

# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## TERM 1 WEEK 9 2025

### MONDAY 24 March

- NAPLAN testing period (years 3 & 5)

### TUESDAY 25 March

- Young Leaders Day

### WEDNESDAY 26 March

- Stage 3 Incursion

### THURSDAY 27 March

- School photo Day
- K-2 assembly

### FRIDAY 28 March

## Principal Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

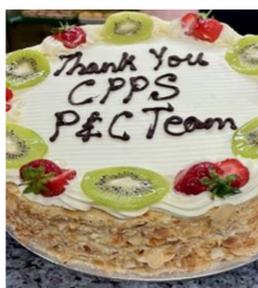
### Harmony Day- We all have a part to play!

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Harmony Day is celebrated today, Friday 21 March and focuses on inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

All classes at Croydon Park Public School acknowledged this year's theme '**We all have a role to play**' through class discussions, and decoration of puzzle pieces to create a whole school puzzle with the central message '**Harmony in Every Piece**' representing the different backgrounds and nationalities that contribute to our multicultural school community.



### 2025 P&C Executive



Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our *Annual General Meeting* on Wednesday 12 March. During this meeting, we acknowledged and celebrated the achievements from our 2024 P&C executive and members and elected and welcomed the following 2025 P&C executive.

- **Phil Pooley**- President
- **Lauren Boyt** - Vice President
- **Esther Katz** - Vice President
- **Therese O'Reilly** - Treasurer
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## TERM 1 WEEK 10 2025

### MONDAY 31 March

- Stage 2 Incursion

### TUESDAY 1 April

### WEDNESDAY 2 April

### THURSDAY 3 April

- 3-6 Assembly

### FRIDAY 4 April



## Principal Update

### Kindergarten 2026 Information Sessions and Open Day

We are now taking enrolments for our 2026 Kindergarten classes and welcome prospective Kindergarten parents to attend our next information session and open day on **Tuesday 1 April at 9:30am-11:00am.**

It was wonderful to meet many new families who attended our Kindergarten Information Session and Open Day on Tuesday 18 March.

If you have a child who will be attending school next year or know of someone who is in our local enrolment catchment area and has a child entering Kindergarten in 2026, please see the following information.

**Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for further information.**

### School Photo Day- Thursday 27 March



Advanced Life Photography will be taking class, individual and sibling photos this coming Thursday 27 March. All students are expected to arrive to school in their full summer uniform. Please ensure that online or return envelope payments are made by Wednesday 26 March.

Payment for sibling photos must be made online prior to the day. For further information, please contact the office prior to school photo day. Please note, sibling photos will be taken on Thursday from 8:30am and will continue as needed at recess and lunchtime. Extra-curricular group photos including sports, school leadership and SRC will be taken later in the year.

### K-2 Easter Hat Parade – SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 8 April

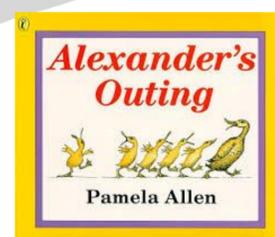


We are looking forward to having our K-2 students and teachers show off their Easter hat creations. Small performances like this enable our students to express creative flare, build self-confidence and self-expression. Thank you in advance to Mrs Thuell for organising this event. All K-2 parents and carers are welcome to attend. **Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for further information.**

Kindest regards,  
Anastasia Galanos  
Principal

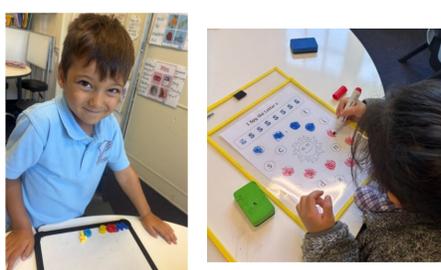


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## Early Stage 1 Update

### Literacy



Kindergarten have been exploring the features of a narrative. We have read all about the adventures of Alexander in *Alexander's Outing* and identified how to find information about the beginning, middle and end of the story. We made connections to the characters in the story, and wondered how we would feel if we also fell down the hole like poor Alexander. We sang some common nursery rhymes and identified similarities between the song *Five Little Ducks* and *Alexander's Outing*. We are enjoying becoming literary thinkers!

### Numeracy

Kindergarten have been exploring how we use measurement in our daily lives. We went for a walk through the school to identify objects we could see and then compared them to our own height. We used words like 'longer than', 'shorter than' and 'about the same as'. We had fun creating wiggling worms of different lengths learned how to accurately line them up in order to make better comparisons. We also worked in teams to explore length in our classroom.



### PDHPE - Gymnastics

KS have been thoroughly enjoying our time during gymnastics lessons this term. We have explored a range of fine and gross motor activities and improved our team work skills as well. We have practised balancing while throwing and catching, developing our muscles when doing crab walks, increasing our endurance while jumping on trampolines and building our core strength doing plank pose. Each activity has helped to build an awareness of how we move our bodies in the space around us. We have even enjoyed having a little dance to the music while waiting for our turn!



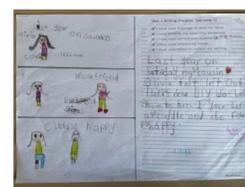
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## Stage 1 Update - 1M

### Literacy

During the first 20 days of school, students in 1M have been developing their writing skills through a structured process that begins with planning their ideas using pictures and keywords. Using their plans as a guide, they then develop these ideas into full sentences. After drafting, students review their work, focusing on improving clarity, adding details, and correcting any errors. Once the adjustments are made, students engage in one-on-one teacher conferences, where they receive feedback, celebrate their progress, and receive guidance for continued growth. These conferences foster both independence and confidence. Finally, students publish their work and share it with their peers, completing the writing process.



### Numeracy

In Numeracy, 1M have been busy learning strategies to organise collections so that they can choose efficient ways to count large numbers. Students explored counting large collections of items to consolidate their understanding of efficient counting methods and the understanding that 10 ones are 1 ten. Forming groups helps students progress from 'counting by ones' to 'skip counting' and 'using repeated addition'



### PBL

1M students have been learning and practicing our classroom routines while also gaining an understanding of class expectations.

Routines benefit all students and familiarity with daily routines helps students feel more comfortable in the classroom. When students know what is expected of them, they will feel more confident in their daily activities.

1M have been learning to work independently and as a team during rotations. They understand that they are on track when they are working quietly, cooperating with each other, staying focused on the task at hand, and tidying up after each activity.



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## Stage 2 Update - 4M

### Literacy

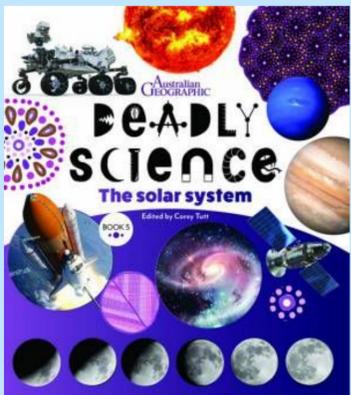
In writing, 4M are learning to write informative texts using *Deadly Science: The Solar System* as a mentor text. This exciting resource helps them explore space while also modeling how to structure clear and factual writing. By studying its key features—like topic sentences, technical vocabulary, and supporting details—4M is developing the skills to create their own well-organized informative texts, building their confidence as researchers and writers.

### Numeracy

4M students are exploring measurement in mathematics. They are learning that what needs to be measured determines the unit of measurement. In class, they are measuring and comparing the lengths of objects and locations using metres, centimetres, and millimetres, as well as identifying and measuring perimeters. They are also learning to read and represent time on both analog and digital clocks. To support their learning, we encourage parents to practice telling the time at home. Asking questions like, “How long until dinner?” or “What time will it be in 20 minutes?” can make learning fun and practical. If possible, having an analog wrist watch or an analog clock at home will help reinforce these skills!

### CAPA - Music

4M have been discovering the links between professional sport and classical music through the Musica Viva in Schools program. Just like athletes, musicians rely on dedication, teamwork, and practice to create an amazing performance. Students are learning how musicians collaborate as a team, using rhythm, dynamics, and tempo to bring music to life. Through listening, movement, composition, and performance, 4M are deepening their understanding of ensemble playing and the power of working together to achieve a shared goal. This will culminate in Term 2 with a special visit from Musica Viva, where students will enjoy a live performance and see these musical skills in action!



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## Stage 3 Update

### Literacy

This Term in Year 5 we are exploring the book *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This book explores a robot called Roz who unexpectedly finds herself stranded on a remote island. This week students have been exploring the use of characters in the book and different characteristics that define them. Throughout the story students have found that Roz adapts to her surroundings by observing the way animals and nature interact, her character changes from becoming a AI generated blank robot to one who shows empathy and kindness. Students have started creating their own robots and are beginning to plan a narrative based on their robots.

### Numeracy

Who knew that the length of the basketball court was 30m because 5C knew! This week we are exploring time and measurement, specifically measurement and how certain things are measured. 5C explored using a trundle wheel around the school to find out the true length of the basketball court, the cola, the handball courts and cricket nets. Students found out that the length of the basketball court was 30m, the cola was 20m, the handball courts were 4m and the cricket nets were 15m. Students had a blast estimating what they thought each areas length might be, then being able to compare it to their actual result. We definitely had some interesting estimations!

### Science

Do you want to hear something electrifying? 5C have been learning all about electricity in their science unit this term. Students have been exploring the different types of energy, where it comes from and how electricity is made. Students have been experimenting with small light bulbs, batteries, red and black wire and switch boxes to create running electricity from the battery to light up the light bulb.

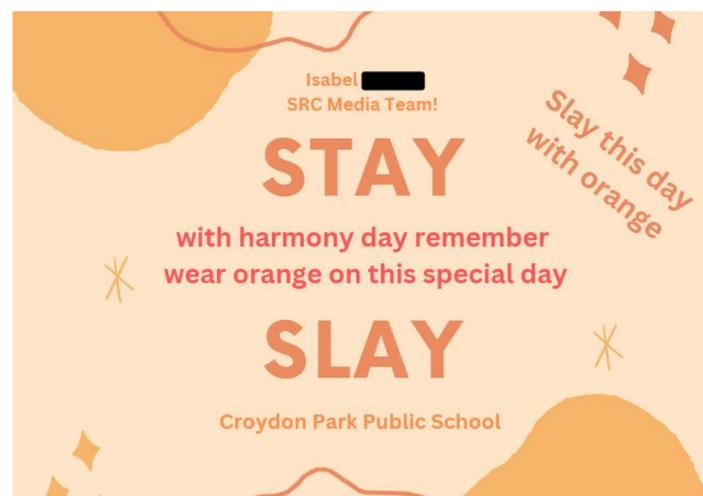


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## SRC Update - Media Team

The SRC Media Team has been hard at work, creating vibrant and engaging posters to promote Harmony Day throughout the school. Their creativity and dedication shine through in each design, emphasising the importance of inclusivity, respect, and cultural diversity within our community. By showcasing various cultures and encouraging students to celebrate their unique backgrounds, the SRC Media Team is fostering a spirit of unity and understanding. Their efforts not only enhance awareness of Harmony Day but also inspire everyone to embrace the rich tapestry of cultures that make our school so special.



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## PSSA Update

The second Basketball Gala Day was a resounding success, with all students putting in their utmost effort and enjoying every moment on the court. Our Senior Girls team showcased their skills and determination, proudly finishing in second place overall. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were truly commendable and contributed to an exciting day for everyone involved. Now, let's hear from one of the girls on the team to share her experience of the day!

### **Mahi - Senior Girls Basketball Team Member:**

*The senior girls basketball team felt the butterflies rush through them, along with a rush of excitement and confidence. The first team we versed was Abbotsford, so we were ready to take them on! We had beaten them by a lot, and then we got ready for our next game against Croydon. During the game, it felt like a breeze, for we felt so motivated after our last game, and we won, again! Along the way, the girls gave each other compliments and things to work on for our following game. Next, we versed Abbotsford again, and we were quite tired out, with the score coming down to a tie. One of our players, Ariana, had gotten an injury with her legs, so she couldn't play, causing the team to feel hopeless at winning. However we took the victory, along with Ariana joining in the middle of the game! Then, we realised that we had made it to the finals, and we were both ecstatic, and nervous about the outcome! We played well, communicating, passing to each other, but we lost by one point, which was a huge letdown for the team, making us come second. The overall score, 14 to 16, but we always knew there was a next time where we would win!*



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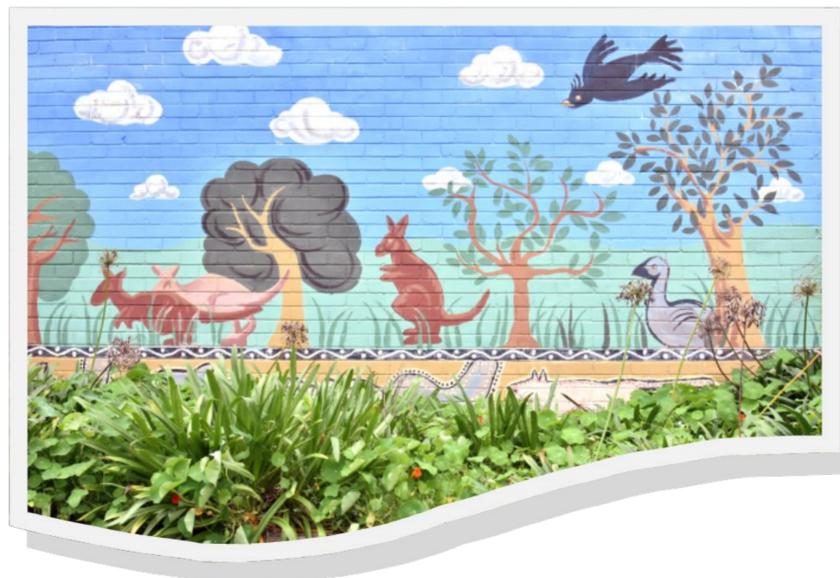
## Harmony Day 2025



Harmony Day 2025 is a special time for our school to celebrate diversity and inclusivity. This year's theme, "We All Have a Role to Play," reminds us that everyone, no matter where they come from or what their background is, can help make our community a welcoming and respectful place. By working together, supporting each other, and embracing our differences, we can create a harmonious environment where everyone feels valued. Let's celebrate what makes us unique and contribute to making our world a better, kinder place for all!



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## PBL Celebration Day

**Congratulations to our week 7 and 8 students**

**Bronze Awards:**

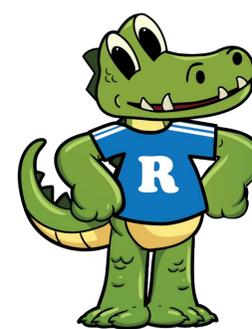
Adil Abdulahi 1W  
Wenhui Ding 1W  
Anna Moore 2D  
Adam Jee 3D  
Vienna Helou 4U  
Michael Moore 4I  
Jasmine Zhang 4M

**Silver Awards:**

Eva Bebawy 1W  
Jackson Leaeno 1W  
Lyla Shakya 2D  
Kendrick Kidane-Lopez 2D  
Leon Pham-Pela 3D  
Liana Pasion-Cadillo 3D  
Ashton Molino 3D  
Uzair Mohammed 4I  
Alexander Battaglia 4I  
Sidney Loh 4I  
River Heenan 4I  
Charlie Katz 4I  
Dean Patterson 5/6SM

**Gold Awards:**

Jacinta Zheng 2D  
Lana Huynh 2D  
Dina Dedemadis 3D  
Frida Nesbitt 3D  
Georgina Gong 3D  
Yalguun Lkhagvasuren 4M



## We are Safe, We are Learners, We are Respectful

### Who's responsible? We are!

Each fortnight this term, the students and teachers are focusing on one of our school's expectations in a shared space of the school. Teachers will be on the lookout for students following our school expectations to be awarded 'Do It Right' tokens and Croydon Park Crests.

### PBL Expectation for Term 1 Weeks 9 - 11

### We are SAFE during recess and lunch

- I wear my hat at all times on the playground
- If I don't have a hat, I play under the COLA
- I play the right game in the right area
- I keep my lunchbox in my class's lunch tub after I've finished eating

**Blue Level- All students begin here**

**5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Bronze Award**

**1 Bronze Award + 5 more Croydon Park Crests = 1 Silver award**

**1 Silver award + 5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Gold Award**





# **CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **KINDERGARTEN 2026 INFORMATION SESSIONS AND OPEN DAY**

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

9.30 - 11.30AM

TUESDAY 1 APRIL

9.30 - 11.30AM



**PLEASE RSVP VIA QR :**

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*You're  
Invited!*

# **CPPS Easter Hat Parade**

*Meet a very special guest!*

*Tuesday 8th April 9.30am*

**Under the COLA**

**Students are invited to make their own Easter hat  
for the parade at home and bring it to school to  
parade in**





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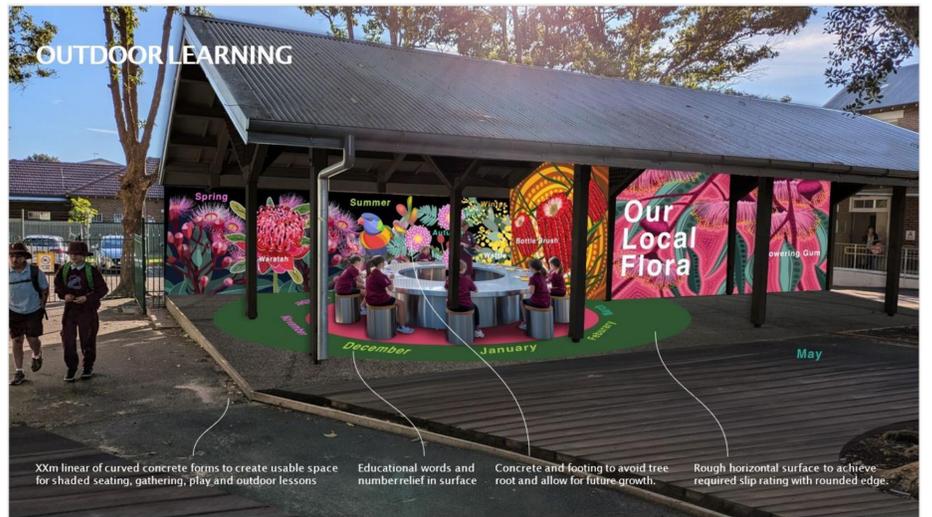
## MARCH 2025 UPDATE

**Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday March 12 at Croydon Park Club.**

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our achievements in 2024 and reflect on our goals and upcoming projects for 2025. We also elected our new executive members, who will help guide our initiatives in the year ahead. Thank you to all those who attended, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to another successful year of collaboration and engagement.

### 2025 P&C Executive Team

- Phil Pooley - President
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- Esther Katz - Vice President
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- Mary Van Den Berg - Assistant Treasurer
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### Our 2025 Fundraising Goals

At the beginning of each year, in consultation with Ms Galanos and the school executive team, we identify key priorities for fundraising. This year we are aiming to complete the following projects:

- \*Outdoor Sensory Learning Space - Old Canteen Area
- \*Support of Weekly Sport - Carts and Gazebos
- \*Support for Subscription Learning Resources - Mathletics and Sound Waves Digital
- \*Indigenous Artwork Project

### Our Welcome Picnic (held on Friday February 28) was a roaring success!

What a wonderful way to kick off the school year. A big thank you to all of our generous sponsors, supporters and volunteers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------------|----------|
| Paint & Sip Evening | March 29 |
| Monthly P&C Meeting | April 9  |
| Colour Fun Run      | April 10 |



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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We've had a great Term 1 2025 so far!

We've been busy having FUN at Team Kids, we are well and truly enjoying our clubs, made sushi together, played with kinetic sand and made origami.

We would like to remind you of our Sun Smart Policy, we follow the procedures of shade, protective clothing, hats, sunscreen and modelling appropriate sun smart safety amongst our Educators.

We would also like to remind you to sign your child in and out on the Service Ipad, please don't allow your child to sign for you as this is a legal document and also our centre is a no screen time service.

Our service hours are 7am-9am and 3pm-6pm sharp, Monday to Friday.

Clubs have been a real hit this term. They run five afternoon's a week from 3.30pm-4.30pm

We also have the KU program continuing this term, five afternoon's a week from 4pm-5pm.

Monday – Dance

Tuesday – Soccer

Wednesday – Electronics

Thursday – Coding

Friday – Robotics

## IMPORTANT DATES

📅 17TH MARCH 2025

Harmony Week

📅 20TH MARCH 2025

International Day Of Happiness ☺

📅 22ND & 23RD MARCH 2025

Earth Hour



## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK:3-10

### MONDAY

Homework Club



### TUESDAY

Community Club



### WEDNESDAY

Art Attack Club



### THURSDAY

Musical Theatre Club



### FRIDAY

Cooking Club



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# TODAY'S MENU



## BREAKFAST

Choice of Cereals with Low-Fat Milk or  
Low-Fat Vanilla Greek Yoghurt

Weet-Bix, Corn Flakes, Rice Bubbles, Granola

Wholemeal Toast with Spreads

Nuttelex, Raspberry Jam, Strawberry Jam,  
Vegemite and Honey

Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable Bowl

Apples, Bananas, Pears, Carrots, Oranges

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## AFTERNOON TEA

Wholemeal Saladas and Rice Cakes with  
Hummus, Tzatziki and Avocado Dip

Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable Platter

Apples, Oranges, Pears, Grapes, Watermelon,  
Honeydew, Pineapple, Carrots, Cucumbers,  
Capsicum

EXTRA FRUIT, VEG, MILK & WATER AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Daily  
Specials  
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# DAILY SPECIALS



STARTING 24.03.2025

## MONDAY

### BREAKFAST

Croissants with jam and nutlex

### AFTERNOON TEA

Sushi bowls with Tuna, Cucumber, avocado, Rice, Seaweed, Soy Sauce & Mayo

## TUESDAY

### BREAKFAST

Cereals and Toast and Spreads

### AFTERNOON TEA

Veggie sticks with carrots, celery, pita and dip

## WEDNESDAY

### BREAKFAST

Crumpets with nutlex and honey

### AFTERNOON TEA

Sausage Sizzle  
Vege Option : Vegan Sausages

## THURSDAY

### BREAKFAST

Bagels with cream cheese

### AFTERNOON TEA

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Vege Option : Pink Pasta  
No Meat

## FRIDAY

### BREAKFAST

Waffles with spreads

### AFTERNOON TEA

Rice cakes with avocado, tomato and cheese

GFO – Gluten Free  
Option  
DFO – Dairy Free  
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STARTING 31.03.2025

## MONDAY

### BREAKFAST

Bagels with Cream Cheese  
& Jam

### AFTERNOON TEA

Lamb Skewers with Tzatziki  
& Pita Bread

Vege Option : Falafel Balls

## TUESDAY

### BREAKFAST

Toasties with cheese and  
tomato

### AFTERNOON TEA

Vegetable sticks with dips  
and pita bread

## WEDNESDAY

### BREAKFAST

Crumpets with nutlex and  
honey

### AFTERNOON TEA

Savoury Beef mince, with peas &  
carrots and a side of rice.

Veg option – Falafel Skewers & Rice  
with carrots & peas.

## THURSDAY

### BREAKFAST

Scrambled Eggs on  
Toast

### AFTERNOON TEA

Rice cakes with  
avocado, tomato and  
cheese

## FRIDAY

### BREAKFAST

English muffins with  
jam and nutlex

### AFTERNOON TEA

Curried Beef Sausages  
Veg option : Vegan  
Sausages

GFO – Gluten Free  
Option  
DFO – Dairy Free  
Option

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