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# Knaphill Junior School Weekly Update



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## This Month's Focus Value: RESILIENCE

### A note from Mrs Harrison:

This week has been one which has made me especially proud to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school and school community. The school Christmas fair was very well attended, with such a sense of community spirit. Parents and staff were all pulling together to create the fair for our children and their families to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Wednesday afternoon saw our Rocksteady Club children perform in front of their parents and guardians and year group peers. The talent of our children was eye watering! Thursday marked the start of our Christmas Concerts, with Years 5 & 6 performing in the afternoon and evening at Holy Trinity Church. Wow! Our children can certainly sing and the musical recitals were jaw-dropping! Thank you to Holy Trinity Church for the venue and to our staff and parents for supporting our children to shine. See you on the gate on Monday.

### Value of the month: Resilience

Definition: The ability to be happy, successful again when something is difficult or bad has happened.

#### What does resilience look like:

- Trying to take a positive view on situations.
- Viewing challenges as learning opportunities.
- Regulating emotions and expressing feelings in appropriate ways.
- Focusing on the things you can control instead of dwelling on what you cannot change



### House Points Weekly Winner

Moving from 4th place to 1st this week,  
Rowling are our weekly winners.

1st Attenborough

2nd Windsor

3rd Rowling

4th Farah

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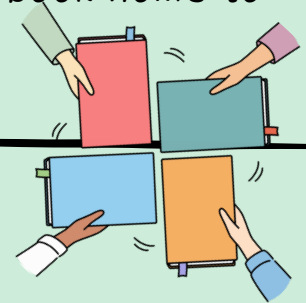


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## Book Swap- Reminder

On the last day of term, we will be holding a school Book Swap. We ask that children use this an opportunity to sort through their books and bring in any they would like to swap. Pupils can bring their books from Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December and hand them to their class teacher.

Our Reading Ambassadors will organise them for the swap to be held on the last day of term. Pupils are welcome to donate as many books as they wish, but will be able to bring one book home to enjoy over the Christmas holiday.



Wishing our Knaphill school community a joyful and illuminating Hanukkah filled with the warmth of family, the light of tradition and the spirit of togetherness. May these eight days be a celebration of hope, peace and shared moments of happiness for all.  
Happy Hanukkah!

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## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Sami, Hanna and Max D

Year 4- Tim, Loujain and Tarshith

Year 5- Sophie and Olivia

Year 6- Willow, Aamna and Amy

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to Hazel class on your fantastic attendance this week.

Enjoy your extra breaktime next week.

## Maths Update - One Week to Go

With another week to go in our latest TTRS tournaments, we have clear leaders at the moment. The battle of Year 4 versus Year 5 is currently being led by Year 4. In the Year 3 versus Year 6 competition, Year 3 are way out in the lead. With another week to go, victory could be any year groups. Get practising those vital Maths skills and you will help your year group to win an additional break-time.

**1st December - 14th December 2023**

Year 4 275    Year 5 10

**1st December - 14th December 2023**

Year 3 127    Year 6 89

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## Reading Assembly Book Recommendation



Last week, Mrs Bowry shared one of her favourite books in our weekly reading assembly.

Mrs Bowry recommends 'You're a Bad Man, Mr. Gum'.

This is the first book in the Mr Gum series of books by Andy Stanton.

Mr Gum is an extremely nasty man who hates everyone and lives in a disgusting tip of a house.

His garden, though, is immaculate and beautiful. And this is because if he lets it get out of control, an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub comes and whacks him over the head with a frying pan.

So when Jake the dog, a bouncy, friendly animal beloved of the whole town, decides that this garden is the perfect place to play in, Mr Gum isn't best pleased!

This story, the first in a series, is utterly surreal, completely daft and extremely funny.





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## Recommended Reads



Year 3

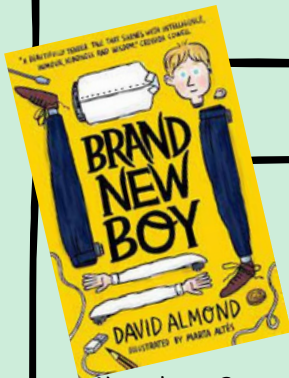
Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon

Torben Kuhlmann

Picture book

How do you convince your friends that the moon is not made of cheese? Be the first to venture into space and prove it of course! Armstrong is a captivating and compelling work of beauty. It centres around a determined little mouse who is eager to discover the secrets of the universe and to become the first creature to step onto the surface of the moon.

This is a book that has appeal on so many levels: it's a gorgeous picture book with exquisite illustrations, perfect for sharing; it has bags of potential for linking to a unit in school about space travel and it shouts out loud the importance of aspiration, imagination, perseverance and resilience.



Year 4

Brand New Boy - David Almond & Marta Altés

Chapter book

New boy George is super clever and plays a mean game of football, but when his ear falls off in a lesson, his fellow pupils start to get suspicious. It doesn't help when George comes for tea at Daniel's house and his 'handlers' advise he can only eat a sliver of dry bread and some oil. It's clear there's something odd about George... but Daniel, Maxie and Louise – and Daniel's cat – have started to really like him.

This is a story that will make readers think about what it is to be human, about how to live life to the fullest, and about the importance of love. Marta Altés' fine illustration style is full of emotion – you'll find yourself poring over her drawings again and again. Whilst this is a funny and easy to read book, it's also sad and rather profound in places, ending on a beautiful uplifting note.

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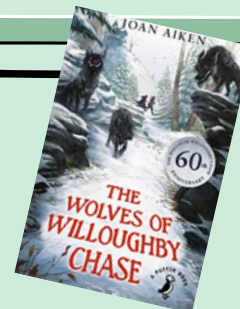


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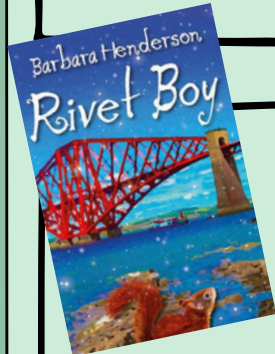
Year 5

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken

Chapter book



In a period of English History that never happened, when Good King James III is on the throne, and the whole country is ravaged by wolves which have migrated through the newly-opened Channel Tunnel. When orphans Bonnie and Sylvia fall into the hands of evil Miss Slightcarp, they need all their wits - and the help of Simon the goose-boy - to escape unscathed, for the governess is more cruel and merciless than the wolves that surround the great house of Willoughby Chase. Filled with brilliantly-drawn Dickensian characters, it would make an excellent choice for strong preteen readers who like an old-fashioned story with a strong plot and good characterisation. This book often appears on lists of best-loved children's books.



Year 6

Rivet Boy - Barbara Henderson

Chapter book

Set in Victorian times, this is the story of the children who worked on the dangerous job of building the famous Forth Bridge.

This is a truly exciting adventure that brings a real historical scenario to life. The thought of being perched up on top of the bridge with no safety measures at all made my blood run cold! Add into that some villainous villains and a child hero and you have a recipe for breath-taking episodes and action-packed escapades, with a seamless blending of fact and fiction.

The book is quite a slim one and very easy to read. The shorter length makes it very attractive to children who want to read more complex material but have less stamina and are put off by lengthy books.

. The story will also appeal to budding engineers, with fascinating insights into the construction of one of the UK's most iconic bridges.

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Thank you to the Rock Steady musicians who entertained and wowed with their concert this week.

Thank you for demonstrating our values of resilience and bravery.



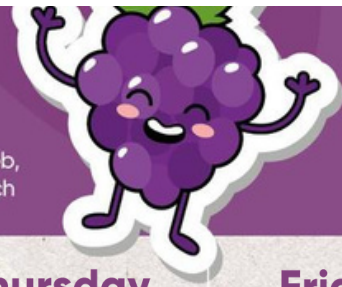




# Week 1

Autumn/Winter 2023/24 Menu

Weeks Starting:  
30th Oct, 20th Nov,  
11th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb,  
4th March and 25th March



## Monday

### Option 1

Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad

### Option 2

Cheese and Tomato Pasta

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

**Dessert :**  
Chef's Shortbread

## Tuesday

### Option 1

Beef and Vegetable Pasta Bake

### Option 2

Cheese and Tomato Whirl with Potato Crispers

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

**Dessert:**  
Fruit Yoghurt

## Wednesday

### Option 1

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 2

Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

**Dessert:**  
Chef's Flapjack

## Thursday

### Option 1

Spanish Chicken with Rice

### Option 2

Meat Free Bolognese with Pasta

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

**Dessert**  
Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard

## Friday

### Option 1

Harry Ramsden's Fish with Oven Chips

### Option 2

Cheese and Onion Slice with Oven Chips

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

**Dessert:**  
Mandarin Jelly

Vegetarian Contains a minimum of 50% fruit





# Week 2

Autumn/Winter 2023/24 Menu

Weeks Starting:  
6th Nov, 27th Nov,  
1st Jan, 22nd Jan,  
19th Feb and 11th March



## Monday

### Option 1

Pasta Twists with Tomato Sauce

### Option 2

Cheese and Onion Slice with Potato Crispers

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Shortbread Biscuit with Fresh Fruit Slices

## Tuesday

### Option 1

Pork Sausages with Creamy Potato and Gravy

### Option 2

Meat Free Sausages with Creamy Potato and Gravy

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Fruit Yoghurt

## Wednesday

### Option 1

Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 2

Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert

Raspberry Ripple Vanilla Ice Cream Sponge Roll

## Thursday

### Option 1

Spaghetti Bolognese

### Option 2

Bean Burrito with Salad

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert

Chocolate Pear Sponge with Custard

## Friday

### Option 1

Fish Fingers with Oven Chips

### Option 2

Meat Free Hot Dog with Oven Chips

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Butterscotch Tart

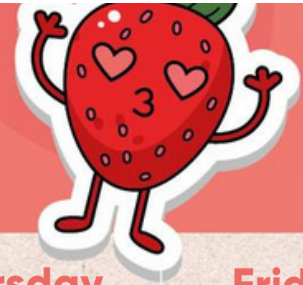
Vegetarian Contains a minimum of 50% fruit

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# Week 3

Autumn/Winter 2023/24 Menu

Weeks Starting:  
13th Nov, 4th Dec,  
8th Jan, 29th Jan,  
26th Feb and 18th March



## Monday

### Option 1

Chef's choice of Pasta

### Option 2

Chef's choice of Pasta

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert

Fruit Yoghurt

## Tuesday

### Option 1

Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Chips

### Option 2

Meat Free Burger in a Bun with Oven Chips

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Apple Sponge with Custard

## Wednesday

### Option 1

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 2

Quorn Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Vanilla Ice Cream

## Thursday

### Option 1

Keralan Chicken and Butternut Squash Curry with Rice

### Option 2

Keralan Spinach and Butternut Squash Curry with Rice

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Peaches with Custard

## Friday

### Option 1

Harry Ramsden's Fish with Oven Chips

### Option 2

Vegan Nuggets with Oven Chips

### Option 3

Jacket Potatowith Beans / Cheese /Tuna

### Sides

Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fresh Bread

### Dessert:

Chocolate Cookie



Vegetarian



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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: [kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/](https://kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/)

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 12th December	Year 5 WW 2 day	5
Thursday 14th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm	5 & 6
Friday 15th December	Last day of Autumn Term – finish at 1:15pm Class Festive Celebrations - wear party/festive clothes - more details to follow	3-6
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January	Christmas Holiday	all
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	INSET Day	3-6
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Return to school for pupils	3-6