Emneth Nursery School Newsletter

Autumn 2nd

Headteacher Update

Welcome back to Autumn 2. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and were able to spend some quality time together as families.

We have already made such a positive start to the new half term and the nursery is full of excitement as the children settle back into their routines. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to provide rich opportunities for learning through play, following the children's interests while supporting their development across all areas of learning.

Term Dates for the Autumn Term

Autumn 2nd half term

Reopen on Monday 2nd November

Closes Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January (Closed for all)

Reopen on Tuesday 5th January

Funding

If you are accessing the funding available for working families please make sure you renew your code for the Spring term by the end of December.

https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/

New Staff

We are pleased to share that Leah has recently joined our team and is supporting children during lunchtime sessions in Pippins. We are also delighted to welcome Jordan this half term. Jordan will be working in Pippins one day each week, and we are sure both staff members will be a valuable addition to the team. Please join us in giving Leah and Jordan a warm welcome to our nursery community.



Jordan – Nursery Assistant



Leah – Midday Supervisory

Changes to Nursery Invoicing

Just a reminder that you will now receive monthly invoices through our Learning Journal system, **OPAL**. This means that invoices can be created and shared directly with families through a system you already use, making the process more streamlined, convenient and time-saving for both parents and the nursery team.

Introducing Our New Family Support Worker

We are delighted to introduce Alex, who is taking on the role of Family Support Worker at the nursery.

Alex brings a wealth of experience in early years and has supported many children and families throughout her career. Many of you will already know Alex, as she will continue to work as a practitioner within the nursery alongside her new role. This means she will remain a familiar face to children while also being available to offer additional support, advice and guidance to families.

As part of her role, Alex will be available to support parents on a 1:1 basis, whether that is helping families access additional services, signposting to relevant support, discussing concerns, or simply providing a listening ear when needed.

To launch this exciting new provision, Alex will be running a FREE Stay and Play Session on:

Wednesday 11th November

9:30am - 10:30am

There is no need to book!

This session is open to all families with young children. Your child does not need to be attending our nursery to come along, so please feel free to share this information with friends and family who may be interested.

Moving forward, we hope to offer a range of free parent and child sessions, workshops and support groups. However, we want to ensure that what we provide is genuinely helpful to our families and community.

We would love to hear from you!

Are there any groups you would be interested in attending?

Are there particular topics or areas of support you would find helpful?

What family activities or workshops would you like us to offer?

Your feedback will help us shape our future provision around the needs of our families.

We would also like to remind families that there is an established Stay and Play Group every Thursday at the nursery, led by our amazing volunteer. The group provides a warm and welcoming environment for children and parents to play, learn and socialise together. If you would like more information about this group, please contact the nursery.

We are really excited about expanding the support we can offer families and look forward to welcoming you to our Stay and Play sessions and hearing your ideas for future groups and activities.





Our Autumn fayre will be on 11th November 4pm-5pm. More information will be shared closer to the time.

Packed Lunch Reminder

Following last year's Healthy Lunchbox Project and the updated Early Years guidance, we would like to remind families that all packed lunches should be sent in the compartment lunch boxes provided by the nursery.



Updates

For regular updates, important messages and a glimpse into the exciting activities taking place at the nursery, please follow our Facebook page.

Parking Considerately Around Nursery

As you know, our nursery can be very busy at drop-off and collection times. We kindly ask all families to park considerately and safely when visiting the nursery.

Please avoid parking on or across junctions, driveways, dropped kerbs, or in locations that may obstruct the view of pedestrians and other road users. Parking in these areas can make it difficult for children and families to cross safely and can create unnecessary hazards around the nursery entrance.

We would also like to remind families that the nursery car park is for staff use only and should not be used for drop-off, collection, or parking at any time, unless you are displaying a valid Blue Badge. This helps ensure staff can access the site safely and keeps the car park available for its intended purpose.

Where possible, please allow a little extra time for your journey and use suitable parking spaces, even if this means walking a short distance. By working together, we can help keep our nursery community safe and ensure our neighbours and local residents are not inconvenienced.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us provide a safe environment for everyone.

Flourishing Families

Norfolk have created a new tool called the 'Flourishing Families Tool.' This has been designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming but we all share the common goal to give children the best start in life.

There are all sorts of things that you can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial support, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well and help you find support when and if you need it.

To use the tool please go to https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/flourishing-families/

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Christmas Stay & Play

Under 5s and their families welcome!

Join us for a festive fun-filled session!

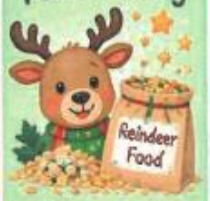
Wednesday 16th December | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | Emneth Nursery School | Led by a Nursery Practitioner

Christmas Crafts



Create festive decorations to take home!

Reindeer Food Making



Mix up some magical reindeer food for Christmas Eve.

Winter Sensory Play



Explore snowy textures, sparkly treasures and festive fun.

Christmas Story Corner



Snuggle up for a magical Christmas story.

Festive Songs & Circle Time



Sing your favourite Christmas songs and join in with interactive fun.

A wonderful opportunity to:

- Spend quality time together
- Meet other local families
- Enjoy festive activities in a warm and welcoming environment
- Explore and learn through play

Christmas keepsake to take home!

Play
Learn
Make
Friends
Be Merry!

Come along and celebrate the magic of Christmas with us!

Small Hands Big Christmas Magic

We look forward to seeing you there!

LUNCHTIME

FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens

WEEK 1
Autumn/Winter 2026-27
02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27, 15/02/27, 08/03/27

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese C	BBQ Pulled Pork with Rice B	Roast Chicken and Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy C	Lasagne B	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC (Veggie Dish)	Beanie Sweet Corn Burrito with Wedges B	Butterbean Jambalaya with Rice A	Roasted Broccoli and Pepper Tart, Skin on Roasties and Gravy B	Veg Lasagne B	Pizza Pocket with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY (Vegetables and Salads)	Roasted Root Veg	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING (Filled Jackets)	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY	Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie C	Strawberry Jelly A	Sticky Banana Pudding and Custard B	Sugar Free Fruity Oat Squares B	Carrot Cookies B

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?
A Very Low · B Low · C Medium · D High · E Very High

AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWIRLER (AVAILABLE EVERY DAY)
TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE AND CHEESE C

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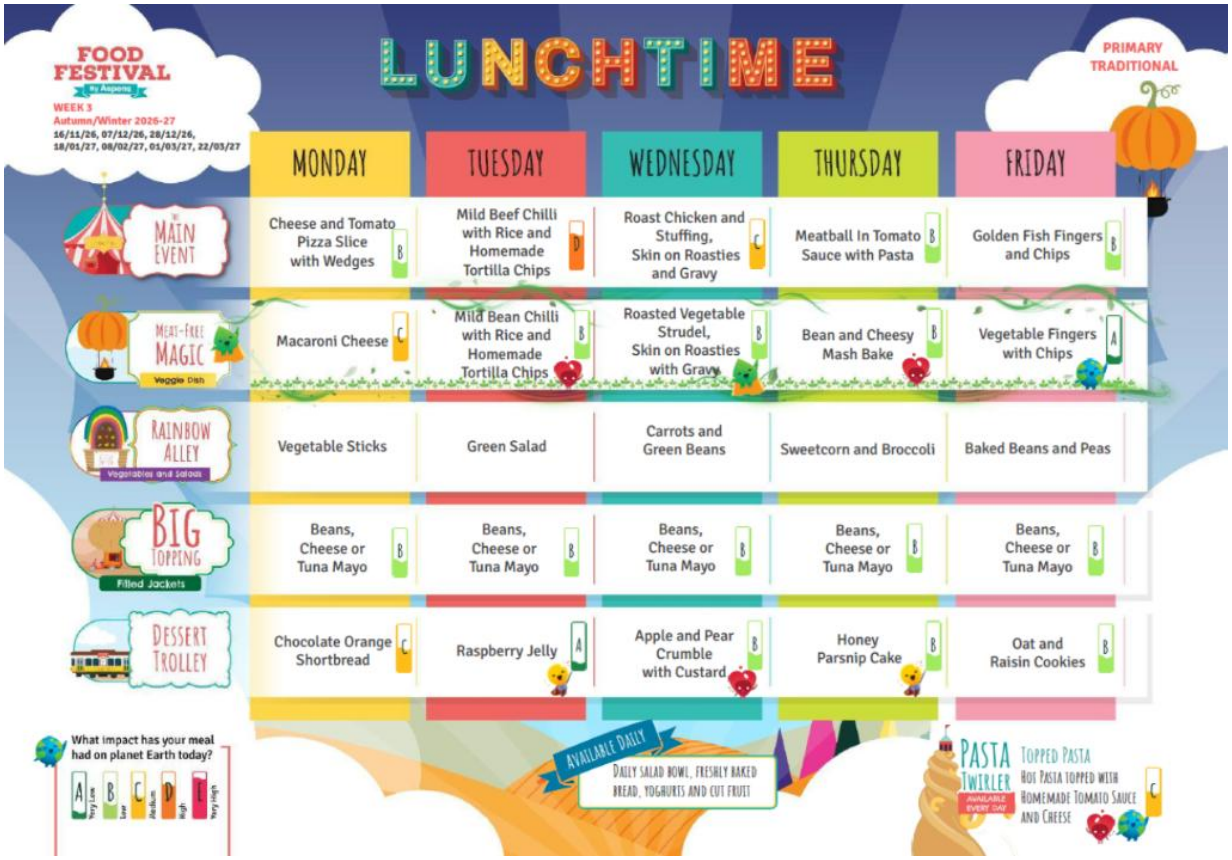
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges B	Chicken and Leek Pie With Mash B	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy C	Beef Bolognese Pasta with Garlic Bread D	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC (Veggie Dish)	BBQ Pinwheels with Wedges B	Bean and Leek Pie with Mash B	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake with Skin on Roasties and Gravy B	Veggie Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread B	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY (Vegetables and Salads)	Mixed Salad	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING (Filled Jackets)	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY	Watermelon Wedge A	Orange Jelly A	Chocolate and Pear Upside Down Cake with Custard C	Lemon Drizzle Cake B	Apple Crumble Cookies B

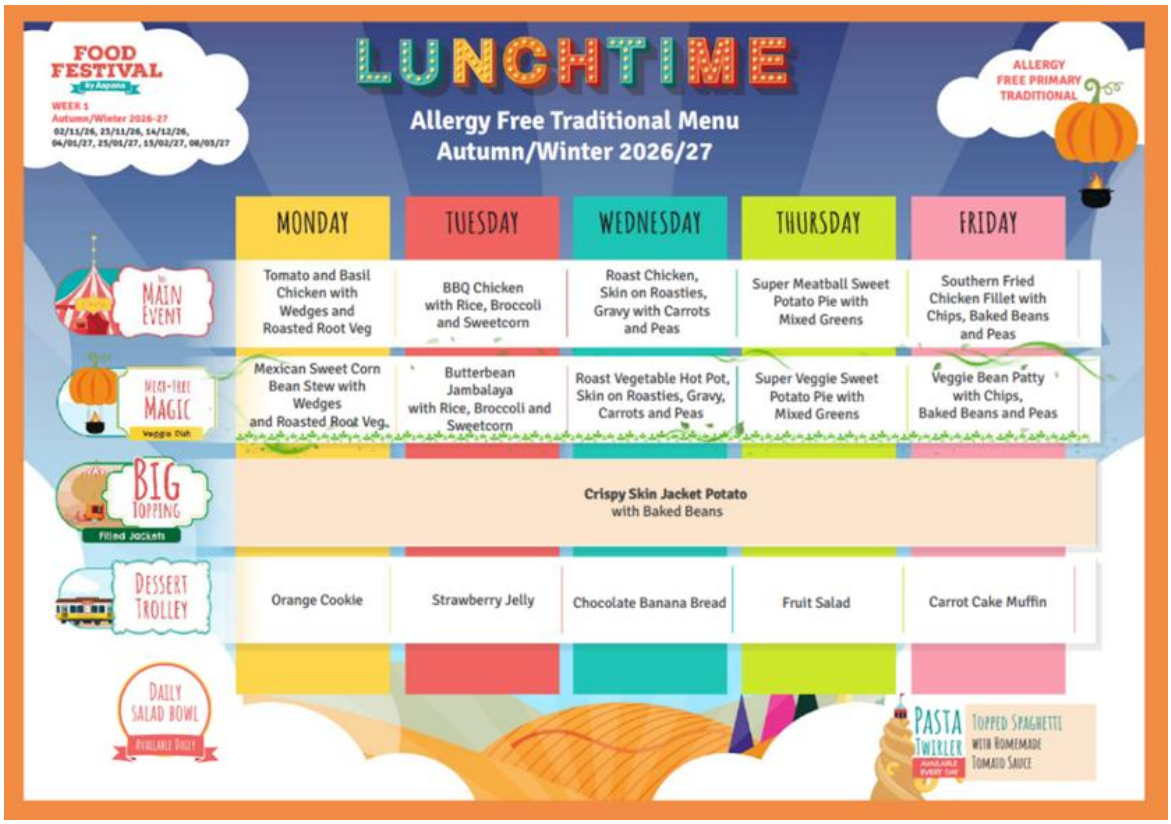
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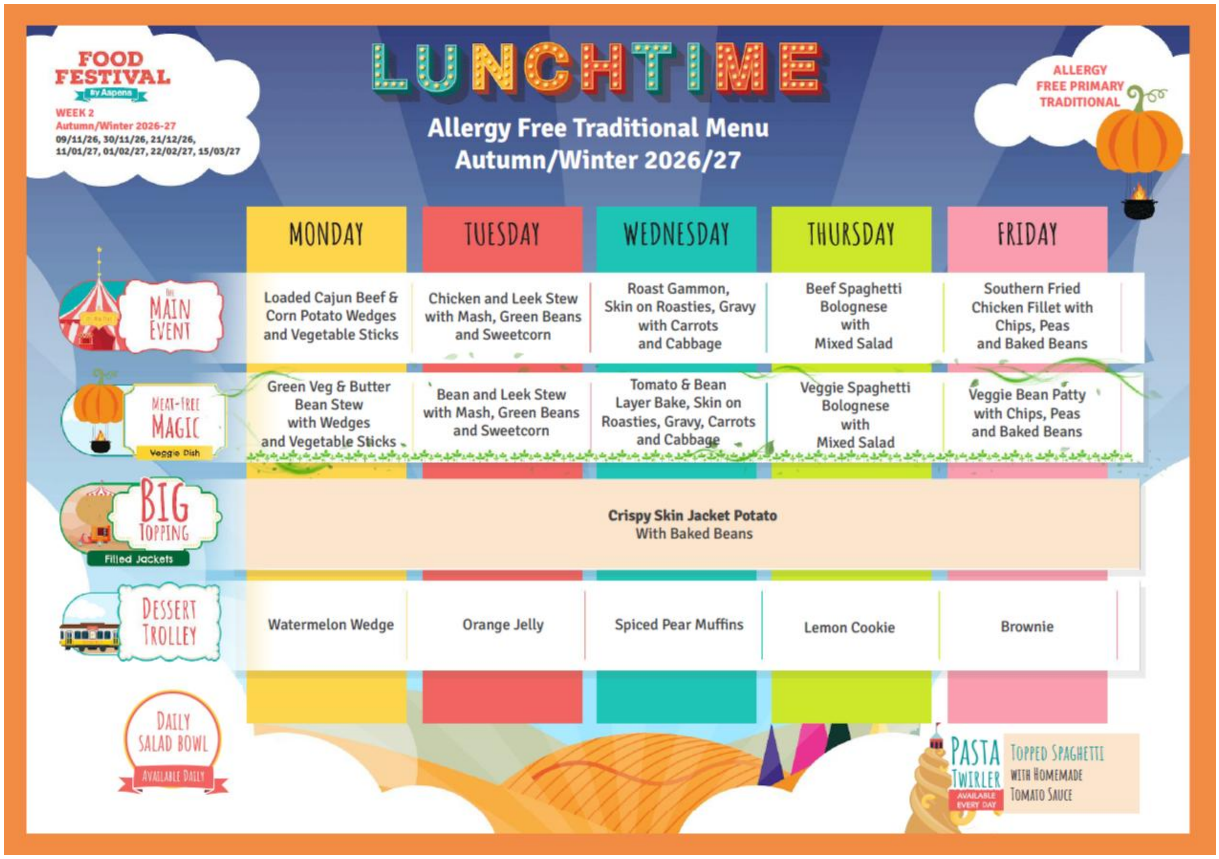
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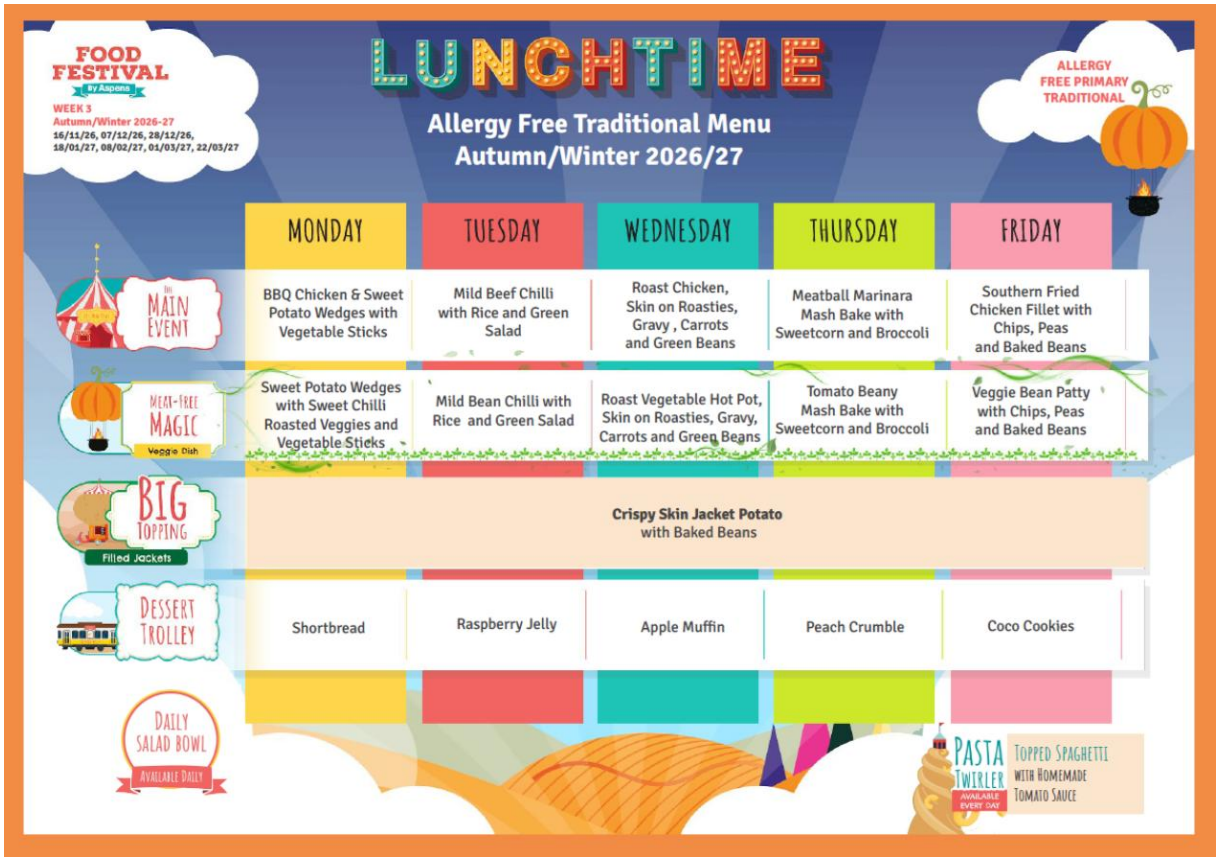
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Allergy Menus




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WEEK 2
Autumn/Winter 2026-27
09/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/01/27, 01/02/27, 22/02/27, 15/03/27
LUNCHTIME
Allergy Free Traditional Menu
Autumn/Winter 2026/27
ALLERGY FREE PRIMARY TRADITIONAL
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
The Main Event
Loaded Cajun Beef & Corn Potato Wedges and Vegetable Sticks
Chicken and Leek Stew with Mash, Green Beans and Sweetcorn
Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties, Gravy with Carrots and Cabbage
Beef Spaghetti Bolognese with Mixed Salad
Southern Fried Chicken Fillet with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
Meat-Free Magic
Veggie Dish
Green Veg & Butter Bean Stew with Wedges and Vegetable Sticks
Bean and Leek Stew with Mash, Green Beans and Sweetcorn
Tomato & Bean Layer Bake, Skin on Roasties, Gravy, Carrots and Cabbage
Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese with Mixed Salad
Veggie Bean Patty with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
Big Topping
Filled Jackets
Crispy Skin Jacket Potato
With Baked Beans
Dessert Trolley
Watermelon Wedge
Orange Jelly
Spiced Pear Muffins
Lemon Cookie
Brownie
Daily Salad Bowl
Available Daily
Pasta Twirler
Available Every Day
Topped Spaghetti with Homemade Tomato Sauce


FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens
WEEK 3
Autumn/Winter 2026-27
16/11/26, 07/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/01/27, 08/02/27, 01/03/27, 22/03/27
LUNCHTIME
Allergy Free Traditional Menu
Autumn/Winter 2026/27
ALLERGY FREE PRIMARY TRADITIONAL
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
The Main Event
BBQ Chicken & Sweet Potato Wedges with Vegetable Sticks
Mild Beef Chilli with Rice and Green Salad
Roast Chicken, Skin on Roasties, Gravy , Carrots and Green Beans
Meatball Marinara Mash Bake with Sweetcorn and Broccoli
Southern Fried Chicken Fillet with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
Meat-Free Magic
Veggie Dish
Sweet Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Roasted Veggies and Vegetable Sticks
Mild Bean Chilli with Rice and Green Salad
Roast Vegetable Hot Pot, Skin on Roasties, Gravy, Carrots and Green Beans
Tomato Beany Mash Bake with Sweetcorn and Broccoli
Veggie Bean Patty with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
Big Topping
Filled Jackets
Crispy Skin Jacket Potato
with Baked Beans
Dessert Trolley
Shortbread
Raspberry Jelly
Apple Muffin
Peach Crumble
Coco Cookies
Daily Salad Bowl
Available Daily
Pasta Twirler
Available Every Day
Topped Spaghetti with Homemade Tomato Sauce