



Asterdale Primary School

Apr-May 26

## Spring is coming...

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. As we enter the summer term, our school vision of 'everyday excellence' remains key to all of our approach at Asterdale. This term will focus upon statutory testing in different year groups, as well as our usual summer term events programme. Should you need to speak with me - catch me on the school gate or arrange an appointment via the school office. Please note: safeguarding or sensitive matters should not be discussed on the gate.

Kind regards  
Mr O'Leary  
Headteacher



### Focus values this term:

#### SELF-BELIEF

##### What we teach our Asterdale learners:

Believing that you can will mean that you will.  
When you believe anything is possible, you can  
achieve great things.

self-belief is something that you can grow.

A positive mindset brings positive results.

#### SAFETY:

##### Linking to upcoming Mental Health Week -

We know that happy minds make happy people.

Looking after ourselves mentally is just as  
important as physically.

self-care is not selfish - it is essential.

Mental safety is key so that we can be at our best  
and tackle anything that comes our way.

### Parents Evening

Dates for rearranged parents evening meetings will  
be: Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March & Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March

Telephone appointments can also be made if more  
convenient. Please ensure you have booked an  
appointment via the arbor app to discuss your  
child's learning and progress.

### Ofsted Update

We still await the publication of our Ofsted report  
from our recent March visit. Once this is received,  
we will share further with our community. Our  
children, as always, made us incredibly proud  
throughout the visit. Well done Team Asterdale!



### INSET Days 2026

A reminder of INSET Days this year:

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June

Last day of term: Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July



# Save the dates for:

PTFA Colour run: 26<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day: 24<sup>th</sup> June (am)

Reserve date: 1<sup>st</sup> July



# Meal prices

As of 13/04/26, Mellors catering are pricing meals at £3 per day. New dinner menus can be found below.

# Parent forum

Next parent forum event - (rearranged date)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.50-3.20pm

Focus: Meet the Governors & School Improvement

# Spring Asters Awards!

Congratulations to our Spring Asters Awards winners from last half-term - selected by their class teachers for demonstrating everyday excellence consistently in their learning and wider school life!

# OPAL Playtimes Update

## OPAL BINGO:

We continue to collect lots of items for our opal playtimes initiative. Take a look at the list below for items that would really help our outdoor playtimes development project. These can be brought to school and placed under the gazebo near the KS2 gate.

## BRING THOSE WELLIES!

Please can all children bring a named pair of wellies that can be left in school each day for the summer term. Thank you!

Rakes	Toy cars	Action figures	Umbrellas	Plastic trucks
Suitcases	Hard hats	Wellies	Wood dowels	'Caution' tape
Bricks	Plastic bins	Laundry baskets	Egg containers	Duct tape
Straw bales	Rocks	Leaves	Gravel, pebbles	5 Gallon buckets
Poles	Glass jewels	Jugs	Marbles	Balls - every kind!

# Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Laundry basket	Suitcase	Wooden spoons	Action figures	Plastic crates
Dress up items	Cars	Dinosaurs	Pans	Plastic dolls
Lego	Small balls	Scooter	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Skateboard	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Helmet	Aprons	Chalk

Acorns	Baking pans	Cake moulds	Measuring spoons	Strainers
Baskets	Cable spools	Cones	Containers	Corrugated pipes
Dress up items	Fabric	Funnels	Nets	Old electronics
Pool noodles	PVC pipes	Ropes	Shovels and spades	Sinks and tubs
Tyres and wheels - big, small and weird	Pots	Colanders	Wheelbarrow	Watering cans

# Toys / Items from home

Polite reminder - children are asked to not bring items from home to school (including: fidgets, footballs, keychains on bookbags).

# Bookbags

A reminder that book bags, rather than large rucksacks are requested for children to bring to school. Thank you for your support with this.

# Trim trail use

Polite reminder - KS1 trim trail should not be used before or after school to ensure safety for all.

# Office Updates

## Late arrivals and collections:

Punctuality matters. Any late arrivals or early collections will require children to be signed-in at the school office using our inventory system. Gates close at 8.55am - children should arrive no later than 8.55am - any arrivals after this are to be made via the school office. A reminder that early collections for appointments should be avoided as these impact on vital learning time.

## Medications:

A reminder that prior to any medications being administered in school, appropriate paperwork must be completed via the school office.

## Class Newsletters

Please take a look on individual class dojo pages for class specific updates for the summer term ahead.

## PTFA Newsletter

Please see our lovely PTFA's latest newsletter attached for summer updates and upcoming events!



## Picture News

## Responsible Parking

Following recent monitoring and local residents feedback: A plea to all of our community to park responsibly and considerately outside and around school grounds. This includes parking around the golf-course.

## Picture News

We have purchased a new news resource called 'Picture News' which will be posted onto dojo weekly with articles to share and discuss together at home. We hope you enjoy sharing these together as part of our Personal Development programme.

## Forest school donations

Our forest school teachers would love any donations of: leggings, jogging bottoms, spare gloves (all ages). Thank you!

## Screen time guidance

Take a look [HERE](#) for some useful guidance about the impact of screen time.

Responsible device usage features as part of our e-safety curriculum teaching. Please encourage this at home too!

We're part of the



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Schools Network**

# Everyday Reading



(at least)  
5 minutes reading

5 times per week



## Homework reminder

For ALL children our homework expectation is to read for 5 minutes 5 times per week and for this to be recorded in reading diaries consistently.

Congratulations to our Spring term reading raffle winners  
Your 'reading experience' prize awaits!

## Year 6 SATs

For Year 6 parents information:

KS2 (Year 6) SATS Week will be:

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May

Good luck to all of our 'super sixes'!



**E**motional

**L**iteracy

**S**upport

**A**ssistant

## ELSA Support


Congratulations to Mrs Wynne who has completed accredited training as an ELSA practitioner - this will enable further Social & Emotional support for learners in school as part of our wider SEMH offer.

## Attendance = Excellence




Attendance is everyone's business

Attendance from first week back this term!		<b>Whole School:</b>  <b>98.3%</b>	
Reception	95.5%		
Year 1	97.6%		
Year 2	98.1%		
Year 3	98.5%		
Year 4	98%		
Year 5	99%		
Year 6	100%		

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita Pizza With Diced potatoes	Pork Meatballs with Tomato pasta	Roast Turkey with Mash, Stuffing & Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry With Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Bbq Quorn Chicken Pizza With Diced potatoes	Veggie Balls with Tomato pasta	Quorn Roast with Mash, Stuffing & Gravy	Quorn Nuggets with Rice	Veggie Sausage with Chips
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn Beans Salad Bar	Garlic Bread & Broccoli Salad Bar	Carrots & Peas Salad Bar	Green Beans & Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Peas Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream	Cooks choice of Biscuit	Blueberry Muffin
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Tuna or Cheese filled roll	Jacket potato cheese & Beans	Cheese or Ham filled roll	Jacket potato cheese & Tuna	Jacket Potato cheese & Beans

WC 5.1.26, 26.1.26, 23.2.26, 16.3.26, 20.4.26, 11.5.26, 8.6.26, 29.6.26, 20.7.26

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Ham & Pineapple Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Sausage with Mash, Yorkshire pudding & Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Garlic Bread	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Bbq Bean & Cheese Wrap With Rice	Margherita Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Quorn Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Quorn Nuggets with Chips
Accompaniments	Peas Broccoli Salad Bar	Beans Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Peas Carrots Salad Bar	Broccoli Green Beans Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle	Cook's choice of Biscuit	Ice cream	Chocolate Brownie
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato cheese and beans	Jacket potato cheese and tuna	Cheese or Tuna Filled roll	Jacket potato cheese and beans	Cheese or Ham Filled roll

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-  MEAT FREE MONDAY
-  CHEF'S CHOICE
-  PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)



**A WORLD OF FUN WITH FOOD**

**\*Allergens and intolerances\***  
 All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Crispy Chicken Fillet with Diced Potatoes	Roast Beef with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Breakfast with Sausage, Bacon, Omelette, Hash Brown	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Cheese & Tomato Panini	Quorn Nuggets with Diced Potatoes	Quorn Roast with Mash & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Breakfast	Quorn Burger with Chips
Accompaniments	Peas Salad Bar	Beans Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Broccoli Carrots Salad Bar	Tomatoes Beans Salad Bar	Peas Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Sponge & Custard	Cook's choice of Biscuit	Fruit Jelly	Fruit Muffins	Ice Cream
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