

# ACRE HEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Welcome Pack 2024-2025



# Values

## WELCOME TO THE ACRE HEADS FAMILY

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors of Acre Heads Primary School, we are delighted to welcome you to our school.

We are extremely proud of our school and the achievements of our pupils. Acre Heads has a strong reputation for academic, artistic and sporting success. Our school was graded 'Good' by Ofsted in our last inspection in 2018, and since then, results have continued to improve, and our school has continued to develop.

At Acre Heads, we aim to offer all of our children an excellent education that is full of challenge, interest and fun. In addition, each child is encouraged to build their self-confidence, to develop resilience, independence and to take risks without fear of failure. This can be seen through the school's core values:

**BELIEF, DETERMINATION, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK**

We have very few school rules - in fact we only have two:

- Be nice
- Do the right thing

We care deeply for our children and their families; staff also care for each other and it is evident that the children care for the staff - indeed, we regard ourselves as a family unit. In speech and conduct we aim to uphold these values and establish a harmonious, hard working and safe environment for all.

We want the best for everyone in our family - the best care, the best education and the best life chances.





# 50 things



**BELIEF DETERMINATION RESILIENCE TEAMWORK**

## 50 THINGS!

**YOU'LL DO BEFORE LEAVING ACRE HEADS:**

1	Make friends	26	Learn to swim
2	Go on lots of educational visits	27	Learn to play an instrument
3	Learn outdoors	28	Borrow a library book
4	Observe a caterpillar change into a butterfly	29	Represent the school at a sport
5	Take a risk	30	Do something to benefit the wider community
6	Raise money for a charity	31	Learn a new language
7	Take part in school competitions	32	Conduct a Science investigation
8	Have the opportunity to be a school councillor	33	Communicate with someone from another country
9	Come to school in fancy dress	34	Learn the importance of recycling
10	Grow and eat something from our allotment	35	Meet and hold (if you wish) an animal
11	Join a club	36	Create a work of art
12	Be a 'Star of the week'	37	Take part in first aid lessons
13	Know how to be safe in our community	38	Perform on stage
14	Meet interesting visitors and learn from them	39	Take part in a project
15	Visit an art gallery and a museum	40	Challenge yourself
16	Complete the Daily Mile	41	Work as a team to accomplish something
17	Contribute to a display	42	Visit London
18	Try food from different cultures	43	Take part in cycle proficiency lessons
19	Engage in new technologies	44	Publish a piece of work
20	Take part in Sports Days at Costello Stadium	45	Be a film director/creator
21	Enjoy reading with a buddy	46	Be a role model – Head Boy – Head Girl
22	Go to the Theatre	47	Go on a residential
23	Investigate ways to protect our planet	48	Act as a school tour guide
24	Make something delicious	49	Learn to be caring, compassionate and considerate
25	Do a presentation for your family or friends	50	Celebrate the end of Y6



**Our promise to  
your child.**



# Our Staff

## FOUNDATION STAGE TEAM

FS Lead



Teachers



Teaching Assistants



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Head Teacher



Deputy Head



Assistant Head



Business Manager



## WELLBEING TEAM

Child Protection Co-ordinator  
and Family Liaison Lead



SENCO



## ADMIN TEAM

Office Manager



Admin and  
Attendance Officer



If you would like to arrange a meeting with a member of staff please contact the Welcome Desk.



# Term dates

Highlighted dates show School Holidays.

## Acre Heads Primary School

### Term Dates 2024 - 2025

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**AUTUMN TERM 2024**

2024	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				DECEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
Thursday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Friday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
Saturday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29

  

**SPRING TERM 2025**

2025	JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH				
Monday	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24
Tuesday	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28
Saturday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30

  

**SUMMER TERM 2025**

2025	APRIL				MAY				JUNE				JULY				
Monday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23
Thursday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Friday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
Saturday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Sunday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27

\*Dates are subject to change

Boxed dates are for Staff Training events.





# Absences

## AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Sometimes children fall ill and cannot help being absent. We do ask that medical appointments be requested for after school and holiday times if at all possible.

The following reasons are acceptable for a child to be absent and they will be marked as authorised:

- sickness/illness, (medical certificate, surgery card, medication evidence etc is required)
- medical appointments that have to be made during school hours as no other appointments are available (evidence required)
- approved religious observance (evidence may be required)
- short term family crisis (evidence may be required)

## RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS ABSENCE

We encourage all parents and carers to work in partnership with the school by making sure that their child arrives punctually and in undertaking the following if their child is not to attend:

- ringing the school on the first morning of all absences with the reason and saying when the child will return
- provide evidence for the absence (medical note, surgery card etc)
- keeping the school updated by telephone or letter if the child has an extended period of absence due to illness



For further information please visit the school website or contact Mrs Kelsey, Attendance Officer.

# School Uniform



## EVERYDAY UNIFORM

- Grey or black school trousers (not joggers, leggings or jeans)
- Grey or black school skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt
- Green school sweatshirt
- Green school cardigan
- Black school shoes (not open sandals)

## SEASONAL UNIFORM

Warmer weather

- Grey or black school shorts
- Green and white school dress
- Sun hat/cap

Cooler Weather

- Green school fleece
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Wellies



Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled.



# School Uniform



## PE KIT

- Named drawstring bag
- Green school T-Shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls or old trainers

## BOOK BAG AND WATER BOTTLE

Due to restricted cloakroom areas, we request that parents support the school by only sending children to school with a book bag and draw string PE bag.



## PURCHASING SCHOOL UNIFORM

X3 Ltd. is the sole supplier of school uniform for Acre Heads. Uniform is purchased online and can be delivered to school (free) or to the home address.

Non embroidered garments may be purchased at a reasonable price in local supermarkets.

Pupils eligible for pupil premium are entitled to the Acre Heads' Offer. Please refer to the Pupil Premium and Free School Meal leaflet in your Welcome Pack for further information.



We recommend  
STIKINS name  
labels.

# Sims Parents App

We share all of our messages and information via SIMS Parent, this is an App that can be downloaded to both an android and an iphone. Information received through the app will help you stay up-to-date with your child's daily school life, as well as helping to support your child's development and progress.

As well as the messaging system SIMS Parent App allows you to see your child's attendance, school calendar, behaviour awards, school reports as well as the contact information we hold for you. You can then use this to keep the school updated with any changes in your details, through the Data Collection feature.



A 'how to guide' will be shared during the first week in September.





# ParentPay

We use ParentPay to provide a safe, secure and easy way to pay online for school items such as school meals, trips, events, clubs and other school activities.

ParentPay allows you make online payments to the school, using your debit or credit card, whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

ParentPay reduces the need for children to carry cash to school, giving peace of mind that payments have been made safely and securely to the school.

Please check to see if you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare.  
<https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

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You can merge accounts if you have more than one child at the school.





# Tea Time and Breakfast Club

## BREAKFAST CLUB 7:30-8:30am

Breakfast Club is fun, the food is great and the children who attend are here, ready and waiting to learn. They get a warm reception and an opportunity to practise those vital social skills. They make new friends and mix with children of all ages. Club members have a choice of breakfast options.

## TEA TIME CLUB 3:30-6:00pm

Tea Time Club provides children with a choice of activities and after school snacks (depending on how long your child stays). Activities consist of craft work, colouring, computers, outside play, games and disco nights.

Collection is every 20 minutes from 4:00pm onwards.

To book places, you **MUST** book and pay in advance via ParentPay. Bookings for pre-paid voucher systems such as Taxfree Childcare, Computer Voucher Services etc. can also be made

Tax-Free  
childcare  
vouchers can be  
used at  
Breakfast and  
Tea Time clubs.





# School Meals

Menus are preloaded into ParentPay, meals should be booked in advance.

At Acre Heads, we prepare a balanced, two-course meal that is cooked on the premises every day. We offer Sandwiches, Jacket Potatoes or Hot Meals.

MENU 1		MENU 2		MENU 3	
w/c		w/c		w/c	
20 FEB	<b>MONDAY</b> HOMEMADE HAM & CHEESE PIZZA OR HOMEMADE VEGETARIAN PIZZA Potato Wedges & Baked Beans FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CRUNCH	27 FEB	<b>MONDAY</b> HOT DOG OR VEGGIE HOT DOG IN A BUN Baked Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR SULTANA SHORTCAKE & CUSTARD	06 MAR	<b>MONDAY</b> CHICKEN GOUJONS OR QUORN DIPPERS WITH DIPPING SAUCE Curly Fries, Peas or Beans FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR FRUIT SALAD & ICE CREAM
13 MAR		20 MAR		27 MAR	
17 APR	<b>TUESDAY</b> ROAST CHICKEN OR ROAST QUORN FILLET & STUFFING WITH GRAVY Oven Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR SPONGE & CUSTARD	24 APR	<b>TUESDAY</b> ROAST HAM OR ROAST QUORN FILLET, PINEAPPLE OR GRAVY Oven Baked Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Baby Carrots FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR LEMON DRIZZLE & CUSTARD	01 MAY	<b>TUESDAY</b> SAUSAGE OR VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE Mashed Potato, Broccoli & Carrots FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR CORNFLAKE TART & CUSTARD
08 MAY		15 MAY		22 MAY	
05 JUN		12 JUN		19 JUN	
26 JUN	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> HAM & CHEESE PASTA OR CHEESE PASTA BAKE Crusty Roll & Mixed Vegetables FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR SHORTCAKE & CUSTARD	03 JUL	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> CHICKEN & TOMATO PASTA BAKE OR CHEESE & TOMATO PASTA BAKE Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE COOKIE	10 JUL	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ALL DAY BREAKFAST OR MEAT FREE ALL DAY BREAKFAST FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR CHOCOLATE PEAR SPONGE & CUSTARD
17 JUL		24 JUL			
	<b>THURSDAY</b> MEATBALLS OR VEGGIE MEATBALLS IN TOMATO SAUCE Rice & Mixed Vegetables FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR CHOCOLATE BROWNIE AND CUSTARD		<b>THURSDAY</b> SAVOURY MINCE OR VEGGIE MINCE WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Green Beans & Gravy FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR HOMEMADE CARAMEL FUDGE FLAN		<b>THURSDAY</b> SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR VEGGIE MINCE BOLOGNESE Crusty Roll & Mixed Vegetables FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR FLAPJACK & CUSTARD
	<b>FRIDAY</b> FISH CAKE OR VEGETABLE PATTIE Chunky Chips, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR TOFFEE APPLE CRUMBLE		<b>FRIDAY</b> OVEN BAKED FISH FILLET OR QUORN BURGER & TOMATO SAUCE Chunky Chips & Garden Peas or Beans FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR HOMEMADE MUFFIN		<b>FRIDAY</b> JUMBO FISH FINGERS OR VEGGIE FINGERS & TOMATO SAUCE Chunky Chips, Peas & Baked Beans FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT OR MELTING MOMENT & MILKSHAKE

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive additional funding which opens up the 'Acre Heads Offer'. Please see additional information regarding this.



Every child in Foundation Stage is entitled to a Universal Free School meal.