

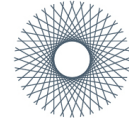


Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery

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We value: Respect, Kindness, Ambition

Work together, learn together, succeed together

SCHOOL DINNERS – UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a hot meal for lunch at school, free of charge. We offer a full catering service in school provided by Chartwells and we are fully committed to ensuring that all children benefit from this government initiative. Our cook offers a wide selection of foods providing a balanced and nutritious meal each day. This is the schools preferred option for your child.

Please find attached a sample menu for weeks 1, 2 and 3 of a rolling menu system we have in school. Each day there will be a meat option, a vegetarian option and a jacket potato option. Your child can either choose their meal each day in school or you can pre-order online (details of how to do this will follow).

There is, of course, support for Reception children within the lunch hall – for example, ensuring that they try all foods and eat well and for cutting up their food where necessary. We will always liaise with parents if there is anything causing us any concern.

We hope that your child will enjoy lunches here with us at Alban Wood!

SCHOOL MILK

We order milk for children in Reception to have at their break time, if parents wish. This is free for all children in Reception until the term in which they have their fifth birthday (so, for children who have a birthday in Autumn term, unfortunately payment will be needed from September). Children who are entitled to Pupil Premium – see below – do receive free milk. The cost of milk is £21.90p a term, varying, depending on the length of the term. Please see Mrs McDonough in the office with any questions, (cheques payable to Hertfordshire County Council).

PUPIL PREMIUM

Although all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are now entitled to a free school meal, it is still very important that parents apply for Pupil Premium (previously called Free School Meals) if they may be eligible. This is for the following reasons:

- You will need to apply for Free Schools Meals for your child to continue to receive these when they move from Y2 to Y3
- Pupil Premium may entitle your child to other benefits, for example, a significant subsidy on music tuition when they are older within the school
- Alban Wood is funded as a school partially based on the families that are eligible for Pupil Premium – it is crucial for us to receive all of the funds we are entitled to so that we can provide the best possible education for all children in our care.

Please speak to Mrs McDonough if you think you may be eligible or if you would like her support in applying. Applications can be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals - click on 'children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2'. You can then click on the link to 'register for free school meals' (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and follow the instructions.