



# Gwladys Street CP & Nursery School



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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year everyone and I hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have persevered with the bad weather and got your children into school.

This week has been art week and I have seen some wonderful creations across school. Next week is DT week therefore the children will be planning and designing various projects.

Year 4 will continue with their swimming sessions on Mondays so please remember your swimming kits and towels!

EitC and Liverpool FC will be in school and continue their workshops with the children. We are thoroughly enjoying working with their sports coaches.

On Monday 13th January 2025 is our monthly parent/carer forum. This will be held in the KS2 hall from 9.00am onwards. Michelle from the 'Community Shop' (Liverpool City Council) will be in attendance to talk about the support and events they offer.

Attendance has been very poor this week. On Friday 10th January, our whole school attendance was only 85% compared to our target of 97% or above. Throughout the cold weather, we have kept the school very warm and all pathways in school have been gritted to ensure pupils are kept safe. Keeping your child off school due to poor weather is marked as unauthorised absence and we expect attendance levels to improve dramatically next week. Home visits conducted by members of the Senior Leadership Team will be carried out for non attendees.

The children's behaviour since returning from the Christmas Break has been fantastic and visitors that have attended our school this week have made positive comments about your wonderful children. A big well done to all of our pupils!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes, Ms Booth



At Gwladys Street we are a

**TEAM**

- Trust, listen and respect
- Enjoy everyday
- Achieve and believe in ourselves
- Make everyone feel safe and welcome



**WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?**

Click [here](#) to view

**Free School Meals**

Are you entitled?

You might be eligible for Free School Meals

[Apply Here](#) and receive an immediate answer.

En Gwladys Street somos un

**EQUIPO**

- Confía, escucha y respeta
- Disfruta todos los días
- Lograr y crear en nosotros mismos
- Haz que todos se sientan seguros y bienvenidos




Please click [here](#) to view term dates for the school year.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



MONDAY 13th JANUARY 9AM

parents  
forum

Please come along to our Parent and carers Forum. Refreshments will be available on arrival. Michelle Farrelly from the Community Shop will be attending to share the resources that they have to offer for the local community. We look forward to seeing you .



Parents/ Carers of Class Japan  
You are invited to share your child's learning experiences in their class assembly.

**Monday 13th January 2024 - KS2 Hall 3pm prompt**

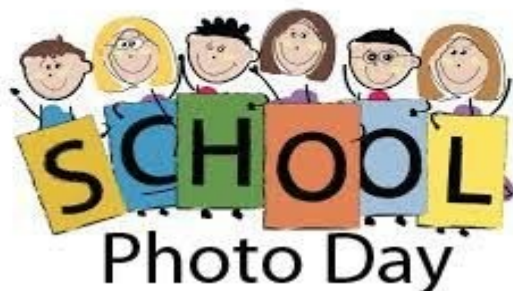
Help support your child with Maths and Phonics

**Class India**

Wednesday 15th January

To help support your child with Maths and Phonics and to show how this can be done in a fun and exciting way at home, we will be holding some afternoon sessions where you will be able to join your child playing a range of Mathematical and Phonic games whilst laughing, chatting and enjoying biscuits!

We will hold the sessions in the **Breakfast Room in the Key Stage 1 building from 2:30pm** allowing you to spend just under an hour having fun and playing with your child. Your child's class teacher will also be present so you can chat to them about other things you can do at home. This has been made possible by the school successfully receiving additional funding from Liverpool's Adult Learning Service and Liverpool Learning Partnership to be able to buy resources just for these workshops.



**WEDNESDAY**  
**29th JANUARY**



# Is my child too ill for school?

Click [HERE](#) for more information


Click [here](#) to use the online Symptom Checker

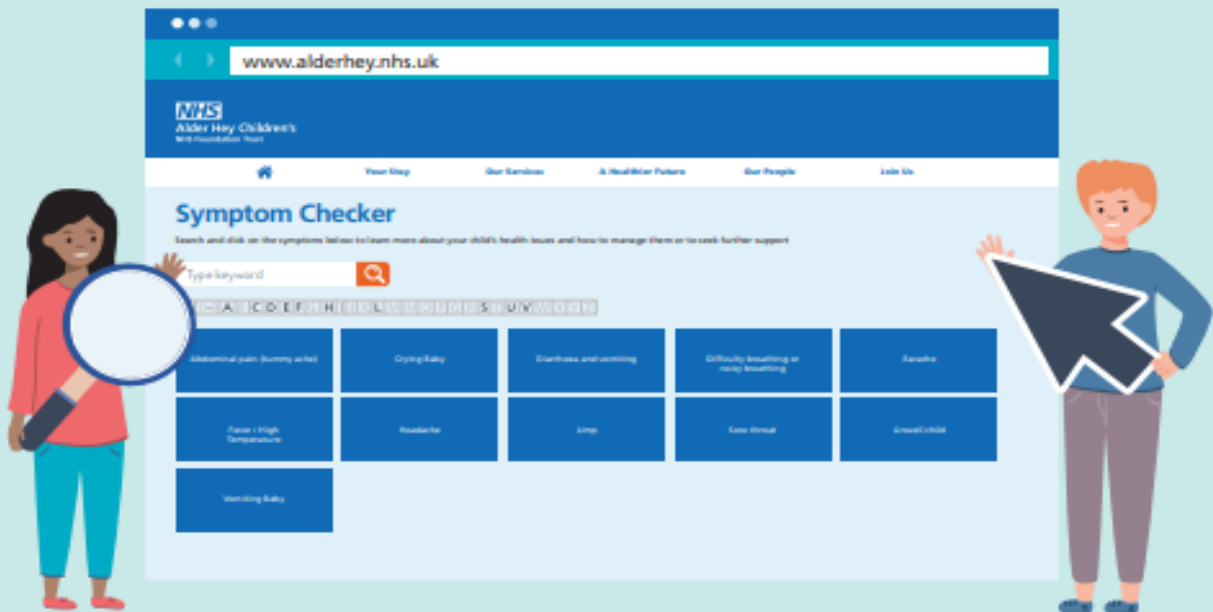


**DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO COME TO A&E?**

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S SYMPTOMS AND  
WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THEM WITH

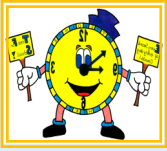
## ALDER HEY'S Symptom Checker

IT'S  FAST  EASY TO USE  RELIABLE

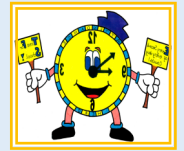


Should you visit A&E?  
Or can you treat symptoms at home?  
OUR NEW SYMPTOM CHECKER WILL OFFER  
YOU ADVICE YOU CAN TRUST.

Developed by the clinicians at Alder Hey for children  
Visit: [www.alderhey.nhs.uk](http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk)



# Attendance Matters



Whole School Target: 97% -

This week's Whole school attendance: 92.3%

**Absence**—if your child is absent from school you **MUST** contact the school before 9:00am each day of your child's absence. Failure to make any contact with the school will result in a home visit from staff and Head teacher.

**Appointments**—should be arranged outside of the school day and if this is not possible,

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Position</u>
Butterflies	95.7%	1st
China	91.7%	2nd
New Zealand	91%	3rd
Kenya	90.7%	4th
Morocco	90.3%	5th
Costa Rica	89.7%	6th
Australia	88.3%	7th
India	88.3%	7th
Japan	88.3%	7th
Germany	88%	10th
Catpillars	88%	10th
Russia	86.6%	12th
France	82.3%	13th
ladybirds	81.7%	14th
Chile	77%	15th

## Perfect Attendance!



EYFS/ KS1 - Butterflies



KS2 - China

# TEAM

## Stars of the Week

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
Caterpillars -	Mariam S
Butterflies -	Natan E
Ladybirds -	Dominion S
France -	Nicolas C
Germany -	Teddy B
Australia -	Haider K
New Zealand -	Logan LG
Kenya -	Jamie S
Morocco -	Kganya N
Chile -	Liam Q
Costa Rica -	Milan B
India -	Ruben F
Russia -	Natalia G
China -	Cole N
Japan -	Eniola B



Congratulations to the **273** children who had **100%** attendance this week.



Classes  
**Butterflies**  
and  
**China**  
who are our  
Attendance winners  
this week.





# This Weeks Wonderful Work



## NURSERY



This week we have been creating our own trolls using our weekly text "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The children have looked at the features of the troll and used various resources to create their own.

## RECEPTION



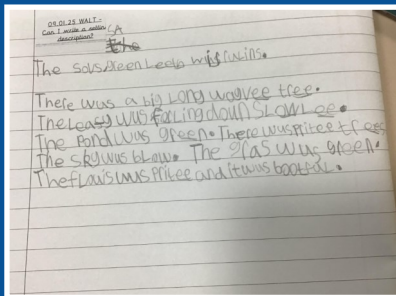
This week in Literacy, we started our new story 'Juniper Jupiter'. The children dived into story world using our magic story box. We also explored the author and illustrator. We then made predictions of what our story could be about as we looked at key vocabulary and some objects from the text. The children used this to then make their predictions. We're so excited to find out more about the story.

## YEAR 1



This week has been ART week in school, we have been looking at collages in year 1. We have been learning about different artists and trying to recreate some of their work!

## YEAR 2



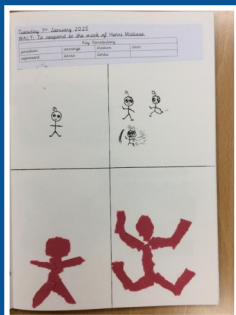
We have been looking at our new book The Bog Baby. We have wrote setting descriptions including adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes

## YEAR 3



This week we have been enjoying our art week, we have been inspired by artist Henri Matisse and we have been exploring his use of primary and complimentary colours. We then used these colours to create a collage inspired by his work.

## YEAR 4



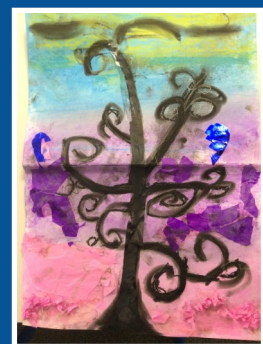
In Year 4 this week, we have been doing Art and exploring the artist Henri Matisse. We have looked at how we can explore movement by moving the limbs around. Fantastic work everyone!

## YEAR 5



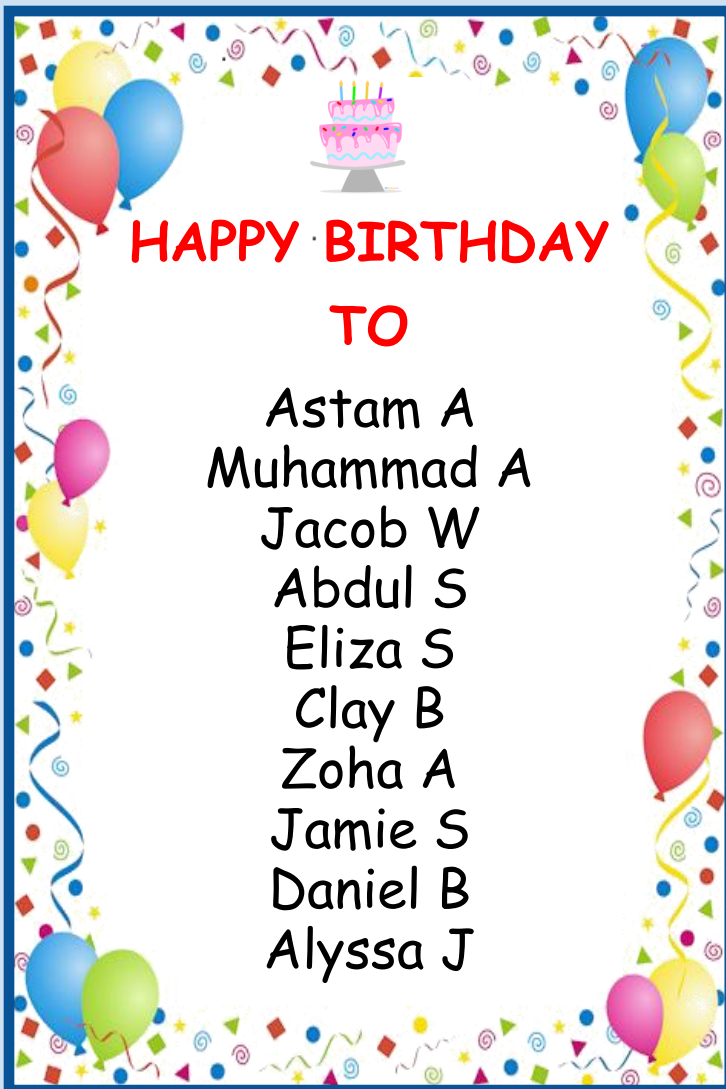
This week, Year 5 have been using construction and deconstruction skills to create a collage.

## YEAR 6



This week, we have been looking at the artist Gustav Klimt and using collage to create our own artwork in his style.





## PE TIMETABLE

Monday:

**New Zealand  
Year 6 swimming**

Tuesday:

**Australia  
Costa Rica**

Wednesday:

**France  
Chile**

Thursday:

**Germany  
Year 5**

Friday:

**Kenya  
Morocco**



**All children must wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.**

## After School Clubs

	<u>Key Stage 1</u>	<u>Key Stage 2</u>
<u>Mon</u>	Art Club EYFS	GPS Club Yr 6 Mindfulness KS2
<u>Tue</u>		Maths (AM) Yr 6
<u>Wed</u>	DT Club KS1 Arts and Craft KS1	Reading Club Yr 6
<u>Thur</u>	Reading and Craft Yr 1 & 2	Maths (AM) Yr 6 Times Table Club Yr4 Yoga KS2
<u>Fri</u>		



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



Full school uniform must be worn every day.

Please make sure it has your **CHILD'S NAME** in.

Exceptions can only be made if you have contacted school in advance.

### Nursery (F1)

pupil's uniform will be:  
- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.  
- White polo shirt.  
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.



### Reception (F2)

pupil's uniform will be:  
- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.  
- White polo shirt.  
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.  
- Grey socks or tights.



### Year 1 and Year 2

pupil's uniform will be:  
- Royal blue round neck jumper or cardigan.  
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.  
- White polo shirt.  
- Grey socks or tights.



### Years 3/4/5/6

pupil's uniform will be:  
- Royal blue V neck jumper or cardigan.  
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.  
- White shirt.  
- School tie.  
- Grey socks or tights.



### All children from Reception through to year 6 also require a PE kit.

This consists of:  
A white round neck t-shirt.  
Royal blue shorts.  
Royal blue jogging bottoms and Sweatshirt can also be worn.  
Black pumps or black trainers only.





# You have got to be in to win!

For the whole month of January if you are in school and on time your name will be entered into a draw giving you a chance to win a £10 gift voucher per class.



The more you're in the higher the chance to win!

## School Penalty Notice Fines for Attendance are Changing from August

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty notices, the following changes will come into effect for all Fines issued after August 19th 2024

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each absent child.

**For Example:** 3 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset Days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time

### 10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-Week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

### First Offence

The first time a penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave the amount will be £160 per parent, paid within 28 days

### Third Offence (and any further offences within 3 years)

The Third time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates court. Where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be issued.

**Note:** Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.



### Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual [drop in](#) advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

#### January 2025 dates and time

AM and PM sessions

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

9.30 – 10.15

10.30 – 11.15

PM sessions

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

11.30 – 12.15

1.00 – 1.45

2.00 – 2.45

To book your place please email [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

With a choice of your date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link.

For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

### The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, regarding social communication difficulties, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to ask a question and leave or stay for the duration.

You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date: [January 2025](#) dates and Times (am / pm sessions)

Dates	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	X	1pm – 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	X	1pm – 2.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	X	1pm – 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	X	1pm – 2.30pm

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please

email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

# For Mental Health and Wellbeing

## Crisis Care line

\* Families/Professionals can call: 0151 293 3577 or 0151 282 4724 or freephone 0808 196 3550.

\* Email: [CrisisCare@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:CrisisCare@alderhey.nhs.uk)

\* General enquiries: 0151 293 3662

<https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/children-young-people/covid-19-liverpool-camhs-support/>

## SHOUT (Alder Hey)

A free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for any CYP who is feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope.

To start a conversation text the word **GREEN** to 85258

More info here:

<https://www.liverpoolcamhs.com/reach-out/>

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

### Under 13

- Roblox
- PopJam
- FaceTime

### 13+

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

### 16+

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr

### 17+

- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

JUSTALK KIDS is a child's version of the JUS TALK app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JUSTALK account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JUSTALK Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more features such as games they can play with others in a chat, exclusive stickers to badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive emojis and themes.

#### RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JUSTALK Kids endeavours to show children the signs of having a chat-based app while offering parents to set controls (within the app or from their own child's account) which means behind this is positive, however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JUSTALK Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

#### KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JUSTALK Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add friends. The parent control will be a message which content can be viewed and who children can add as a friend. This then allows parents to chat with friends in a controlled environment, however, parents should be aware that their child may know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add multiple friends.

#### POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JUSTALK and JUSTALK Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going as far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, it's worth noting in 2021 a report stated that the company had a security breach – leading to concerns about the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

#### CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which is not their own, or to bully others. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might fall in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially harming what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

#### TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022, as well as finding that 28% of children used their smartphones to increase their screen time. Screen addiction, introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JUSTALK Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves or their profile picture. This type of open education will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

#### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app, however, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people that know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

#### MEET OUR EXPERT

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and completed research for the Australian government concerning internet use and setting boundaries for young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

#### DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete a message, it can be saved and distributed by others.

#### ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JUSTALK can sometimes lead themselves to bullying behaviour. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) if home. Remind them that they can block or contact someone if they're being bullied or harassed.

**#WakeUpWednesday**  
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## Lunch box ideas...

### Packed lunch 1

- Tuna, sweetcorn and pepper pasta
- Banana
- Handful of raisins
- Carton of semi-skimmed milk

### Packed lunch 2

- Egg, crisp and cucumber salad
- Rice pudding
- Subsamba
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 3

- Mackerel and potato salad (peppercorn mackerel, new potatoes, watercress, pepper, cucumber, chives, low fat mayonnaise)
- Fragrant fruits
- Raspberries
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 4

- Frittata (eggs, cheese, peas, peppers, sweetcorn)
- Slice of crusty brown bread with low fat spread
- Small tub of steds, sultanas and chopped dried apricots
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 5

- Pitta bread, falafel, tzatziki (yogurt and cucumber dip), lettuce and tomato
- Small pear
- Handful of plain popcorn
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 6

- Wholemeal bagel with ham and soft cheese
- Pat of cherry tomatoes
- Frozen cherries mixed with fragrant fruits
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 7

- Hummus
- Carrot and pepper sticks
- Wholemeal pitta bread
- Strawberries
- Yogurt
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 8

- Chicken, cream cheese and grated carrot wrap
- Fruit kebabs
- Sugar free jelly
- Carton of semi-skimmed milk

### Packed lunch 9

- Vegetable and lentil pasta (chopped tomatoes, carrots, celery, onion, red lentils, pasta)
- Small tub of grated cheese
- Canned peaches in natural juice
- Low fat custard
- Bottle of water

### Packed lunch 10

- Vegetable cous cous (roasted courgette, peppers, onions, chickpeas, cubed cheese)
- Canned pineapple in juice
- Soya yogurt
- Bottle of water

All images are suggestions only

Gwladys Street CP & N School is a strictly 'no nut' school, for example: no Nutella, no peanut butter, no graze boxes, no chocolate bars containing nuts, etc.

In addition to this, we do not allow hot food caddies/containers and/or skewer sticks.

Also, please cut up grapes, blueberries and cherries lengthways as these are a choking hazard.

If your child is having biscuits, please only provide a portion (1 or 2) and not to a whole packet.

**FACT** Research by the University of Leeds has shown that only 14% of primary school children's packed lunches met the nutritional standards set for school meals.



A New Year is like a blank book, it has 12 chapters and 365 pages, and you are the author. My wish for you is that this year, you write the most beautiful story possible for yourself.  
Happy New Year.



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