## **School Lunches**

Please book your lunches via Arbor. If you have the App on your phone you need to press the three bars bottom left and it will take you to a screen with different icons. Click on the Meals icon, then Academic Year 2025/2026, then Autumn 1 2025 lunch.

You will notice that each day has a different deadline for ordering a meal (set by Arbor and we cannot change this). To ensure you don't miss a deadline, we are suggesting that school meals are ordered by midnight on a Friday for **not** the following week, but the week after. For example **order by Friday 29**<sup>th</sup> **August for week commencing Monday 8**<sup>th</sup> **September.** 

The full menu can be found on the school website, where you can see dairy free options etc. The Aspire Summer 2025 Menu runs right up to October half term (after which a new menu will be released).

If you have not selected meal choices by the deadline then you will need to bring in a packed lunch for that specific week.

We are very fortunate to have Aspire, our catering company, however they do need this to be a financially viable contract and this will only continue to be the case if our families book lunches.

Therefore **please book school lunches** - especially Windmills, year 1 and year 2 who automatically receive UIFSM, and any families who receive FSM.

**UIFSM** stands for Universal Infant Free School Meals. It's a government program in England that provides free school meals to all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, regardless of their family's income. The program is in place to ensure that every young child has access to at least one nutritious meal a day at school.

**FSM** - Free School Meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits.

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

If you think you qualify for Free School Meals please follow this <u>link</u> to the Free School Meal and Pupil Premium information and application form. Even if your child automatically receives UIFSM at school, completing this application form may entitle school to Pupil Premium funding (which could then lead to a free places in a school club and a discount on a school trip), so please read the information leaflet thoroughly.

## **School Lunch Payments**

Payments - KS2 Parents only (not FSM) - Please pay via the top up button. Please note that lunches cost £3.40 each. Please top up your account for £3.40 x the number of meals you have ordered. This amount will then be taken from your bank account and it will appear as a balance under your meals account on Arbor.

KS2 - Please note that you need to Top Up your account now before you choose meals.

## **Payments in General**

Please note that we will let you know when items to be paid are in a different place, such as School Shop. This will be for things like Bikeability, Donations, School production etc. This is not the same as when you top up for Meals or when you pay for a School Trip. The three bars bottom left on your phone screen take you to the different tabs. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.