

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's almost the end of the term and it has been a long one! It's not over yet though, and we still have our **winter concerts** on Monday, pupil **Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday and end of year **class parties** on Friday!

Lot's of holiday activities inside!



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -
FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER**

**FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS -
TUESDAY 7th JANUARY**



MAYOR OF
TOWER HAMLETS



Cost of Living Help

A guide to the help and support available for Tower Hamlets residents during the cost of living crisis.

3rd Edition – updated
for 2024/25



Click [here](#) to access the full booklet



WINTER CONCERTS

Our annual winter concerts will take place in St. Pauls' Church (next door to the school) on **Monday 16th December** at the following times:

10.00am - Reception, Y1, Y2

2.00pm - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6



CLASS PARTIES

Friday 20th December

Pupils can wear party clothes and bring party food to share



SPORTING SUCCESS!

We're thrilled to share some incredible news about our school sports teams! 🎉

For the first time ever, our school has qualified for three different sports in the prestigious London Youth Games!



Our Boccia team triumphed over 16 primary schools in the Tower Hamlets competition, securing their place in the Games. Last year, Old Ford brought home a gold medal, and we're determined to repeat that success! They'll proudly represent OFPA and Tower Hamlets, competing against 33 boroughs across London.

But that's not all! Our New Age Kurling and Inclusive Cricket teams have also qualified for the London Youth Games. Additionally, our indoor cricket team shone at the LBTH cricket competition, making it all the way to the semifinals!

A massive congratulations to all our pupils for these phenomenal achievements. You've made us all so proud! 🎉

Now, let the training commence - bring on the Games!



JOLLY JAR WINNERS

Well done to the following pupils. Please collect your prize from the office next week!

1st Tayah Spence 6C
2nd Rahma Khaled 5C
3rd Umar Bin Kazi 1C



PARENT/CARER SURVEY

This has now closed and I am proud to report that Old Ford had over 230 responses - more than any other Paradigm school!

Once the survey company sends me the results, I will share these with you.

Congratulations to Ms. V Pottinger (mother of Miah YN) who won the £50.00 shopping voucher!

23 NOVEMBER - 4 JANUARY



WINTER READING Challenge

Read 4 books during
the challenge and

receive a certificate

for being a superstar!

GET YOUR
MITS ON
SOME BOOKS
TODAY!

Visit ideastore.co.uk
for more information.



Old Ford
Primary



Poster Design Competition

20
24



- Hafsa - 5I
- Amayah - 5I
- Tahiya - 5I
- Saarah - 5I
- Ibrahim - 6C
- Remi - 6I
- Aleena - 6E

Congratulations!

Remi - 6I



Ibrahim - 6C

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Safe

Don't give out personal information to people/places you don't know.

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Don't meet up

You need to know the person personally.

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Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files or pictures from strangers = a **BIG NO!**

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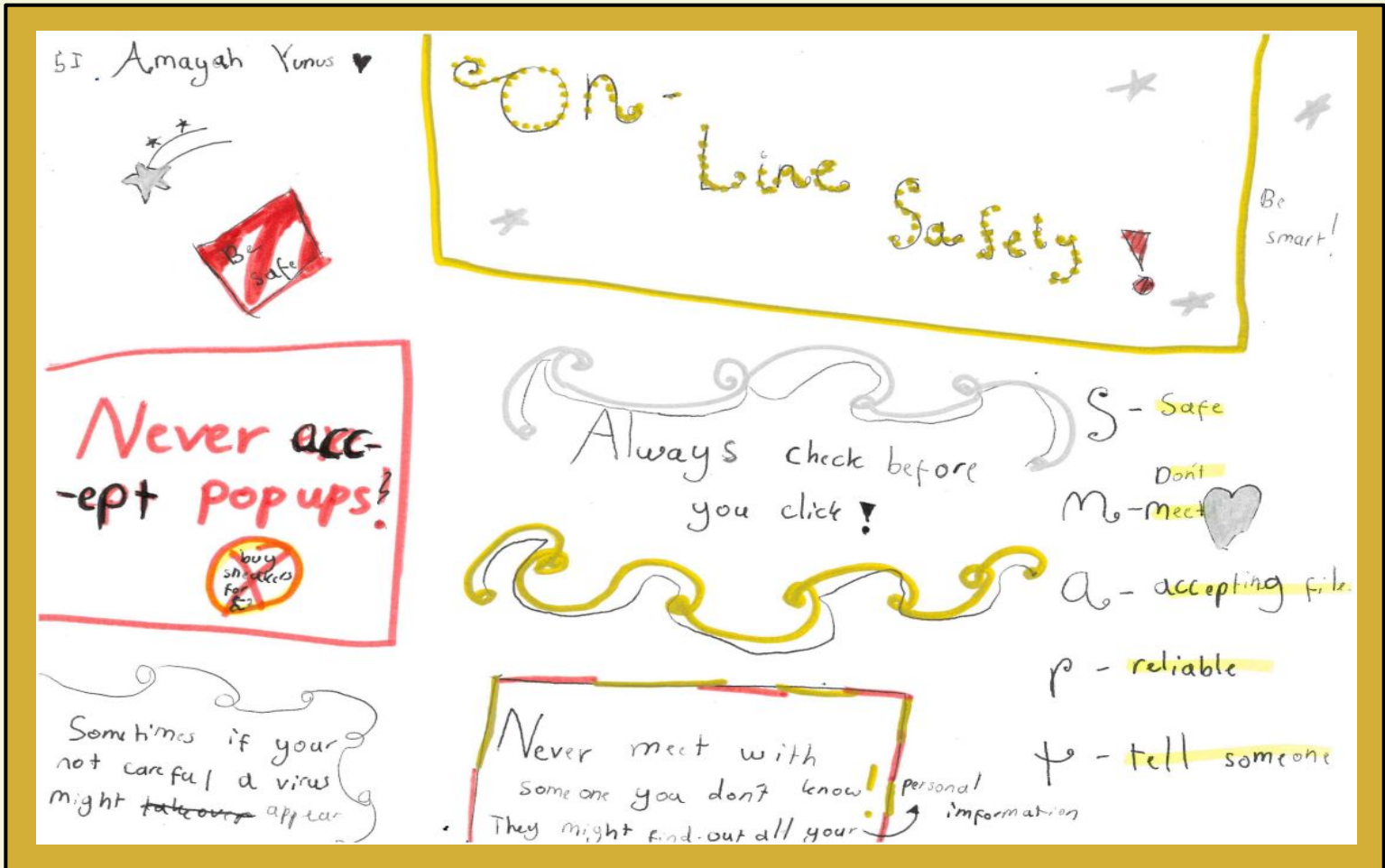
Reliable?

Check information before you believe it, is the person or website telling the truth?

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Tell someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you worried or uncomfortable.



Little Talkers (online)

Build communication skills from home!

- Are you are concerned about your child's **talking** and **understanding**?
- Is your child between **3-5 years** old?
- Would you like to learn how **you** can **support** your child's communication at home through play?



If you have answered yes to the above, please sign up to register your interest in our Little Talkers **online sessions** through the link/QR code (**See back of page**).

When: January – February 2025

How often: 1.5 hour weekly sessions for 5 weeks

Where: Online (joining details will be confirmed)

You can best support your child's talking!

- You will be supported to reflect on your interaction with your child and will learn simple ways to build their communication skills throughout four group sessions and one one-to-one session.
- You will be invited to attend a one-to-one progress review after the group.
- These sessions are provided by the Barts Health Early Language Team in Speech and Language Therapy



Little Talkers Online

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Please note, we are currently only offering these sessions to families who can participate in English.

We plan to make sessions accessible to more families in the future. To stay updated, please sign up to our mailing list through the link below.



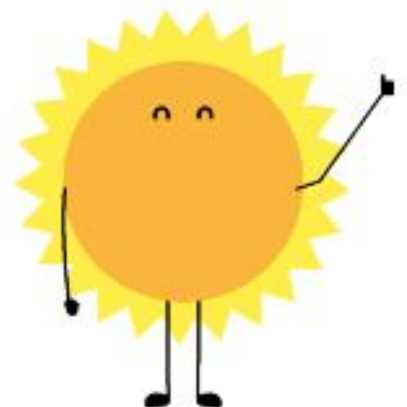
If you are accessing this document online, click the link below to sign up:
[Little Talkers Online Registration Form](#)

- After you register, we will be in touch by December 10th to let you know if you would be appropriate for a screening session.
- Screening sessions take place face to face and help decide if this is the right group for you and your child.

Our contact details:

bartshealth.earlylanguage@nhs.net

020 7767 3322, Option 3 (ask for Clair Chen or Emma Burton to phone you back)



ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO OUR 'MY CHILD AT SCHOOL' APP?



All our important information goes out via the app so sign up today!

To sign up, go to

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

and click on the 'Sign up' link, via the App or on a desktop/laptop.

**IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP,
WE WILL BE HOLDING DROP IN
SESSIONS AT SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY AT 9.00AM**

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES IN TERM TIME

We follow government guidance on term time holidays (see [here](#)) and we **do not** authorise pupil holidays during term time. We encourage parents/carers to take their holidays during one of the scheduled holiday breaks.

You can be **fined** or face **legal action** for taking your child on holiday during term time.

FREE ACTIVITY IN LONDON!

Use the map below to hunt for these penguins in London!



More information here:

<https://wildinart.co.uk/events/fleet-street-penguin-parade/>

FESTIVE FLEET STREET QUARTER PENGUIN PARADE

1 TIFFANY LOIS CORDELLA
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

2 BUDDY THE ELY PENGUIN
MIGGAN H SMITH & VANS
BLACKFRIARS SQUARE

3 IT'S REMAINING TO LOOK
A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS
LAURA-KATE CHAPMAN
ST BRIDE'S PASSAGE

4 SNOWY SP ROBERTS
GOUGH SQUARE

5 PERCY THE PARTY PENGUIN
REILLY CREATIVE
NEW STREET SQUARE

6 THE FOREST AT CHRISTMAS
JODIE SILVERMAN
THE ROLLS BUILDING

7 MR EASY FREEZEY
JENNY LEONARD
CURSITOR STREET

8 SANTA PAWS
JESSICA PERRIN
PLOUGH PLACE

9 HELTER SKELTER
AMANDA GIBLIN
FLEET LANE

10 KEVIN THE KINGUIN
CAROLINE DALY
HOLBORN CIRCUS

11 IN THE DEEP MIDWINTER
SUE GAUTHRIE
FLEET PLACE HOUSE

12 PHELLOPER PENGUIN
DONNA NEWMAN
LUDGATE CIRCUS

IN SUPPORT OF **WWF**

CREATED BY **WILD IN ART**

Map drawn by *Olaf Falafel*

FESTIVE FLEET STREET QUARTER

LONDON JAGUARS PRESENTS



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CODE

KIDS

WINTER

Holiday Club 2024



A 7-days Winter Event Filled
with Fun & Excitement

23 Dec 2024- 3rd Jan 2025
Excluding 25th/26th Dec/1st Jan

Kingsley Hall, E3 3HJ

Club 1: 10AM-2PM
Club 2: 2pm-6pm

Activities Include:
Ice Skating, Cinema,
Educational workshops,
Sports, Nutrition, Etc

CONTACT LONDON JAGUARS FOR MORE INFO AT
07342 481010 | ljca.org@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 1190533

FREE
FOR BENEFITS
RELATED FSM
CHILDREN OR
£15 DAILY

In partnership with



TOWER HAMLETS

PLEASE **DO NOT** PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW OR ZIG-ZAG LINES WHEN YOU ARE COLLECTING OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN.



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HAMLETS
PARKING
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS ARE
CONDUCTING
REGULAR
PATROLS IN THE
AREA

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NEAR OUR GATES



CHILD SAFETY COMES FIRST

Supporting you, for a brighter future

Every family sometimes needs support to help their babies and children thrive. Family Hubs brings together local services and advice for children, young people and their families, including Start for Life services for 0-2-year-olds.

Click [here](#) for more information



IMPORTANT!!!!

Please make sure you clearly label ALL of your children's clothes with their name and class.

We have dozens of lost jumpers and coats that get left in the playground and lost because we don't know who they belong to!



Just get a pen and write their name and class on the label inside!



FRUIT AT BREAK TIMES

If you would like to provide your child with a **piece of fruit** to eat at break/play time, please do so!

Please note: **Only fresh fruit*** is allowed.

No fruit snacks, bars or anything else!

please give these to your child **before school and do not bring into the office! Our staff are very busy in the mornings!*

PARENT/CARER SCHOOL DINNERS!

These will restart in the
new year.

Watch this page for future
dates for your year group.



ACADEMY COUNCIL

The minutes from all historic meetings are on our website [here](#)

Our next meeting is on
**Tuesday 14th January at
9.15am**

Come in person or join online
[here](#)

Future meeting dates: 14th January, 4th March, 29th April, 10th June



Christmas
MOVIE
AFTERNOON



Sunday December 15th

AT

3:00

PM

St Paul Old Ford Church

0208 981 4655

Bring snacks!

Vote for your community

Decide which resident projects should be funded in Old Ford, Tower Hamlets

Join us for a free Community Voting Day

and decide which resident-led project will be funded to improve your community's health and wellbeing. Everyone welcome!

Saturday 14th December

11.00 – 2.30pm
St. Pauls Church
St. Stephens Road,
E3 5JL

Day trips

Enjoy free hot food and book our free crèche

Doors close strictly at 11.15am, please arrive before for entry and to participate in the voting! All living in the area can vote!

Gardening project

Fruit & vegetable project

Arts and crafts



NHS
North East London

Bow Health NETWORK CIC

if you have any access requirements or want to book a space in the creche call:

Amy on 07759711534 or amy.jones15@nhs.net

NOTICES

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Full information about how your child's year group is organised, staffing and what they will be learning this half term is available on our website [here](#)



COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday, 9.00am with Shabina



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PARENTS/CARERS

Please do not use the pupil toilets before and after school!
These are for the children - not you!

PLAYGROUND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please remember that there are no staff on duty in the playgrounds before and after school so parents/carers should supervise their own children.

Children should not be playing with balls or on the climbing frames

MOBILE PHONES AND E-SAFETY

As you know, an important part of our curriculum is teaching pupils about **esafety**.

We know that a lot of our pupils spend a lot of their time online, either through **online gaming** or on **social media apps**.

This can sometimes lead to contact with inappropriate people and/or exposure to inappropriate language.

We **strongly recommend** that you monitor your children's usage of the internet and that you are aware of what they are doing online.

Please see social media apps **age ratings** below.



More information on age ratings [here](#)

CAKE WITH KEVIN VALUES WINNERS!

Over the page...



THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



3I - Adam

Excellence - For always doing his very best and looking for ways to improve his learning.



RI - Amaana

Integrity - you are a super star. You always choose to do the right the thing, even when no one is looking. Amaana always tries her best. Well done Amaana, keep up the good work.

RE - Adam

For trying really hard to form his letter correctly and is beginning to write some words using his sounds. Well done Adam! Keep up the great work.



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| Integrity doing the right thing even when no one is watching | Community working together; learning from, and supporting, others | Excellence enabling everyone to achieve more through education |
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THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



4C - Amira

Amira is an exceptional student who created stunning artwork this week and showed remarkable kindness in supporting those around her. Her talent and caring nature truly make her shine.



6I - Fahmida

I have been so impressed this week with your input in maths lessons. You have focused, applied your previous knowledge and achieved great outcomes. This shows us that hard work pays off!

2I - Arisha

Excellence- Arisha worked really hard all week, she made really good progress in her reading and phonics. Keep up the hard work!



THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



5I - Fatima

Congratulations on your great disposition for learning, especially in Maths. You show resilience and work very hard to get to your greater depth challenges. We are very proud of you!



5C - Fawzan

You are a superstar Fawzan! You have been working extremely hard in lessons to meet the lesson objectives. Keep it up!

5E - Ibrahim

Community: You've come a long way since we started year 5. You have this quiet confidence about you Ibrahim and you are a leader in the making! Keep your community spirit up! Well done.

2C - Nusaybah

Nusaybah, I am so proud of the way you always follow instructions, show STAR and try your best. You are such a kind and gentle person and we are very lucky to have you in 2C. Keep being you!



THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS

RC - Rayan

Rayan is receiving an excellence award for fantastic work in phonics.

4I - Rizwan

Excellence: Rizwan has been putting lots of effort into his work this half term and it has really been showing from English to Art he has been making excellent progress.

6E - Salma

Salma, you have been working so much harder to improve your work and to answer questions in class... A huge difference across all curriculum subjects - thank you!

1E - Soha

Soha has only been at our school for less than two weeks, but she has settled in really well. She always shows 'star' and listens well on the carpet. Soha always tries her best in every subject. It is lovely to have new pupils who put 100% into their work. Well done Soha and welcome to Old Ford Primary.



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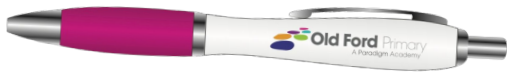
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THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



1I - Tanzila

You always show 100% in all your lessons. You try your best and you always choose to do the right thing even when no one is watching. Keep it up!

3C - Taibur

Excellence- You have been trying so hard in class, I am so proud of you. You are engaged in every lessons, you always have lots of questions and love to share your thought with the rest of the class. Keep it up!

1C - Yaqub

I would like to nominate Yaqub for an Integrity Value Award. He has shown integrity by always taking responsibility for his own learning and trying his best, even when the work is challenging. I have noticed he is now more independent in completing his tasks and during a recent independent writing activity, Yaqub double-checked his work to make sure it was accurate instead of rushing to finish quickly. Keep up the great work Yaqub!



6C - Yaqub

Yaqub was a great help in 5C whilst his class were out on a trip. He helped many students and was a brilliant role model and assistant.



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UNIFORM

Pupils should **ONLY** be wearing the uniform pictured below. If pupils are not in the correct uniform, we will be calling parents/carers for them to bring this in. **NO 'HOODIES' OF ANY COLOUR**



P.E. UNIFORM

Please make sure your child has black jogging bottoms or shorts and a black T-shirt.

Black T-shirts are available from the school office for £2.00



Scarves should be dark blue or black



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

The afterschool care club at OFPA no longer operates. We have made an arrangement with **Olga Primary School** who have agreed that we can use their club. Their club runs from 3.30pm - 6.00pm daily and children are given a hot meal.

Each day, a OFPA staff member will collect the children from Old Ford and walk them over to Olga (which is about 5 minutes walk away.) Parents/carers will then collect the children from there. More information about the Olga provision can be found here:

<https://www.olga.towerhamlets.sch.uk/info/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>

You can enrol your child through OFPA and we will pass your information on to Olga.



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COLLECTING PUPILS AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could you wait until all pupils are in their lines before speaking to the teacher and collecting your child.

We need to make sure that all of our pupils go home with the right adult!

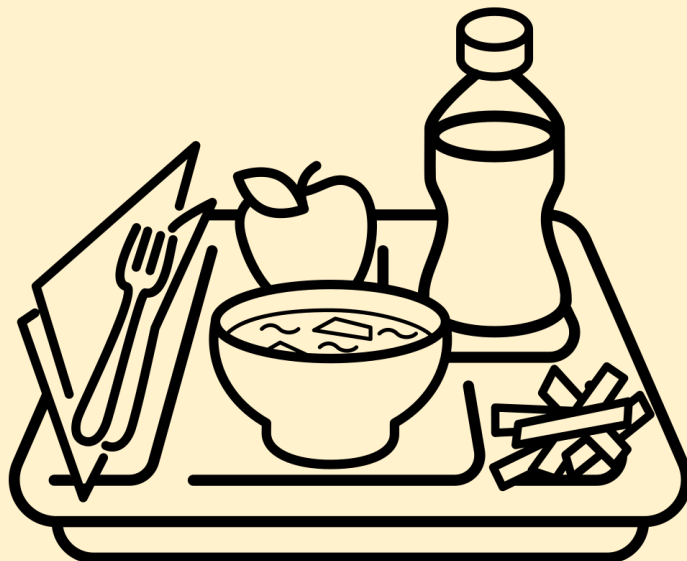
REMEMBER - SCHOOL STARTS AT...



DON'T BE LATE!

How are lunches organised at OFPA?

- All pupils play in their playground.
- A midday meals supervisor will come out to the playground and ring a bell. All the children stop and look.
- The midday meals supervisor will hold up a sign with the name of a class on it (e.g. 3E) and all the children line up and are walked in to the dinner hall.
- This is repeated for all classes.
- At the end, a sign is held up saying 'Last Call' This is an opportunity for any children who have missed their lunch to go in.



MENU FOR 2024/25

(From October 2024)



LUNCHTIME CO[®]

WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

Old Ford Primary



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Roasted Vegetable, Tomato & Chickpea Pasta Bake & Mixed Vegetable

Thai Chicken Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, and Gravy

Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels Served With Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetable

Roasted Butternut Squash & Spinach Thai Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables

Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage and Gravy

Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

PASTA & JACKETS

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

DESSERTS

Ice cream Mondays Or Fresh fruit pot

Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot

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Treat day Friday with cake Or Fresh fruit pot

Making lunchtime the **highlight** of your day

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Margarita Pizza
Served with Baked
Potato Wedges, Peas &
Sweetcorn

Marinated
Jerk Chicken Served
With Rice & Peas, Mixed
Vegetable

Roast Turkey served
with Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Broccoli and
Gravy

Italian Meatball in a
Rich Tomato Sauce
Served with Pasta &
Mixed Vegetables

Breaded Fish Fillet
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

MEAT FREE

Rainbow Pizza Served
with Baked Potato
Wedges, Peas &
Sweetcorn

Sweet Potato & Black
Bean Jerk Curry
Served With Rice &
Peas, Mixed Vegetable

Cauliflower, Broccoli
Lentil Cheese Bake
Served with Roast
Potatoes, Carrots,
Broccoli and Gravy

Italian Vegan Meatball
in a Rich Tomato
Sauce Served with
Pasta & Mixed
Vegetables

Vegan Sausage Roll
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

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FRIDAY

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Traditional Macaroni
Cheese Served with
Homemade Garlic &
Herb Bread, Seasonal
Vegetables

Turkey Tikka
Served with Rice,
Naan Bread Finger
and Mixed vegetable

Chicken Sausage served
with Potatoes, Yorkshire
Pudding, Carrots,
Broccoli & Gravy

Beef Lasagna Served
with Homemade Garlic
Bread & Mixed
Vegetables Or Fresh
Salad

Fish Fingers Served
with Chips, Garden
Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Moroccan Vegetable &
Chickpea Tagine Served
with Crusty Whole meal
Bread

Vegetable Tikka
Served with Rice, Naan
Bread Finger and Mixed
vegetable

Quorn Sausage
served with Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding,
Carrots, Broccoli &
Gravy

Tex Mex Vegan Mince
& Cheese Burrito Served
With Mixed Vegetables
Or Fresh Salad

Fishless Fish Fingers
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

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| <p>SEPTEMBER</p>  <p>National Hispanic Heritage Month Tuesday 16th</p> <p>International Day of Peace Thursday 19th</p> | <p>OCTOBER</p>  <p>World Teachers Day Friday 4th</p> <p>Black History Month Thursday 17th</p> | <p>NOVEMBER</p>  <p>Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Lunch Tuesday 5th</p> <p>Diwali Thursday 7th</p> | <p>DECEMBER</p>  <p>National Odd Sock Day Thursday 4th</p> <p>Christmas Dinner Day Date to be agreed with school</p> | <p>JANUARY</p>  <p>Veganuary Thursday 16th</p> <p>Chinese New Year Wednesday 29th</p> | <p>FEBRUARY</p>  <p>National Pizza Day Monday 10th</p> <p>International Stand Up to Bullying Day Friday 28th</p> |
| <p>MARCH</p>  <p>Pancake Day Tuesday 4th</p> <p>World Book Day Thursday 6th</p> | <p>APRIL</p>  <p>Eid al-Fitr Tuesday 1st</p> <p>Easter Lunch Last Roast Dinner date before Easter</p> | <p>MAY</p>  <p>International Harry Potter Day Thursday 1st</p> <p>Spring Picnic Thursday 22nd</p> | <p>JUNE</p>  <p>World Environment Day Thursday 5th</p> <p>Healthy Eating Week Tuesday 10th</p> | <p>JULY</p>  <p>Ice Cream Station Tuesday 1st</p> <p>Leavers BBQ Lunch Agreed with each school</p> | |

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is your responsibility to notify the school **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** on the **MORNING** of the day of absence.

There are a couple of ways in which you can notify the administration team of your child's absence.

Please note: you do not need to speak to a member of the administration team to report your child's absence.

1) **Leave a voicemail** by calling the school on **020 8980 1503** and select **option 1 and wait for the beep after the message**. You will then be asked to leave a voicemail.

Please **clearly** state:

- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

OR

2) **Email** the school on **Info@oldfordacademy.org** and please put **ABSENCE REPORT in the subject line** and then state:

- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

If you do not report your child's absence they will have an **unauthorised absence** mark.

Please be reminded that three days of unauthorised absences will result in a penalty notice referral to the local authority and may lead to a £60 fine per child, per parent.

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Families Matter

A magazine full of news and information to support families
Featuring the SEND Information Supplement

Celebrating family learning



Read all about the Parental Engagement Team's family learning workshops in schools, including the newly developed Reading for Pleasure and Family Science Lab workshops, see pages 5-7.

Read the latest edition of the Families Matter magazine and monthly e-bulletin online at
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/familiesmatter

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Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.



A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.



N O MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.



T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.



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It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on **0800 1111** and someone will always be there to listen.



Remember all of these rules and they'll help you stay safe, just like Pantosaurus

