



## Newsletter

### Friday 12th September 2025



To Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly fantastic week here at. All our children have settled in wonderfully and have gotten off to a great start to the new school year. The positive energy throughout the school has been a joy to see.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are thrilled to be working with Stretto Music this academic year to deliver our music lessons. These sessions are taught by highly qualified musicians, and we've already seen the benefits. Children in Years 1-5 had their first lessons this week and absolutely thoroughly enjoyed them. Next week, our Year 6 pupils will receive their weekly session, where they will begin learning to play the violin – an exciting opportunity for them!

Another significant change this academic year has been to our playtime arrangements, and we are delighted with the success so far. Children in Reception to Year 3 are now enjoying the larger playground opposite the Year 1 classrooms, while Years 4-6 are utilising the smaller playground opposite the KS2 classrooms. To enhance these playtimes, we've introduced a range of new equipment, including new hoops, skipping ropes, giant Jenga, giant Connect 4, and giant connect. Children can also enjoy playing basketball, handball, or four square. All games are supervised by adults, ensuring a safe and engaging environment for all.

As a school, we are always looking for ways to develop and improve our playtimes further, and this is where we need your help! We would love to introduce a scooter track to the Reception - Year 3 playground, providing another exciting activity for our younger pupils. To achieve this, we are kindly asking for any donations of scooters that your children may have grown out of. We would be grateful for any scooters that are in good condition and still working. If you have any such scooters and would be willing to donate them, please bring them to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in making Pelham a vibrant and enriching place for our children to learn and grow.

Kind Regards,

*Miss Took*

Miss C. Took  
Head of School

# Dates for your Diary



Monday 15th September 2025	Tuesday 16th September 2025	Wednesday 17th September 2025	Thursday 18th September 2025	Friday 19th September 2025
				<b>Jeans for Genes Day</b> (donations payable on IRIS ParentMail)

## Attendance % & Number of Children Late

For W/E 12/09/25



Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!

Caterpillars	91.5%	1
Bumblebees	97.1%	1
Ladybirds	94.7%	0
Butterflies	99.5%	2
Dragonflies	88.4%	4
Kangaroos	95.5%	1
Koalas	98.5%	1
Penguins	97.7%	1
Polar Bears	95.8%	1
Flamingos	96.0%	2
Pelicans	96.7%	0
Giraffes	94.9%	4
Zebra	97.1%	1
Parakeets	91.7%	3
Starlings	88.9%	1

# TERM DATES



## Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025											
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January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026										
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\*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26

HOLIDAYS

INSET DAYS

# Lunch Menu



**APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025**

# WEEKLY MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<p>Mild Chilli Beef</p> <p>Tomato &amp; Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas</p> <p>Jammy Finger 1,6 VG &amp; Custard 7</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Pesto Pasta Shells 1,7</p> <p>Rice &amp; Bean Burrito &amp; Wedges 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Ice Cream 7</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Sausage Roll &amp; Gravy 1,6</p> <p>Vegetable Sausage &amp; Gravy VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V</p> <p>Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta 1, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Sultana Cake 1VG</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Fish Fingers 1,8 or Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8</p> <p>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pinwheel 1,7 V Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Cucumber</p> <p>Caramel Cookie 1,7</p> <p>Yoghurt 3,7</p> <p>Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<p>Vegetable Nuggets with Katsu Sauce 1VG</p> <p>Onion Bhajis with Katsu Sauce VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Rice, Carrots, Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Sponge 1VG &amp; Custard 7</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef &amp; Onion Pie 1</p> <p>Cheesy Pasta Twists 1,7 V Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Crushed Potatoes</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Chocolate &amp; Mandarin Mousse 7,3</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Chicken &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Hot Pot VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes</p> <p>Broccoli, Carrots</p> <p>Cornflake Cookie 1,3,7,16</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>BBQ Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges</p> <p>Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Spiced Apple Focaccia 1,3 VG</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Tuna Penne Pasta 1,7,8</p> <p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot</p> <p>Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG</p> <p>Yoghurt 3,7</p> <p>Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<p>Pork &amp; Beef Bolognese Pasta Shells 1</p> <p>Cheese &amp; Pesto Swirl 1,7 V Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Baked Wedges</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Ice Cream 7</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Caribbean Chicken Curry</p> <p>Herby Tomato Penne Pasta 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Peach Sponge 1VG &amp; Custard 7</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Gammon &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Samosa Purf 1 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Swede</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V</p> <p>Coconut &amp; Spinach Biryani 6 VG Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Mixed Peppers</p> <p>Chocolate Cake 1 VG</p> <p>Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Bites 1</p> <p>Cheese &amp; Cauliflower Nuggets 7 V Jacket with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Ginger Biscuit 1 VG</p> <p>Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>



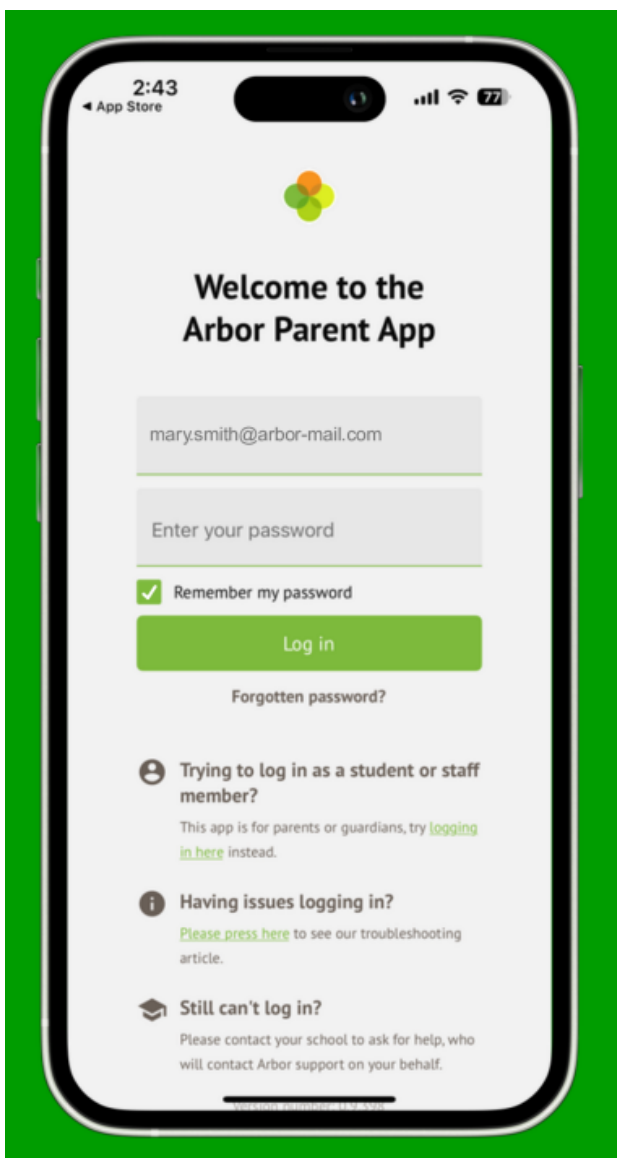
**WE ♥ VEGGIES**

**AVAILABLE** 1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg  
**DAILY** 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian  
Primary 3 Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre-prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

# Lunch Menu



## We're using the Arbor Parent App!



Please log in to update any changes to your child's details

- Addresses / phone numbers.
- Medical Information;- ie GP info, allergies and medical conditions.
- Consents;- For Forest School, photographs, Walking home (Y6 only).
- Mode of travel to school.

Everyone has been sent login details.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

## Admission to Reception in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be due to start in Reception in September 2026. The application period will be open on 1 September 2025 and the closing date is 15 January 2026.

Apply on line at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

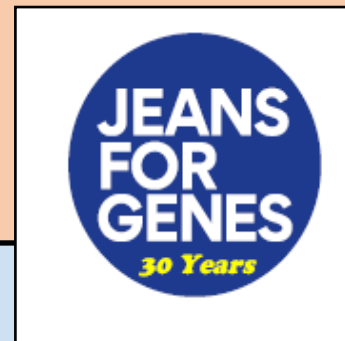
Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake Up Wednesdays guide on "Conspiracy Theories"

## Friday 19th September is Jeans for Genes Day

Children can wear their jeans/own clothes on this day.

Please pay your donations on IRIS ParentMail.

<https://payments.pluspay.co.uk/>



If you would like to speak to a member of the school leadership team please email

[pelhamadmin@illuminate minds.org](mailto:pelhamadmin@illuminate minds.org)

