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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils and staff for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. This week alone has been filled with wonderful experiences, including our Year 6 visit to Blists Hill Museum, excellent participation in sporting competitions, and many exciting learning opportunities across the school. Last week also saw the launch of our Student Council, whose members are already full of ideas and eager to play an important role in supporting the development of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has represented Old Park so positively throughout the half term. I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable break, with plenty of time to relax, recharge and make special memories together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term.

THINGS HAPPENING FIRST WEEK BACK

Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school
Monday 2nd November: Start of In Harmony week 5

Sports competitions this way (not all pupils involved)

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target for attendane is **96%**. The following classes achieved the target this week:

RG, 1J, 12B, 34P, 3F, 4S, 4W, 5W, 6HW and 6P.

A special well done to **34P** who had the highest attendance across the school this week for the second week in a row. The attendance trophy will be staying with you again!



Punctuality:

The classroom doors open each day at 8:40am and all pupils need to be in class and sat down ready for learning by 8:55am. Any pupils arriving after 8:55am will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9:25am is coded as U (absent for the morning session). **It is vital that pupils are in school and on time every day as being late has a big impact on settling in to the school day and learning.**

Attendance mattters:

Regular attendance is one of the buggest factors in a child's success at school. Being in school every day helps pupils make the most of their learning, develop positive relationships and feel part of our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the best possible attendance for all children.

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AUTUMN 2 DATES

** More dates may be added below as the term progresses*

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October: Half term holidays
Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school
Week beginning 9th November: Parent interview week
Week beginning 16th November: Parent interview week
Thursday 19th November: Open Orchestra day (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 17th November: Year 6 cinema trip
Wednesday 18th November: New reception intake open evening
Friday 27th November: Malinslee Christmas Light Switch on
Week beginning 30th November: Assessment week
Friday 4th December: Full governors meeting
Wednesday 16th December: Christmas lunch day
Friday 18th December: Last day of term

TERM DATES FOR 2026/2027

September '26

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October '26

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December '26

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February '27

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March '27

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April '27

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June '27

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July '27

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August '27

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Holidays
Staff PD Day (school is closed to pupils)

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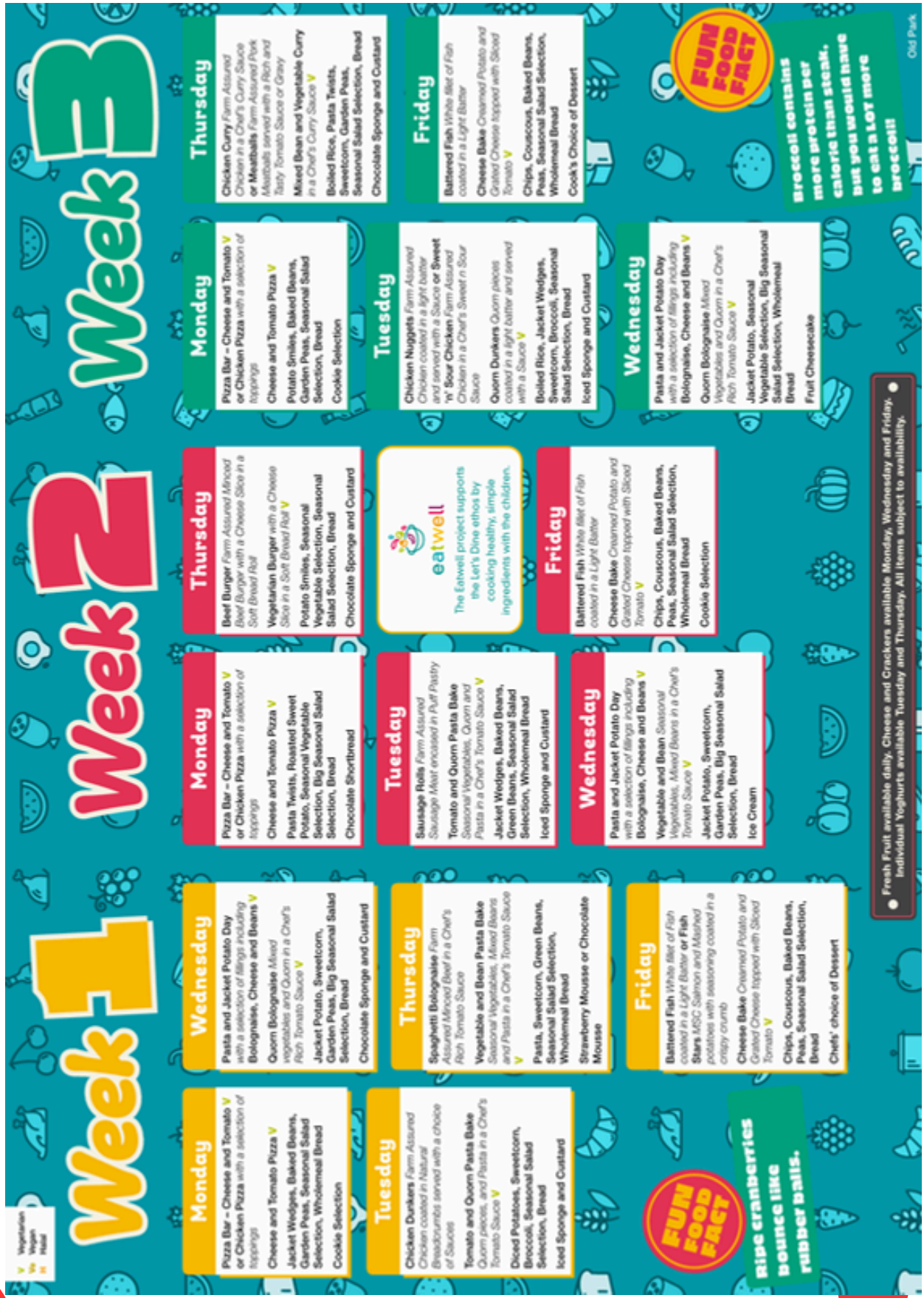


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WEEK BEGINNING 02.11.26 WEEK 3



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A great start to a brighter future!

New Reception Intake 2027

OPEN EVENING

Come and see what makes our school special!

Starting primary school is a significant milestone for your child's learning and development. Children usually start the reception year at primary school at the start of September following their fourth birthday.

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** will start primary school from **September 2027.**



Parents need to apply for a reception place by **15 January 2027.**

If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the application closing date is **31 October 2026.**

You are strongly advised to apply to four local schools including your nearest or catchment area school. You can use our **Catchment Area School Finder Tool** to check which school are your nearest or catchment area schools.

Please read the **Guide to Primary School Admissions** booklet for more information on the process of applying for a primary school place and to understand how places are offered.

Our Open Evening Dates

- Wednesday 16th September at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 14th October at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 18th November at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 9th December at 3:30pm

For further information, please contact the school office on **01952 387250**

We look forward to meeting you!

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