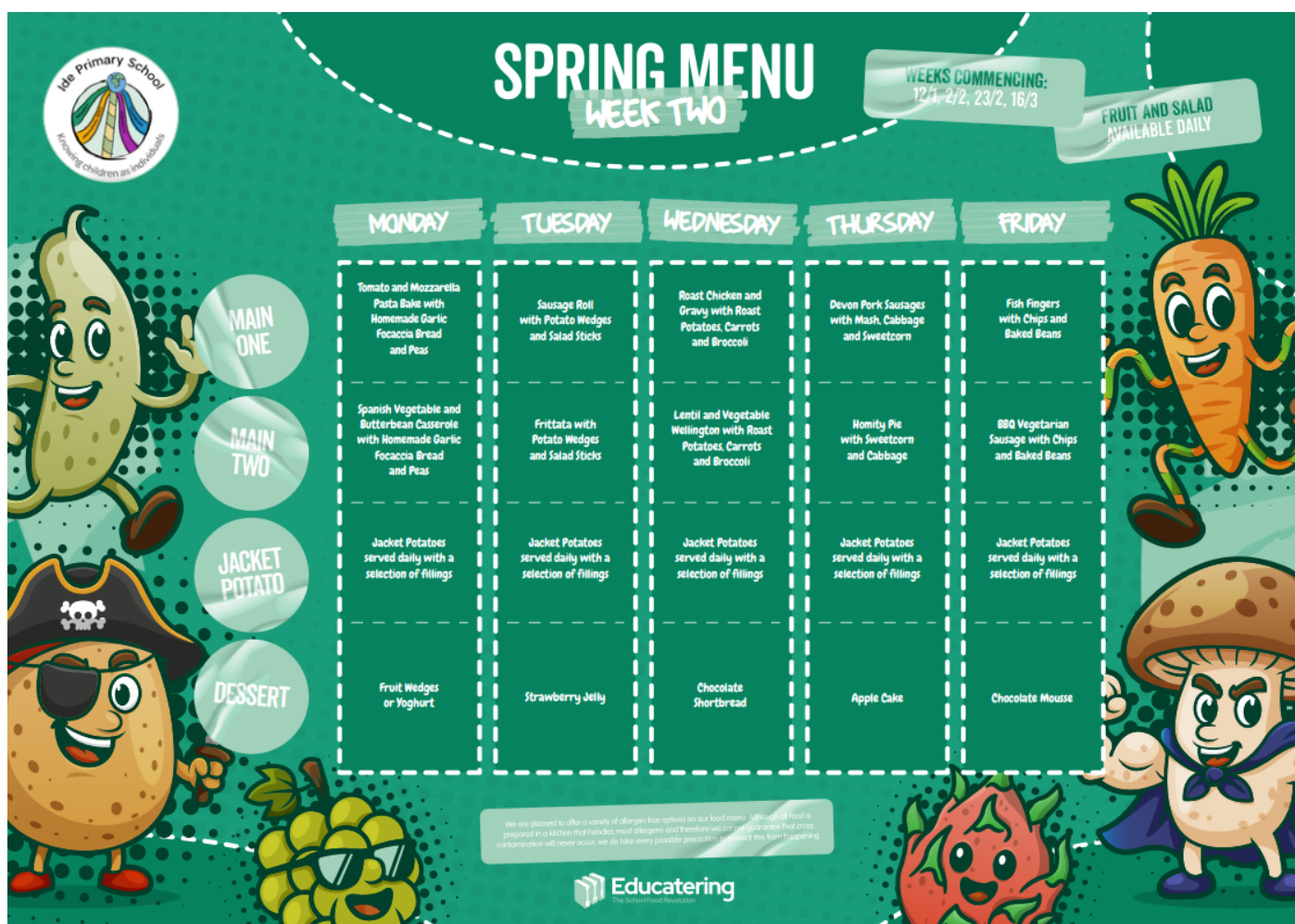
This week the following children were recognised in our Celebration Assembly -

Class	Values Champion	Learner of the week
Oak	Alma for Kindness & Respect	Ava for being an Author
Maple	Reuben for Kindness & Respect	Autumn for being a Scientist
Willow	Annie for Individual Best	Oliver for being a Historian
Elm	Ella for Individual Best	Alfie for being a Mathematician
Chestnut	Johnnie for Individual Best	Ylva for being an Author

Next Week at Ide Primary

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Club
Monday	PE- Willow	Assembly	Football (Years 1-6) Drama (Years 2- 6)
	Chestnut Science Workshop at West Exe		
Tuesday			Dance (years R -6)
Wednesday	PE –Elm & Willow	Guitar Lessons	Gymnastics (Years R-6)
		Singing assembly	
Thursday	PE – Maple, Elm & Oak	Maple & Willow Dental Workshop	Yoga (YR3-6)
Friday	World Book Day		
	PE – Chestnut & Maple	Celebration Assembly	
		Woodwind Lessons	

Next Week's Menu



Spring Menu
WEEK TWO

WEEKS COMMENCING:
12/1, 2/2, 23/2, 16/3

FRUIT AND SALAD
AVAILABLE DAILY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN ONE	Tomato and Mozzarella Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges and Salad Sticks	Roast Chicken and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Devon Pork Sausages with Mash, Cabbage and Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans
MAIN TWO	Spanish Vegetable and Butterbean Casserole with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Frittata with Potato Wedges and Salad Sticks	Lentil and Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Broccoli	Hominy Pie with Sweetcorn and Cabbage	BBQ Vegetarian Sausage with Chips and Baked Beans
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings
DESSERT	Fruit Wedges or Yoghurt	Strawberry Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread	Apple Cake	Chocolate Mousse

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. All allergen free food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore there is a small risk of cross contamination. We do take every possible precaution to ensure a safe happy experience.

Educatering
The School and Nursery

Start to the Day- Thank You!

Thank you for helping children get into school before 9am this week. We've really noticed the difference- mornings feel smoother, and classes are able to settle into the day with greater calm and focus. We know how challenging mornings can be, especially with additional traffic issues locally at the moment, so we really appreciate the effort involved.

Chestnut Science Workshop

Chestnut Class are very excited to be invited to West Exe science department for a workshop on Monday.

This is a great opportunity for the children to learn in a science lab and use the resources available to secondary pupils.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9:10am to walk to West Exe. The children will not need to wear PE kit that day but will need comfortable school shoes and waterproof coat.

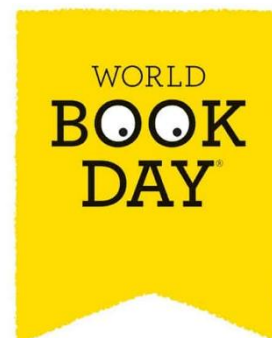
We will be back in school for lunchtime so please order school lunches on the site as normal.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March and invite all the children to dress up as a book character of their choice.

The children will be having an extended assembly in the afternoon where staff will be sharing some of their favourite short stories followed by the costume parade.

Some of the best costumes we see each year are made at home so please do not feel that you need to purchase expensive costumes.



Oral Health Workshop

On Thursday afternoon, Maple and Willow Class will be visited by Peninusla Dental Social Enterprise CIC. This will be an interactive session promoting good oral health.

Emotional Wellbeing

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined Gemma Howard from the Charlie Waller Trust for this week's workshop. We hope that you found it useful.

If you weren't able to make it but you'd like to get involved, we're hoping to run more sessions soon. We are exploring options for Gemma to work with staff and children in school too.

Science Week is coming to Ide Primary!

Our Science Week is only a few weeks away and we have some really exciting activities planned to help the children celebrate and explore the wonders of science.

Monday

We are delighted to welcome Lou from *Lou's Wild Garden*, who will be hosting a whole-school assembly all about wildflowers and minibeasts. The children will discover the importance of biodiversity, learn fascinating facts about insects and plants, and be inspired to explore the natural world around them.

Thursday

Get ready to be amazed! The children will experience an immersive space dome experience, where they will journey through space and learn about planets, stars and the universe in an exciting, interactive way. This incredible experience has been kindly funded by FIS, thank you for your support!

Science Week Competition

Ide Primary School has joined forces with Bernaville Nurseries to host a special colouring competition. Bernaville Nurseries will be providing prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both KS1 and KS2. We can't wait to see the children's fantastic entries! Your child will be bringing home their colouring sheet soon.

It's set to be a week full of curiosity, discovery and hands-on learning. We are really looking forward to sharing the excitement of Science Week with everyone!

Please note that due to the science dome being in the hall on Thursday 12th March, we are unable to offer hot meals on this day. You may order a school packed lunch if you wish to.

Volunteers needed

We would like some additional adults on Tuesday mornings to help with the year 3 and 4 swimming lessons. Even if you are only able to help with one week, this would be a big help. We are also in need of volunteers for Willow class's visit to Shillingford Farm on Tuesday 17th March. If you are able to help with any dates, please email Mrs Radford via willowclass@ide.devon.sch.uk. Thank you.

Yoghurt Pots

Please could you save your yoghurt pots and bring them into school. Maple and Willow need some for a science project. Thank you.

Sports Kit Sponsorship

We are hoping to buy new sports kits for the children so that they can look smart and can feel proud when they represent Ide. If you own or work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring a school sports kit, please contact Mrs Radford via the Willow Class email address: willowclass@ide.devon.sch.uk

Things to look forward to at Ide Primary

March	
Friday 6th	World Book Day
Thursday 12th	Science Dome
Mon 9th – Fri 13th	Science Week
Friday 13th	Maple Trip to Shillingford Farm
Friday 13th	FIS Quiz & Pizza Night
Mon 16th -Fri 27th	Big Walk & Wheel
Tuesday 17th	Willow Trip to Shillingford Farm
Wednesday 25th	Elm Handball at West Exe
Tuesday 31st	Elm Showdown at Barnfield Theatre
April	
Wednesday 1st	Maple Multi Skills at West Exe
Thursday 2nd	FIS Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 2nd	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 20th	First day of Summer Term
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 21st	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Wednesday 29th	Willow Striking and Fielding Festival at West Exe
Tuesday 28th	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
May	
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Tuesday 12th	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Tuesday 19th	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Friday 22nd	FIS Non-Uniform Day
Mon 25th – Fri 29th	Half Term
June	
Monday 1st	Inset Day
Mon 8th – Wed 10th	Year 5 and 6 Residential
Friday 12th	Parent Meeting for Year 6 going to West Exe 14.45pm
29th – 3rd July	Sports Week
Tuesday 30th	Sports Day
July	
Tuesday 21st	Last day of Summer Term

Term dates can be found on our website - [2025/26 Academic Calendar](#)



FRIENDS OF IDE SCHOOL PRESENTS...

FIS QUIZ

& PIZZA NIGHT!

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

IDE MEMORIAL HALL

£10 PER PERSON - INCLUDES PIZZA!

ARRIVE FROM 7PM, QUIZ STARTS AT 7:30PM

TO BOOK YOUR TEAM

PLEASE MESSAGE LOUISE

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Friday 20 March



Future Skills Centre, Exeter

10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.



2 WIDEN THE SELECTION



Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK



One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS



Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS



There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS



As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL



With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyglino and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT



There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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