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# Blackfriars Bulletin



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After half-term, we want to move even further towards normality – lunch in the hall, face to face parents' evenings and getting changed in school for PE! We can't wait.

Date for your diary ...

## World Book Day – 3rd March 2022.

We are celebrating the 25th anniversary of **World Book Day** – with the message for all our students 'you are a reader'!

At Blackfriars Academy we define reading as the way learners gain meaning from text, symbols and the environment.

The day will be full of fun activities and experiencing the joy of books. More details to come after half term, but we will be inviting students and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### The £1 book selection

We're delighted to share with you the new line-up of £1.00 books for 2022 that **students can choose for free with their £1 book token**. With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone. The books will be available from booksellers from 17 February 2022 and will be sent home in the student's school diary.

### Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response:  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:  
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Cheshire East

Referral Team:  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:  
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
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### Adult Safeguarding Referral Numbers:

Staffordshire: First

Response -

0845 604 2719



Stoke on Trent: Adult  
Social Care -

0800 561 0015



Our 2022 £1 books

We have had our calendar for next year ratified by our Academy Council:

 School Open  
 School Closed

September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
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December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
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March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
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After half-term, we will be returning to eating in the hall, family service is back where the students take responsibility for serving themselves and others.

The menu from our caterers, Caterlink, is below:

		Spring/ Summer Menu 2022 SEN Menu					 Added Plant Power  Vegan  Wholemeal	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Available Daily:	
<b>Week One</b>	Option 1	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of Cheese, Beans, Tuna mayo or Vegan cheese.</li> <li>- Homemade sandwiches with a choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna mayo or Vegan Cheese</li> <li>- Bread and veg sticks</li> <li>- Mash</li> <li>- Gravy</li> <li>- Baked Beans</li> </ul>	
	Option 2	Spanish Omelette with New Potatoes	Veggie balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegetable Gratin with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegan Mexican Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce		
	Vegetables	Cucumber Carrots	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Cabbage Broccoli	Green Beans Carrots	Peas or Baked Beans		
	Dessert	Carrot & Courgette Cake with Custard	Apple Flapjack and Custard	Rhubarb Crumble and Ice cream	Orange & Cinnamon Cookie Custard	Peaches & Ice Cream		
Or a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly & Fresh Fruit available daily								
<b>Week Two</b>	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.	
	Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Vegan Sausage with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips		
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Carrots Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas or Baked Beans		
	Dessert	Banana Cake and Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake Custard	Apple Crumble and Ice cream	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread and Custard		
Or a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly & Fresh Fruit available daily								
<b>Week Three</b>	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato Topping	Fish in Batter with Chips & Tomato Sauce		
	Option 2	Shepherdess Pie	Vegetarian Lasagne	Lentil & Basil Puff Pastry, Roast potatoes & Gravy	Butterbean and vegetable Pasta bake	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce		
	Vegetables	Peas Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn Carrot	Carrot & Swede Mash Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Peas or Baked Beans		
	Dessert	Iced Sponge Custard	Chocolate apple cake and Chocolate sauce	Cherry Crumble and Ice Cream	Pineapple upside down cake with Ice Cream	Chocolate Shortbread and Custard		
Or a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly & Fresh Fruit available daily								

**Parents' Evening:** Responding to parental comments in the most recent questionnaire, we are going to hold a Face to Face Parents' evening. However, we are also aware that face to face meetings do not work for some parents, particularly those who are working. We will therefore offer a choice:-

Online Video Link Parents' Evening Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 2.45pm – 4.45pm  
OR

Face to Face Parents' evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 4pm – 6pm

A link to our booking system will be sent in due course so you can book time slots. If your child has had their EHCP this term (ie, since January) you do not need to attend any of these meetings.

Please note that **Dudson** parents are invited into class on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm and **Clarice Cliff's** parents are invited into class on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm instead of the options above.

This year's start in the pool was incredibly positive after the Christmas break. All the students are working hard and following our swimming curriculum, taking to it super well!

As part of the students' Preparation for Adulthood studies we are encouraging them to shower before and after their swimming lessons and discussing the reasoning behind it. Moving forward into Spring, our focus will be continuing our stroke and skill work!

- Sharon, Lynette and Anna

### **Coming in this term's BAC – Tales from our Alumni!**

Get ready to read about what some of our ex-students have been up to since leaving Blackfriars and read about their favourite experiences from their time here as well!

"Two people really stand out as inspiring. Mrs Martin and Ms Rawlinson were so supportive and inspirational while I was taking my GCSEs"

"My happiest memories of Blackfriars are going to Bendrigg residential and staying with friends and teachers and doing loads of exciting activities."

### Scholars of the Past Few Weeks!

Issy in Spode for displaying excellent determination and making such brilliant progress in her ability to stand with minimal support. Ms Smith described her progress as "Bonkers – amazing what some Abba can do!"

Moorcroff's Callum has excelled himself this week, speaking confidently to outside visitors and he has welcomed our new member of class, responsibly making him feel welcome.

Last week's nominations include Jennifer from Middleport who has worked really hard to follow instructions and listen to staff.

Abdullah and Noah (Royal Doulton) for their exceptional learning at Standon Bowers!

Royal Doulton's James has received a nomination for brilliant answers to any question he is asked.

Dudson's Freya for fantastic swimming – 4 lengths with Sharon!

Clarice's Asrin has beautifully anticipated and initiated during his greeting session

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### Diary Dates:

Half term: 18<sup>th</sup> February - 25<sup>th</sup> February

28<sup>th</sup> February - World Fair Trade Day – chocolate stall – please send money in so that students can purchase some chocolate if they wish

3<sup>rd</sup> March - RSE Day

3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day – dress as favourite book character - £1 donation

Parents' Evening: Online 7<sup>th</sup> March or Face to Face 10<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Dudson afternoon tea

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Clarice Cliff afternoon tea 1.30pm