



Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Edwards and Ward Catering Firm Update & New Menus



Unfortunately, we have been made aware that the catering company that provides lunches for the school is due to increase their meal prices due to cost pressures. See below:

Effective from 1st April 2025 school meal prices will increase from £2.95 to £3.20 this change will not come into effect until 1st April 2025. Also please see below for the NEW* Updated school lunch menu for when you return after February half term.

DID YOU KNOW?
Primary schools in England generate around 55,408 tonnes of food waste per year. Our new menus are all designed to help schools reduce food waste by including lots of firm favourites as well as offering more flexibility with options and portion sizes.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS
All pupils between reception and year 2 are entitled to a free nutritious school lunch. Everyone automatically gets Universal Infant FREE school meals and can benefit by over £480 per child per year. If your child is in year 3 or above, find out if they could still qualify for a free school meal by contacting the school office.

SPECIAL DIETS
If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please check out our website www.edwardsandward.co.uk for a full list of FAQs and to complete our online form.

MENU
SPRING/SUMMER 2025

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	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Sultana Shortbread (Ve)
TUESDAY	BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice or Mild & Sweet Veggie Curry with Golden Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)	Sausages with Mash & Gravy or Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Iced Carrot Cake (V)	Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy or Vegeballs with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Apple Sponge (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)
THURSDAY	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake or Penne with Vegeballs & Tomato Sauce (Ve) Veg of the Day Sultana Flapjack (Ve)	Sweet & Sour Chicken Curry with Rice or Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Custard Rice Pudding (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (V)
	24/2/25, 17/3/25, 7/4/25, 28/4/25, 19/5/25, 9/6/25, 30/6/25, 21/7/25	3/3/25, 24/3/25, 14/4/25, 5/5/25, 26/5/25, 16/6/25, 7/7/25	10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25, 23/6/25, 14/7/25

Choice of **Filled Jacket Potatoes** and **Sandwiches** also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurts, jelly and fresh drinking water.



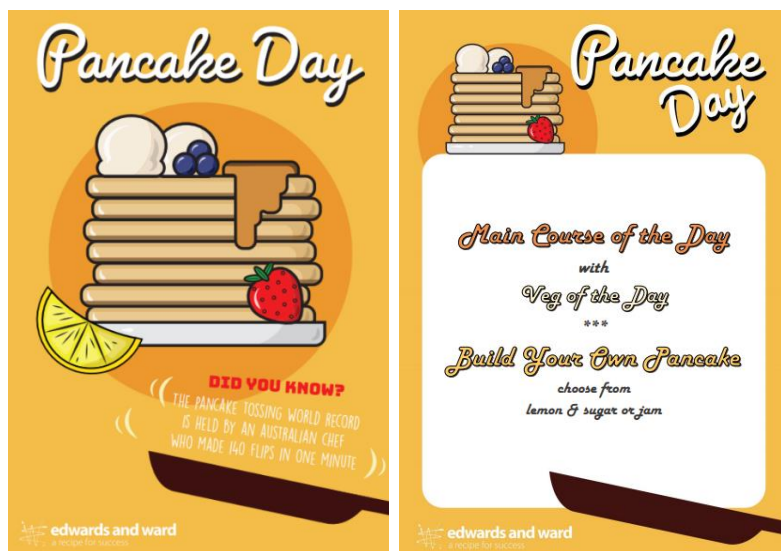
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Pancake Day – Special Menu – Dinners Tuesday 4th March 2025



Edwards & Ward, our Catering Providers are having a themed “Pancake Day”. This will take place on **Tuesday 4th March**. If you would like your Child/Children to have a school dinner on this day then please let their Teacher know.

The main course will be a choice of



Could your Child/Children be entitled to Free School Meals?



We are writing to inform you that your child/children may be entitled to free school meals. The application process is quick and easy, and you can receive a decision straight away.

To apply for free school meals, please visit the following link:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/.../apply-online.aspx>

In addition to free school meals, you can also benefit from:

- Education Support Fund Vouchers: These vouchers can help with shopping expenses.
- Holiday Activities Fund: This fund provides free hours for child care during the school holidays.

Once you have completed the application, could you please let us know the outcome of the decision as soon as possible? You can send a screenshot of the decision and send it to office@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk



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World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025



This Year we will be joining many schools in celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025**. As part of our celebrations we would like to invite our learners to come to school dressed as one of their most loved story characters. You do not have to buy any fancy costumes as we also love to see your own 'creations'.

In support of the celebrations our kitchen team will be offering a special menu which can be ordered on the day with your child's class teacher. This can be seen below:



February Half Term - School Closure and INSET Day



School will finish at the normal time of **3:15pm on Friday 14th February 2025**.

School will re-open to Pupils on Tuesday 25th February 2024 at 08:45am.

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 24th February 2024 as this is an INSET day and staff will be in school for training.



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Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

SPRING TERM 2nd Half 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
INSET Day Monday 24th February 2025	School closed to pupil but open to staff for training.	All classes
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	School re-opens to Staff and Pupils at 08:45am	All classes
Wednesday 26 th February	Disco 3:15pm - 4:30pm	All classes
Friday 28 th February	Live Music Concert in school - am	All classes
Tuesday 4 th March	Online Safety Presentation/activities 9:00am - 9:30am 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Parents/Carers invited with child
Tuesday 4 th March	Pancake Day - Special Menu	All Classes
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day - children invited to come to school dressed as a book character	All Classes
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Inspire Dance Show -Biddulph High School	Inspire Dance leaners
Tuesday 25 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00-8:00pm	Governors
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations 1.00pm - 3.00pm & 3.30pm-6.00pm	All Classes
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Zoolab - Educational Workshop in school	All Classes
Monday 7 th April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 th April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team