



# Newsletter – TERM 4 2021

Welcome to the fourth Newsletter of this academic year. Here we aim to share with you the achievements of this term and take some time to promote activities that you and your children might enjoy outside of school hours.

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe we are at the end of another term! This term has been fantastic and very busy. We were amazed by the kind donations for our Ukraine appeal, which I know will be making a big difference to those families in need. We have enjoyed being in our PJ's for Red Nose Day and taking part again in Easter Bingo.

We welcomed authors and characters in Book week followed by a fabulous Science week with all the children taking part in so many interesting activities. The learning outcomes shared from both were wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Fisher and Mrs Doherty and all the teachers.

This term I have completed learning walks and had the opportunity to teach in some year groups. The children have been focused and engaged in their lessons and incredibly proud to share what they have been learning. Some of my highlights from this term has been the fabulous writing produced by Year 5 and 6. In Year 4 I saw some great maths reasoning. Year 3 were so excited and amazed by their science dissection. I have enjoyed working with Mr Holiday and Year 2 in PE, it's been lovely seeing their ball skills develop. I had the pleasure of making yummy bread with Year 1 and completing a spring walk with Rainbow. So well done everyone.

Next term PSHE will be covering Relationships, if you wish to know what they discuss in relationships please have a look on the website

<https://lenham.kent.sch.uk/parent-info/pshe-and-rse/>

We will send information out next term regarding the 'Changing Me' topic.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs McCluskey

# TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOWCASE

## Year R

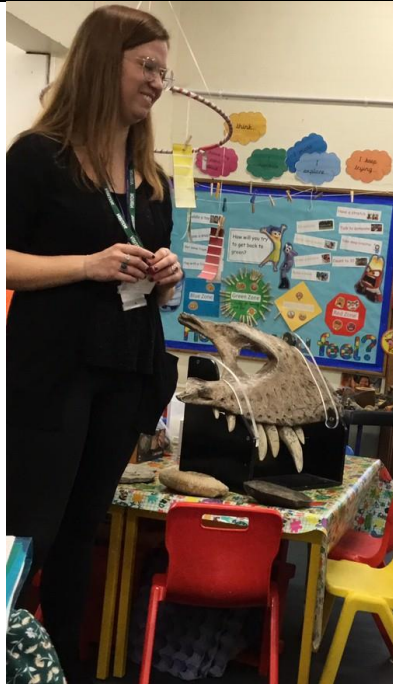
This term our first topic was '**Dangerous Dinosaurs**'. We really enjoyed learning all about the different Dinosaurs; herbivores carnivores and even omnivores! We discussed why Dinosaurs had spikes, plates and horns and what they ate. We enjoyed our Palaeontologist role-play and small world dino land!



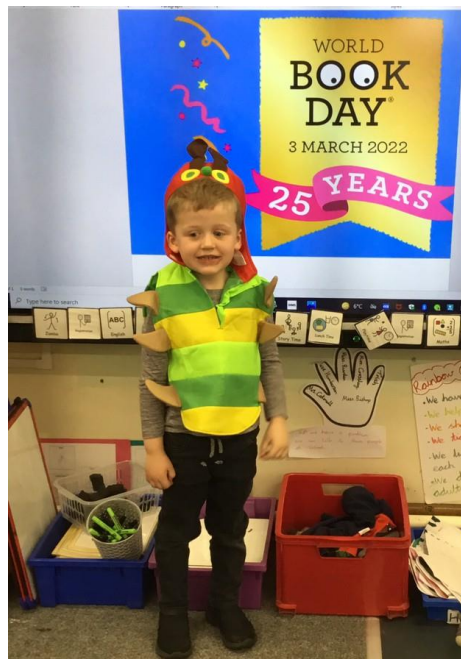
In our play we made Dino feet, fossils and junk modelled our own prehistoric creatures!



We really loved having a visit from the Maidstone Museum who taught how fossils are formed and how to create our own using clay!



We loved **World Book Day**, dressing up as our favourite characters and meeting a real-life author.



**Science Week** was jam packed full of exploration and investigation! We learnt how sound travels and made our own telephones. We planted seeds and predicted which ones would grow the quickest. We made exploding volcanoes and mixed colours together trialling different combinations, our own bubble machines and even a Kerplunk game!





Our last topic of this term was **'Puddles and Rainbows'**. We have loved discussing and spotting signs of Spring, learning why it rains and how weather is different all around the world. We made some fantastic Rainmakers and creative artwork including still life flowers and puddle pictures. We even wrote our own class version of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?' By Eric Carle.



And finally, we have been lucky enough to enjoy some amazing new resources in our outdoor area, giant foam Numicon and a weaving frame.

We have used these within our lessons and play!



## Year 1

Our Term 4 topic has been **Bright Lights, Big City**. We have studied human and physical geography, which included field work which took us all round the village. Thank you to the mums who came with us!



Ask us about these famous London landmarks –we have looked them up on Google Earth, included them when we planned a fictional London visit in English, and studied them closely to draw in an art lesson.



**Science Week** was full of exciting investigations!



**'Brilliant Bubbles'** let us investigate if bubbles could be different sizes, shapes or colours!



**'Speed Scooters'** was an investigation into the best surface for the longest distance to travel with one push.



**'What can our hands do?'** was an investigation into our sense of touch. Using blindfolds, we tested if we could count objects, do simple puzzles, order straws from the longest to shortest, and test different temperatures. Our hands are incredible things!



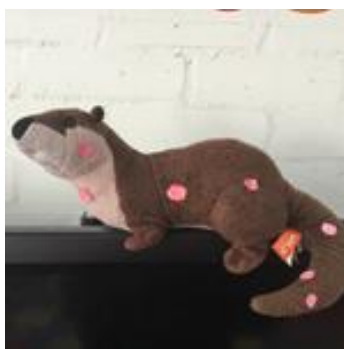
At the end of the week, we answered the question, **'Where does bread come from?'** -No, not the Co-op! We had a special treat when Mrs McCluskey came and helped us bake bread! What a surprise when the yeast 'woke up' and the dough magically grew overnight!



Thank you to Fiona in the kitchen for popping it in the oven for us, it was delicious!



Lastly, we took care of poor Otto when he caught Chicken Pox. Thank you, Class 1, for looking after him so well when he was poorly.



## Year 2

This term our topic was 'The Scented Garden'. In Art, we've had lots of fun creating some daffodil and tulip observational drawings. In Science, we explored and labelled the structure of plants, grew our own cress and used our senses to smell and compare different herbs! In English, we have created our own non-chronological report about different plants, written our own version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and created some fantastic setting descriptions to describe the garden in 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake.





We had a great time dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day and enjoyed a visit from the 'Bird Man'. We also made our own fruit kebabs in one of our 'Healthy Me' PSHE lessons.



During Term 4, we also took part in Science Week 2022! We created our own string telephones, completed some CREST science experiments (sniffly sneezes and tea bag trouble) AND enjoyed a forest school session with Miss Bishop! What a busy term!



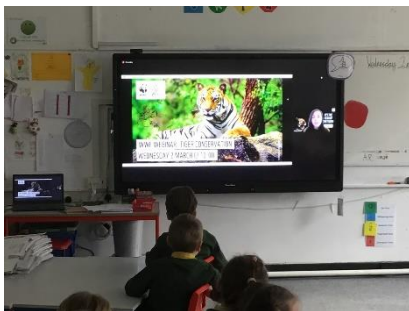


## Year 3

This term we continued our Predator! Topic- having a lot of fun and learning so much more about our living world.



We were visited by Alan from Eagle Heights bird sanctuary along with special guests: Cybil the Sparrow Hawk, Alaska the Bald Eagle and Sparky the Barn Owl. We had an amazing time learning so many fascinating facts about these predatory birds!

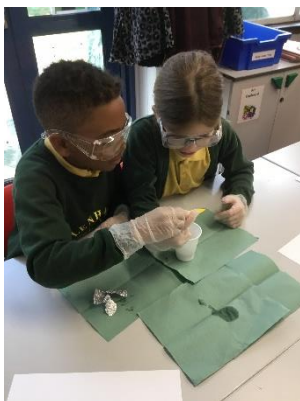


We took part in a WWF Webinar on Tiger conservation. We all learnt some amazing facts about tigers from a real 'Tiger-Expert'!

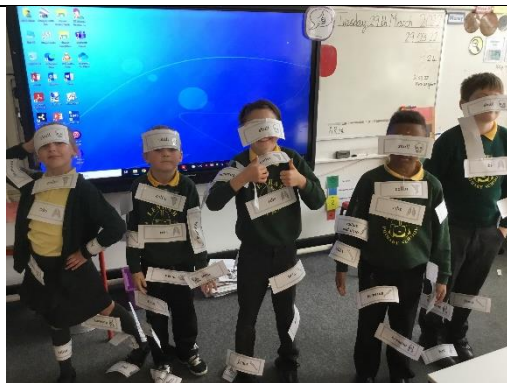


When exploring the flight of a peregrine falcon and drawing aerial maps using google earth, we found a live stream of some nesting falcons in Sheffield. The children were so excited and have asked to watch them every day to follow the progress of their (newly-laid) eggs.

We investigated 'What do owls eat?' we all thoroughly enjoyed the gruesome discovery of animal bones, insects and fur by dissecting owl pellets.







Our Topic has been completed by exploring the role of skeletons and muscles in humans and animals- We still need some practise but it was a lot of fun!



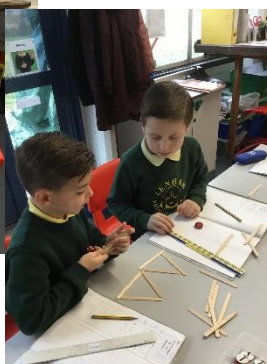
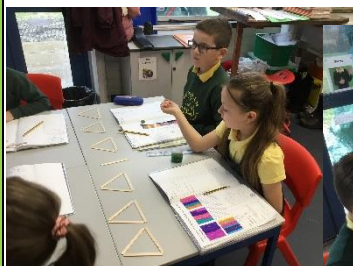
Our English has focused on the Narrative: The Crow's Tale and we have constructed descriptive pieces using sentence stacking sessions to learn to use a plethora of grammatical features including onomatopoeia, alliteration, similes, conjunctions and dialogue. We particularly enjoyed the drama activities on our experience days.



World Book Day: We enjoyed dressing up as book characters, completing a book scavenger hunt with Yr4 and listening to our visiting author.



In Maths, we continued developing our understanding of multiplication and division methods, including learning about scaling. We have then explored counting, using and calculating with money.





We have had a great time in PE with Mr Holliday as well- playing a range of games from the Paralympics including Boccai, sitting volleyball, curling and blind football. We have also enjoyed playing netball in our outdoor sessions.



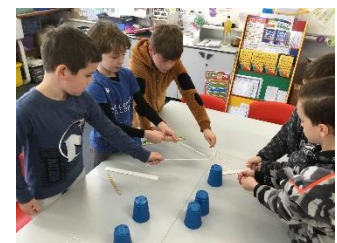
During this year's Science Week, we explored keeping healthy and the role of exercise by turning parts of our school grounds into an outdoor gym.



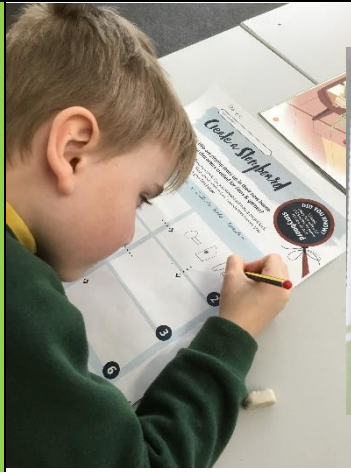
We also investigated Clever creatures and conducted experiments into how and why creatures and animals camouflage themselves.



We finished off our amazing week by completing the Stack'em engineering challenge- demonstrating some excellent team skills!



The next part of our Eddie's and Ellie's Wild Adventure project supported by Thakeham housing involved another visit from Sarah to run some exciting reading and drama activities. We will be looking forward to our trip out in Term 6!



Another super-busy but super-fun term. We hope that you all have a restful Easter break!



## Year 4

Our topic this term has been 'Traders and Raiders' focused on the Anglo-Saxons and the Viking invasions.

We started the topic by building Viking ships using only PE equipment:

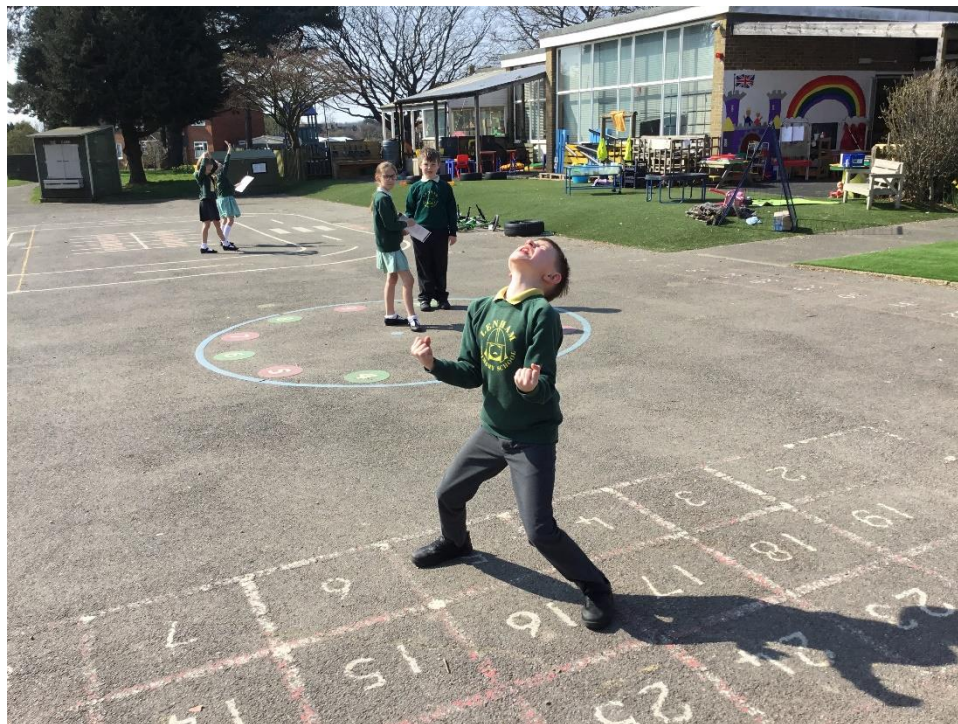


We also more recently had a Viking experience day, with a Viking feast and a lesson translating Viking runes:





We have written Viking sagas in English lessons, and retold the creation of Asgard using role play:



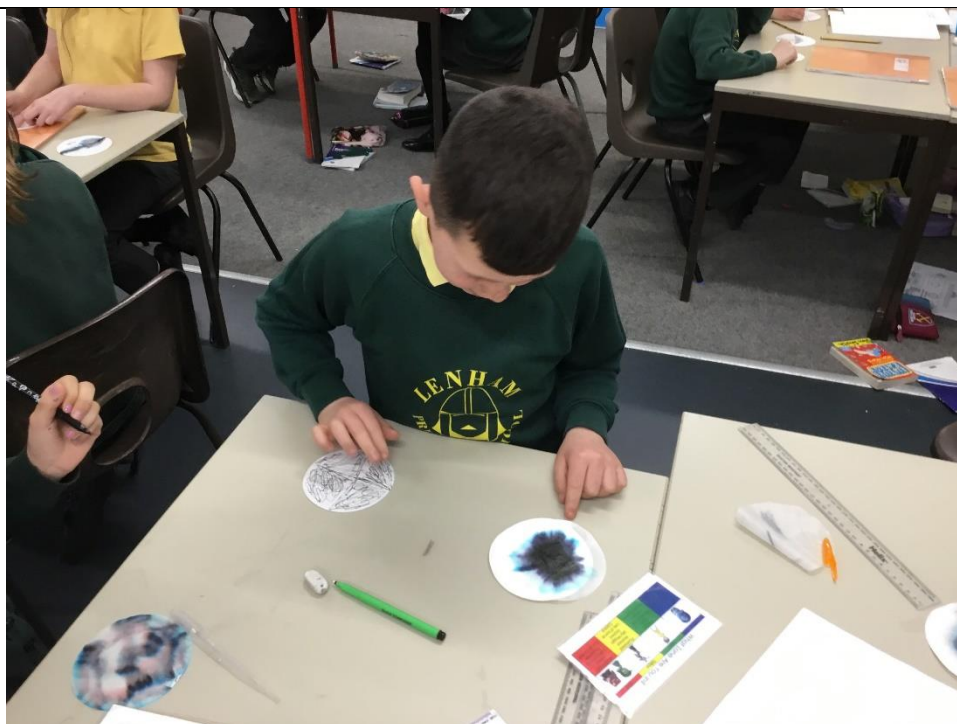
In PE, we have been learning how to play golf!





We also had lots of fun in Science week, carrying out investigations using chromatography and designing birds' nests for stability:





Book Day was a special day this term, with a record number of Harry Potters!



## Year 5

This term our learning has been focussed on life cycles and food chains in our Beast Creator topic. We started by using atlases to identify where different creatures came from.





We were soon into the science and carried out an investigation to identify how many worms there were in our school field. We calculated the area of the school field (12,904 m<sup>2</sup>) and multiplied it by the number of worms per m<sup>2</sup>. Total = 851,664 worms.



We also searched the grounds for small creatures (arthropods, nematods, annelids insects). We made different environments (dark, damp, light, airy, cool, warm etc) and found investigated which is the chosen habitat for woodlice. We made bug hotels with the information we had found out.



For art & design we have been improving our drawing through feedback from our friends and using collage materials. Here are our butterflies.





We loved science week; here are pictures of our engineering activity, tumbling toast and forest school.



## Year 6

Our Term 4 topic Darwin's Delights has allowed us to learn all about Charles Darwin and his famous journey on The Beagle to discover many species around the world, as well as his theory of natural selection and evolution.

To begin the term, we had a surprise visit from some friendly animals!





We travelled over 6000 miles to virtually visit The Galapagos Islands, one of the locations visited by Darwin, to discover the unique flora and fauna native to these volcanic islands. In English, we have been drafting on our own persuasive Galapagos holiday brochures which we have been working hard to publish this week.

Darwin used his diary to record his sketches of the species he observed and so we mirrored this in our own artwork.



We had great fun during Science Week, with our Forest School afternoon with Miss Bishop being a real highlight. Thank you, Miss Bishop!



Our engineering skills were put to the test when we were asked to design and make a boat that would hold 25 pennies for a minimum of 10 seconds.



Did smaller or larger dinosaurs lose heat quicker? We simulated this through the use of small, medium and large bottles of warm water.



We also found out about 'surprising stains' and the colour changes that took place when we added other solutions and liquids such as lime juice, vinegar, and soap.



Of course, we cannot forget our final World Book Day at primary school where we donned our finest book character costumes! Zumba with a giant dancing dinosaur was a sight to behold! As well as enjoying paired reading with Year 1, we also made some terrific book recommendations.





## WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

<p>Ukraine Appeal</p> 	<p>Thank you so much for your support with our Ukraine appeal earlier this term. With the help of St Mary's Church, your generous donations have made their way to those affected by the conflict.</p>  <p>Well done also to Year 6 for helping to organise the event. You really have made us proud.</p>
	<p>All the children enjoyed meeting authors and dressing up for Book Week.</p>
	<p>Year R, 1 and 2 enjoyed an Easter Puppet show from the family trust.</p>
	<p>Everyone enjoyed Science week. Every year group took part in different investigations.</p>
	<p>As you probably know, Comic Relief is a foundation to help people in need; it's celebrated in the UK, and supports all sorts of charities around the world. Lenham Primary is one of the many schools across Britain that helps fundraise for this delightful day!</p> <p>On the 18th of March 2022 - Comic Relief day - children were invited to come to school in pyjamas. Of course, many children took this opportunity and so there was an array of</p>

	<p>colourful clothes around the building. Some pupils even brought in toys and dressing gowns! I think it's agreed that we all had a terrific time!</p> <p>Additionally, at the end of the day, parents and children could buy some cakes from our lovely year 6s! Children across the school bought (or baked!) cakes with their parents to bring in.</p> <p>The money raised (from the cake sale and people in pyjamas) was donated to Comic Relief and at the end of the day, we had made £316.40! And that was just in Lenham Primary!</p> <p>Thank you for supporting this day, and giving your generous donations to the fund. Every pound helps!</p> <p>Lucy and Aimee. Class 6.</p>
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## PRIDE VALUES AND REWARDS

This term we have focused on the **D – Determination and courage**, school value. The most popular way to be rewarded was to completing something that had been a challenge. In total **323 certificates** were awarded across the school.

Next term the school will be focusing on the **E- Equality and Friendship**, school value.

## HOUSE POINTS FOR TERM 1

The house with the most House Points this term is
<b>Storey</b>
Well done to all the members of Storey house. You will be enjoying a Non-Uniform day on <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b> for this achievement.



## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

It has been lovely to finally be able to be back in school, and to see all the fantastic work the children have been creating. I was lucky enough to be in school for my first whole school face to face assembly in over two years, to see how the children were preparing for, and clearly anticipating, the forthcoming science week; Growth being the focus. It was lovely to see the children keen to talk about what they had started to create in their projects as well as the excitement for all the experiments and investigations that were to follow that week in each class.

It was also nice to be back in school and do some collective monitoring, one of the roles as a governor is to ensure that the school keeps your children safe and delivers the best quality education it can. Mr Costain came in earlier in the month to see the impact meeting a “real life” author would have in terms of inspiring the children’s writing. Mr Culver was present at the fire drill to ensure that it was efficient and effective and children and staff alike knew what was expected of them. Mrs Sweetland and Mrs Porter came in to spend an afternoon with the new reception class to talk to the children and ensure that they were enjoying learning through play and discovery. They were very impressed with the good sharing and choosing that was taking place. Finally, I was also able to come in and talk to senior leaders about teaching and learning and safeguarding provisions that are put in place to ensure every child has the best access to learning and that we have everything in place to keep them safe.

It has been an incredibly hard term in respect of Covid, still ever present, taking staff and pupils away from school. I just want you to know that the staff have really gone above and beyond to make sure that every class has a person teaching every day, being flexible and adaptable often not knowing until the morning school begins which class they will be supporting and who will be the lead teacher. Not once did we have to resort to online teaching if staff members were sick, and I’m sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment and resolve and wish them all a restful Easter break.

Ceri Norey

Chair of Governors

## PTFA NEWS



Thank you to the PTFA for a wonderful Easter Bingo. Everyone had a great time.

### COMING SOON...



#### **Break the Rules Day - 22nd April**

There will be four rules that can be broken and children will pay to break the rules.



#### **I Love You Day - 29th April**

Cake/biscuit and drink sale.



#### **Jubilee Celebrations**

The PTA will be supporting the school in the celebrations which will include the **postponed Christmas Parties - 26th May**

Infants party will take place in school time from 2.15pm-3.15pm

Juniors would take place straight after school.

**If you would like to join the PTA please let the office know and they will put you in contact with one of the team.**





# RECONNECT ANIMAL ADVENTURE

Wednesday 6th April  
11am-2pm

Headcorn Village Hall  
Church Lane, Headcorn, TN27 9NR.

**FREE**  
Petting zoo  
Music Session  
Arts & Crafts



Professionals to provide advice on a wide  
range of topics





Hello!

As before we are casting for a brand-new series and we are looking to reach out to as many people as possible. We are searching for individuals, friends, couples, and families who would like to offer a rescue dog a loving home and share their story with us as part of our next series.

In case you didn't get to read my last email *The Dog House* is set at the animal charity Wood Green in Cambridgeshire and has been described as both 'charming' and 'compassionate'. The programme follows prospective owners as they are matched with a rescue dog, specially selected by the expert team of matchmakers at Wood Green. In the previous series, we have found there are many reasons people might wish to bring a dog into their lives; loneliness, extra company for a child, health needs, or living in the moment more! We tell the story of both humans and dogs, as they prepare to meet each other for the first time.

Dogs can be a great source of comfort for kids - even when they're coming to grips with difficult life lessons. Whenever kids are looking to understand their emotions, they can always turn to their pet. Petting and cuddling dogs have also been shown to relieve stress and help people relax. We'd love your help to reach as many dog-lovers as possible.

You can use this link to apply: [The Dog House | Channel 4](https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house) And you can watch the past and current series of The Dog House on All4 here: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-dog-house>

**Codie Lu Scott**

**Casting Intern**





# WEEKLY MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Vegan Bolognese Twists 1.2, 1.4 Vegetable & Chick Pea Curry & Rice 1.4	Sweet & Sour Chicken 1.2 Cheese & Tomato Stack Wrap 1.7, 1.9	Roast Pork & Gravy Sweet Potato Pinwheel 1.4, 1.6	Corrage Pie Tomato Pasta Bake 1.7, 1.9	Fish Fingers 1.2 Baked Bean Burger in a Bun 1.5, 1.6
18TH APRIL		Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1
16TH MAY		Rice, Broccoli Diced Swede	Rustic Roast Potatoes Carrots, Cabbage	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Coleslaw 1.1
20TH JUNE		Lemon Cheesecake 1.2, 1.3, 1.5	Fruit Jelly	Banana Bar 1.2, 1.3	Fruit Pots
10TH JULY	Chocolate Mousse 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Jelly
19TH SEPTEMBER	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Yoghurt 7
17TH OCTOBER	Fruit Pots				
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Margherita Pizza 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 Chick Pea Jambalaya 1.4	Barbeque Pork Tomato Bows 1.4, 1.6	Roast Turkey & Gravy Caribbean Pastie 1.4, 1.6	Penne Bolognese 1 Cauliflower & Potato Cheese 1.2, 1.4	Chicken Bites 1.2 Cheese & Tomato Swirl 1.7, 1.9
25TH APRIL		Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1
23RD MAY		Rice, Cauliflower Peas	Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots	Seasonal Vegetables	Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Carrot Sticks
27TH JUNE		Peach Crumble 1 & Custard 7	Crispy Cake 2.0, 2.1	Coronati Cookie 1.2	Fruit Pots
29TH AUGUST	Ice Cream 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Pots	Fruit Jelly
26TH SEPTEMBER	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Yoghurt 7	Yoghurt 7
24TH OCTOBER	Fruit Pots				
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Shepherdess Pie 1.4 Vegetable Sausages & Gravy 1.2, 1.3, 1.4	Chicken Pie 1 Cheesy Fusilli 1.2, 1.4	Roast Gammon & Gravy Savoury Vegan Mince 1.4, 1.6	Sweet Chicken Curry Tomato & Herb Twists 1.4, 1.6	Fish Fingers 1.2 Stuffed Peppers 7, 9
2ND MAY		Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1
6TH JUNE		New Potatoes Mashed Potato	Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower	Rice, Sliced Carrots Green Beans	Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Cucumber Sticks
4TH JULY		Seasonal Vegetables	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Brownie 1.2	Fruit Pots
5TH SEPTEMBER	Mandarin & Ice Cream 7	Sunny Cake 1.2 & Custard 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Jelly
3RD OCTOBER	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Yoghurt 7
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Macaroni Cheese 1.2, 1.4 Rice & Bean Burrito with Baked Wedges 1.4	Sausages with Gravy 1.2 Vegan Sausage Roll 1.4	Roast Chicken & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs 1.4, 1.6	Mild Mexican Mince 1 Cheese & Broccoli Twists 1.2, 1.4	Salmon Fish Cake 1.2 Margherita Pizza 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
9TH MAY		Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1	Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings 2.0, 2.1
13TH JUNE		Mashed Potato, Cabbage Baked Beans	Rustic Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Rice, Cauliflower Green Beans	Chips, Baked Beans Peas, Coleslaw 1.1
11TH JULY		Chocolate Sponge 1.2 & Chocolate Sauce 7	Lemon Drizzle Cake 1.2	Fruity Flapjack 1.2, 1.3	Fruit Pots
12TH SEPTEMBER	Yoghurt/Mandarin & Honey 7	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Jelly
10TH OCTOBER	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 7	Yoghurt 7

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1. Wheat/Gluten 2. Crustaceans 3. Soy/Lesban 4. Mustard 5. Sesame 6. Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7. Milk 8. Fish 9. Egg 10. Peanuts 11. Molluscs 12. Celeriac/Celery 13. Nuts 14. Lupins 15. Barley Gluten 16. Barley Gluten

Key:

Vg Vegan  
V Vegetarian

Available Daily: Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1, 3, 7, 9

Some of our schools may use pre-prepared potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

Allergies  
Accommodation





**Join us for Easter Day Breakfast Church**

**You'd be so welcome**

**Celebrate the life that can't be entombed!**

**17<sup>th</sup> April, 930 am, St Mary's Lenham**



Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Charlotte Coles and I am the curate at the Church here in Lenham.

I thought that you might like to know that on Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter), we are planning to meet outside Lenham Primary School. We will lead a procession to the church with a donkey (and his friend the Shetland pony) to re-enact Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. I am letting you know in case any of the children from Lenham Primary would like to join in.

With kind regards,

Charlotte





# Messy Building Bat and Nesting Boxes

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 3 PM**

**St Mary's Church, Lenham**

**Bring a picnic blanket**

**All welcome; care for creation**



## Build a den

**Afterwards  
at  
5 pm**

