

# April Newsletter

## Dates

### Summer 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (12:00pm finish)

INSET DAY Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

## School Places

This week you will find out what school places have been allocated. Please may we ask that you let us know what school your child has been awarded. Over the next term we should hear from the chosen school and transition conversations will take place. If you have something that you feel we need to include in our conversations, in addition to what we will already pass on, then please let us know. If we have children going to the same schools, then we will try and form some groups by making parents aware of who else will be attending. This will provide you with the opportunity to get to know each other. If you would rather that we do not pass on yours or your child's name to other parents, please let us know.

## Slice of Pie

Slice of Pie have been in touch with new menus, please see below.

You will see that they have made some changes in the form of 'before's' and 'after's', puddings will now be either 2 or 3 times a week, alternating with a starter (before's). Week 1 will start on

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

# 2026 Spring Lunch Menu version 1



Week 1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Before	Cucumber Salad	Pollock is the national fish dish of Korea	Fruity Flat Bread	There are over 600 types of pasta	Bao Strips
	Main	Slow Cooked Lamb Curry Served With Spinach, Baby Potatoes, Baby Corn, Fine Green Beans, Cauliflower and Fancy Peas	Creamy Lemon and Dill Pollock Fillet Served With Buttered Potatoes, Crunchy Herby Croutons, Peas and Corn	Sticky Date and Beef Stew Served With Apricot, Cous Cous, Broccoli, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Loin in A Sicilian Tomato Sauce. Served With Dressed Pasta, Broccoli, Fine Green Beans and Fancy Peas	Sweet And Sour Chicken Served With Basmati Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Baby Corn, And Peas
	After	Cucumbers are incredibly hydrating; they are composed of about 95% water	Lemon and ginger cookie	Dates palms can grow to over 75 foot tall	Rhubarb scones	Sticky rice was included on the mortar to build the great wall of China, making in nearly indestructible!
FSA Allergens		1	1.2.5.7	1.2.14	1.2.4.7.14	1.2.14
Green	Before	Cucumber Salad	Pollock is the national fish dish of Korea	Fruity Flat Bread	There are over 600 types of pasta	Bao Strips
	Main	Slow Cooked Lentil and Chickpea Curry Served With Spinach, Baby Potatoes, Baby Corn, Fine Green Beans, Cauliflower and Fancy Peas	Creamy Lemon and Parsley Quorn Served With Buttered Potatoes, Crunchy Herby Croutons, Carrots, Peas and Corn	Sticky Date, Pepper and Lentil Stew Served With Apricot Cous Cous, Broccoli, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Split Pea and Beetroot Fillets in A Sicilian Tomato Sauce Served With Dressed Pasta, Broccoli, Fine Green Beans and Fancy Peas	Vegetarian Manchurian Balls in a Sweet and Sour sauce Served With Basmati Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Baby Corn, And Peas
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FSA Allergens		1	1.2.4.7	1.2.14	1.2.4.7.14	1.2.14

Foods Highlighted Indicate – Red = Protein Foods, Yellow = Starchy Foods, Green = Fruits and Vegetables, Blue = Dairy Foods, Purple = Afters  
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Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Before	What did the strawberry say to its crush? I'm berry fond of you	Twisted Cheese Straws	coconuts are classified as drupes, not nuts, due to their hard shell and fleshy layer	Homemade sliced Bread	Tuna are the fastest swimmers in the ocean, reaching speeds of up to 75 MPH
	Main	Beef Bolognese Served With Spaghetti Pasta, Carrots and Fancy Peas	Turkey And Spinach Meat Loaf Served With Sweet Potato and Cranberry Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Coconut And Mango Chicken Served With Braised Basmati Rice, Baby Corn, Cauliflower, Peas and Baby Spinach	Lamb And Lentil Hotpot Served With Broccoli, Spring Greens, Carrots and Garden Peas	Homemade Tuna and Sweetcorn Fish Cakes Served With Crinkle Cut Wedges, Garden Peas, Carrots and A Herby Mayonnaise
	After	Mango jelly	Spinach is a great source of vitamin A, C, K, iron and calcium	Chocolate courgette cake	What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot	Passon fruit swirl
FSA Allergens		2.14	1.2.7	2.4	1.2	2.4.5.7.9
Green	Before	What did the strawberry say to its crush? I'm berry fond of you	Twisted Cheese Straws	coconuts are classified as drupes, not nuts, due to their hard shell and fleshy layer	Homemade sliced Bread	Tuna are the fastest swimmers in the ocean, reaching speeds of up to 75 MPH
	Main	Red Lentils Bolognese Served With Spaghetti Pasta, Carrots and Fancy Peas	Butternut Squash, Pinto Bean and Spinach Loaf Served With Sweet Potato and Cranberry Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Coconut And Mango Quorn Served With Braised Basmati Rice, Baby Corn, Cauliflower, Peas and Baby Spinach	Cannellini Bean and Served With Broccoli, Spring Greens, Carrots and Garden Peas	Homemade Beetroot and Lentil Haloumi Cakes Served With Crinkle Cut Wedges, Garden Peas, Carrots and A Herby Mayonnaise
	After	Mango yoghurt	Spinach is a great source of vitamin A, C, K, iron and calcium	Chocolate courgette cake	What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot	Passon fruit swirl
FSA Allergens		2.7	1.2.7	2.4	1.2	2.4.5.7.9

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Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Before	Olive Focaccia	Why did the apple go to the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling well	Garlic And Dill Bread Sticks	What's a corns favourite music? Pop	Cucumber And Mint Salad
	Main	Roasted Garlic Chicken with Peppers and Basil Served With Cous Cous, Broccoli, Baby Spinach and Garden Peas	Roasted Gammon Served With Buttered New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and A Creamy Parsley Sauce	Creamy Coconut Pollock and Butternut squash Chowder Served With Pasta, Peas and Corn	Beef Chilli Con Carne Served With Brown Basmati Rice, Broccoli, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Lamb Keema Finished with Fresh Coriander Served With Saag aloo, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Baby Corn and Fancy Peas
	After	The oldest known Olive tree is located in Crete and estimated to be over 3000 years old	Pineapple and coconut jelly	Packed with protein and omega-3 fatty acids, pollock supports a healthy heart and brain function	Strawberry shortcake	Broccoli is a great source of dietary fibre, vitamin C, K, and several other nutrients
FSA Allergens		1,2,14	1,2,14	1,2,5	2,4	1
Green	Before	Olive Focaccia	Why did the apple go to the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling well	Garlic And Dill Bread Sticks	What's a corns favourite music? Pop	Cucumber And Mint Salad
	Main	Courgette And Beetroot Fillets in A Roasted Garlic and Basil Sauce Served With Cous Cous, Broccoli, Baby Spinach and Garden Peas	Roast Quorn Served With Buttered New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and A Creamy Parsley Sauce	Roasted Cauliflower and Pepper Balls in A Creamy Coconut and Butternut squash Chowder Served With Pasta, Peas and Corn	Mixed Bean Chilli Con Carne Served With Brown Basmati Rice, Broccoli, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Split Pea Keema Finished with Fresh Coriander Served With Saag aloo, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Baby Corn and Fancy Peas
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RED	Before	What kind of fish only swims at night? A starfish	Cheese And Chive Pinwheel	Apricots are a part of the Rosaceae family, which also includes peaches, plums and cherries	Watermelon Wedges	The first pineapple was brought back to Europe by Christopher Columbus in 1493
	Main	Poached Pollock Served in A Sweet Potato Florentine Sauce Served With Baby Potatoes, Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Chicken, Leek, Spring Onion and Sweetcorn Summer Stew Served With Rice, Carrots and Peas	Apricot Braised Lamb tagine Served With Zingy Lemon Cous Cous, Broccoli, Baby Corn, Green Beans and Carrots	Roast Turkey with Sweet Potato Gravy Served With Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Beef Lasagne Served With Focaccia Bread, Peas and Corn
	After	Peach melba yoghurt	Sweetcorn is pollinated by wind, which is why plants are usually grown close together	Banoffee cake	What did the watermelon say to the cantaloupe? Your one in a melon!	Lime and coconut cookie
FSA Allergens		1,2,5,7,14	1,2,7	2,4,14	1,2	2,4,7,14
Green	Before	What kind of fish only swims at night? A starfish	Cheese And Chive Pinwheel	Apricots are a part of the Rosaceae family, which also includes peaches, plums and cherries	Watermelon Wedges	The first pineapple was brought back to Europe by Christopher Columbus in 1493
	Main	Quorn Served in A Sweet Potato Florentine Sauce Served With Baby Potatoes, Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Butter Bean, Leek, Spring Onion and Sweetcorn Summer Stew Served With Rice, Carrots and Peas	Braised Apricot Mixed Bean tagine Served With Zingy Lemon Cous Cous, Broccoli, Baby Corn, Green Beans and Carrots	Roast Vegetable Fillets with Sweet Potato Gravy Served With Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Lentil Served With Focaccia Bread, Peas and Corn
	After	Peach melba yoghurt	Sweetcorn is pollinated by wind, which is why plants are usually grown close together	Banoffee cake	What did the watermelon say to the cantaloupe? Your one in a melon!	Lime and coconut cookie
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## Father's Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a Father's Day event in the afternoon, starting at 1:30pm. Please save the date.

## Potty Training book

We have been advised by a new parent of a potty training book that they found very helpful when teaching their child to use the potty / toilet. It is called... 'Oh Crap! Potty Training. You might want to give it a go.

## Play Park

Just a heads up, the play park will be out of action from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April until we hear back from the council. The changes that they are planning on making to the play area will be beneficial for all of our families.

## Early Talk Boost

This term we will be starting our Early Talk Boost Programme. This programme is aimed at children who are due to start school this September and may need some help with speech and language acquisition. It primarily targets understanding of language, confidence in speaking and attention, and listening, it does not help with pronunciation. We are currently in the process of assessing children we believe may benefit from it and will contact you if your child is one of them.

## Summer

As the weather is so changeable, please check bags for appropriate clothing, a light coat is still needed. If the sun is out, please apply sunscreen before sending your children in. A gentle reminder that open toed shoes are not suitable for preschool.

## Dad Matters Events

There are a few Dad Matters Events running all over Surrey in the coming months. You may want to go along and join in. Detail below, or please visit the Dad Matters website.

**Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue, GU1 1NR**

Saturday 18th April

9.30am - 11:00am

You can register for free here: <https://GFFCBandB.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Red Oak Family Centre, Radstock Way, RH1 3NH**

Tuesday 21st April

9.30am - 11:00am

You can register for free here: <https://redoakdt.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Epsom Downs Family Centre, St Leonards Road, KT18 5RJ**

Wednesday 8th April

9.30am - 11:00am

You can register for free

here: <https://StayandplayEpsomDowns.eventbrite.co.uk>

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**Dads & Tots**  
**Saturday, 18th April**  
**10am - 11.30am**

**Guildford**  
**Family Centre**  
Hazel Ave, Guildford,  
GU1 1NR

Join us in a relaxed and friendly space with games, activities and bonding time for dads and their kids under 5.

A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!



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**Wednesday**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.30am - 11am**

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Epsom KT18 5RJ

Drop in and join us on the day or sign up for free here: [StayandplayEpsomDowns.eventbrite.co.uk](http://StayandplayEpsomDowns.eventbrite.co.uk)  
*This session is only open to residents of Reigate and Banstead, however Dad Matters Surrey regularly runs other events for new dads, so please follow us for other opportunities.*

**Red Oak Family Centre**  
Radstock Way, Merstham  
Surrey, RH1 3NH

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## [A huge thank you](#)

Lastly, we would like to give a massive shout out to Denis, who has come in and helped us move a tonne of sand and over two tonnes of bark! He then took it upon himself to come in and cut the grass at the front of the building. Honestly, the support is so welcome. Thank you very much for all that you have done and for all that you are planning on doing in the future.

Best wishes

Totterdown Team

## Dates for your diary

18.5.26 and 19.5.26	Photographer in to take individual photos and a leavers group photo.
11.6.26	Wild about Britian more info to follow
19.6.26	Father's Day event save the date
2.7.26	Wedding fun more info to follow!
17.7.26	Last day Fete and leavers graduation