WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Friday 10th October 2025











We are now in the middle of October, with only two more school weeks left until the half-term break. Next week, we will be sending out information about how to sign up for our Parents' Evenings, which will take place after school on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October. Also please remember that school will be closed on Friday 24th October. Next week we have Reading meetings for parents of Reception to Year 6 - please make sure you attend, details have been sent and you can find them below as well.

The children have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks — earning house points, completing their writing assessments. We are really focusing on improving key aspects of their writing, including handwriting, spelling, full stops, capital letters, and punctuation. Please ask your child what they need to improve on. Please continue to practise the weekly spelling homework with your children and check their reading record books for the year group spelling lists. As you know, these are tested three times a year, and there are lots of fun and simple spelling games you can play at home to make practice enjoyable.

Well done to Willow Class and Quince Class for starting off our school assemblies so brilliantly! You have shown real courage, consideration, and collaboration and worked extremely hard in preparing and presenting your assemblies. Thank you – and very well done to you all!

I'd also like to remind all parents to remain vigilant about children's online activity and social media use. Many apps and platforms expose children to content that is inappropriate and can have a very negative effect on their wellbeing. We will be holding our annual Online Safety Meeting for Parents on Thursday 13th November – full details on how to sign up will be shared soon, but please do save the date.

This month, we are celebrating Black History Month, where the children are learning about inspirational individuals who have made a difference. We are proud that our curriculum reflects the diversity of our community, and this is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to discover and be inspired by new stories and achievements. Please look out for details about our upcoming Black History Month event for parents.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone about our school values and British values, which include showing respect to all adults at all times. Unfortunately, I have recently received complaints from local residents about parking near the school. I know that this only involves a small number of parents, but it is disappointing to see anyone putting their own children, others, or our school's reputation at risk. Please park considerately and safely.

On Monday we will be collecting for Ealing Foodbank as part of our Harvest assembly – please send in your donation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Miss Kondo

WAPS gets GOLD for Active Travel





West Acton Primary School has been accredited GOLD status for their Active Travel. The TFL Explorers and The Active Travel Lead (Miss Murphy) have worked hard to ensure the pupils, staff and local community know the importance of travelling in an active and sustainable way to and from school. They will continue to promote active travel at WAPS and champion the importance of being active; for our physical and mental wellbeing as well as our environment.

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WAPS hosts Royal Ballet and Opera CPD

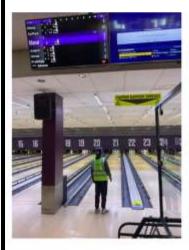


On Friday, WAPS welcomed twenty- two teachers from schools across London for dance CPD from Royal Ballet and Opera. The training was excellent; a great range of theory and practical lessons throughout the day which allowed the teachers to plan dance in their educational setting.

Thank you to Jo and Gillian from RBO for delivering such a fun and interactive day!



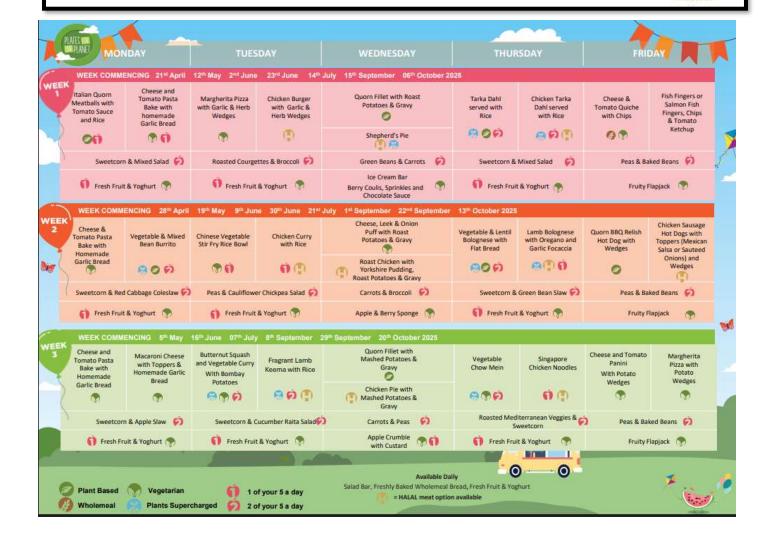
10 Pin Bowling Competition





Children from Year 4&5 competed in the FSSP 10 Pin Bowling Competition today. They showed great determination to score points for their team. The pupils worked collaboratively throughout the day. They had lots of fun cheering each other on! Well done to Adam who was WAPS' top scorer today—congrats.

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Weekly attendance: WE 3 rd October 2025		
Acorn		Woodlands
95.76%		96.85%
Olive	Banyan	Fir
93.45%/_	93.93%	93%
X		
Ash	Guava	Katsura
94.72%	97.33%	99.29%
Damson	Chestnut	Juniper
95.36%	97.86%	94.29%
Holly	Rowan	lvy
97.89%	95.33%	98.54%
Mulberry	Pine	Sycamore
95.41%	88.77%	97.64%
Willow	Elder	Quince
93.79%	95.45%	94.52%
Lime	Tamarind	Zaytouna
97.48%	96.21%	98.93%

PAYMENTS

Communication – notices/letters and emails



Just a reminder of how we keep you updated



https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/news-dates/newsletters

FACEBOOK - https://www.facebook.com/westactonpri
X - https://x.com/westactonpri

If Mcas is not working for you please uninstall and reinstall the MCAS app.





West Acton Primary School, a welcoming community, growing and learning together

At West Acton Primary School, we are a dynamic and inclusive community of lifelong learners. We nurture every child to reach their full potential through an engaging, forward-thinking curriculum and a culture that builds courage, consideration and collaboration. As an aspirational community, our staff, pupils and families grow together—developing digital and emotional intelligence, a strong sense of wellbeing and environmental awareness—ready to make a positive impact on their communities and the wider world.

Please can I remind you to wait until your child is off of the school site before you start giving them food and snacks. As you know we are a healthy school with a sugar smart status.

Please do NOT give your child snacks on site at 3.15pm - especially bags of crisps, cakes, ice lollies and ice cream.

Thank you for your continued help making our school neat and clean.

Best wishes

Miss Kondo



Do notgive your child food to eat when collecting at home time - please wait till you have left the school Healthy lunchboxes - sweet treat once a week

Healthy school dinners - 'puddings' once a week

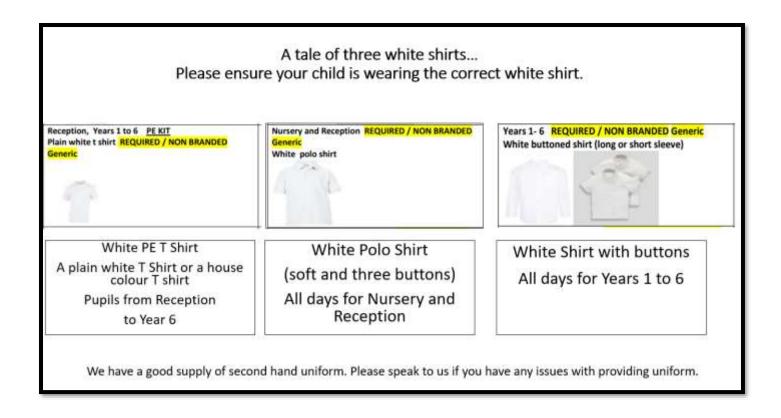




School starts at 8.45am

Drop off your child to line up between 8.30am and 8.45am. Children must be ready to enter the classroom at 8.45am to start learning.





PE DAYS - come to school in your house colour T shirt

Tuesday	Year 5	
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 3	
Thursday	Reception and Year 4	
Friday	Year 2 and Year 6	

We were very lucky to have T- shirts donated for all our children in July. If your child has out grown their T-shirts please wash and return them so that we can recycle it and give it to another child. If we have another T-shirt we can offer your child one – if not please provide your child with a plain white T-shirt (or purchase another house colour T-shirt yourself).

We hope to replenish T-shirts every two years.



An absolute HUGE well done to our pupils who have been logging onto Bug Club each week to read and answer comprehensions quizzes. This is part of our pupils' weekly reading homework from Years 1 to 6 – to read for 20 minutes once a week from 'My Stuff' in their Bug Club account and answer 'bug' quizzes to support their fluency and comprehension in reading. If you need help logging on at home, please use our quick 'how to' video on our school website. Here is the link under 'Curriculum,' 'Subjects,' then 'Reading':

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1GRgexRskq&list=PLg4TaW5GieZR3II4D89kDbY5NVj0JqJye &index=3

A super WELL DONE to our pupils listed below, who have read the most books so far in their classes or/and achieved the highest score in getting their quizzes correct! They have all received certificates and been celebrated in class!

Year Group	Class	Pupils
1	Guava	Kanata, Mei
1	Katsura	Charlie, Mohammed
2	Damson	Kairel, Iman, Shimba, Adrian
2	Chestnut	Calais, Elizabeth, Asmaa, Tala
3	Juniper	Yuzuki, Noah, Haruto, Ellie, Zakaria, Abdimalik, Riko
3	lvy	Muhammad, Shun, Keito
3	Holly	Shun, Ahmed
3	Rowan	Salma, Yuta, Sofyan, Kevin
4	Sycamore	Emma Y
4	Pine	Sara G, Yuna
4	Mulberry	Aicha, Makoto, Billie
5	Elder	Tomohiro, Itsuki, Emilie
5 5	Quince	Uzair, Miku, Sana
5	Willow	Dima, Bander, Sana
6	Zaytouna	Philip
6	Tamarind	Yuka, Nina
6	Lime	Kanna, Yumma
Woodlands	Elm	Zayan
Woodlands	Birch	Abdikadir, Alaya
Woodlands	Oak	Abdul, Mason







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West Acton Primary School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

	Autumn Term 2025
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st - 2nd September - INSET DAYS for staff training 1 and 2
Start of term for pupils Y1-6 Autumn 1 Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 Wednesday 3 rd September - Thursday 23 rd October
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Friday 24th October - INSET DAY for staff training day 3
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
Autumn 2 Term	Monday 3 rd November - Friday 19 th December
End of Term	Friday 19 th December at 1.30pm
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January
	Spring Term 2026
Start of term for pupils Spring 1 Term	Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 5 th January - Friday 13 th February
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
Spring 2 Term	Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March
End of Term	Friday 27 th March at 1.30pm
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April
	Summer Term 2026
Start of Term for pupils Summer 1 Term	Monday 13 th April 2026 Monday 13 th April - Friday 22 nd May
SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 4 th May - May Bank holiday
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st June - INSET DAY for staff training day 4
Summer 2 Term	Tuesday 2 nd June - Friday 17 th July
End of Term	Friday 17 th July at 1.30pm
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 20 th July - INSET DAY for staff training day 5 Tuesday 21 st , Wednesday 22 nd , Thursday 23 rd July - occasional day

















Greetings in Spanish

Hola Hello

¿Cómo estás? How are you?

Buenos días ¿Cómo te llamas? Good morning

What's your name? Gracias

Buenas noches Good night

Thank you Adiós Bye

¿Cómo estás?



Estoy bien



Estoy así, así



Estoy mal



Estoy fatal

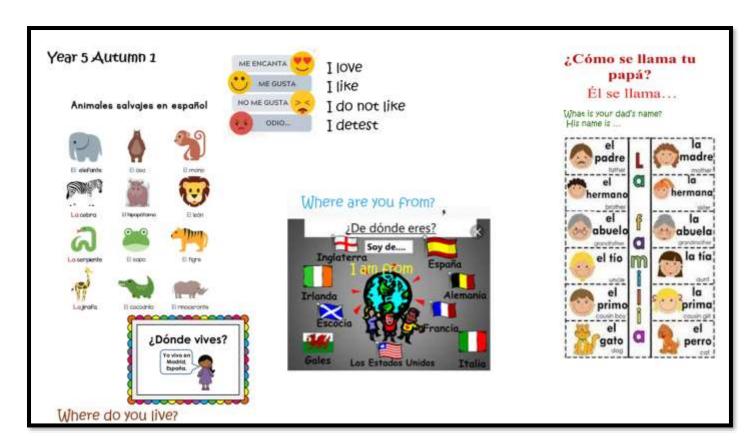


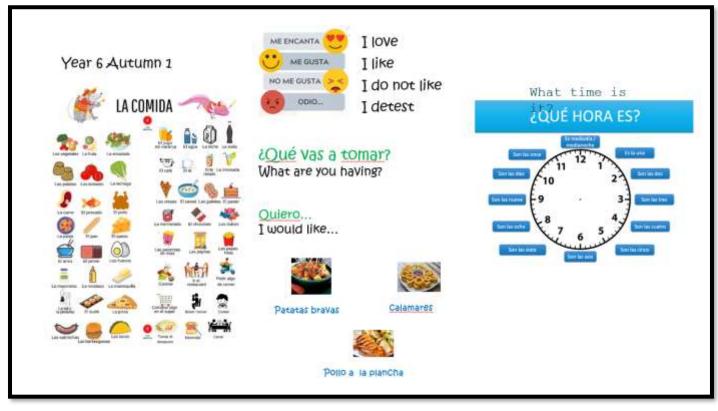






Meses Months
enero January
febrero February
marzo March
abril April
mayo May
Junio June
julio July
agosto August
septiembre September
octubre October
noviembre Movember
diciembre December





TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST MRS PEARCE

Coping with loss and separation

At some point in our life we will all experience the impact of loss and separation. When our children lose someone close to them it's natural for them to experience a range of emotions in particular sadness and even anger. As well as sensory and emotional responses such as pain, numbness and longing. This can be distressing for our children. It's imperative that we offer our support to 'hear' them. Here are a few helpful tips to support during what can be a challenging time:-

- ❖ Try to normalise the grieving process. Explain that grief looks different for everyone. Use simple language to offer comfort. For example. You could say, "Grief is like waves, sometimes it feels small, and sometimes it feels big. This will help our children to not only have a better understanding of their feelings but also be aware that over time emotions change and is a natural part of healing.
- ❖ Make explanations honest and simple. Don't attempt to sugar coat what's happened by using confusing euphemisms like 'gone to sleep'. Instead say "They have died, which means we won't see them anymore, but we can still remember them." Being honest helps children to understand the concept of death and avoid confusion, which can add to their emotional distress. I strongly recommend this book 'The invisible String' by Patrice Karst to support with grieving and separation, it uses language that children can connect with.
- One of the most powerful ways of helping children to cope is by offering reassurance and comfort. Reassure them that their feelings of sadness and loss will lessen over time. Be tactile give them plenty of hugs and comfort if they need it. This helps them to feel secure, supported and understood.

Unfortunately, it's impossible to shield our children from the pain of loss. Let's walk alongside them, providing the love and support that they need to navigate challenging times.

Maria Pearce Therapist

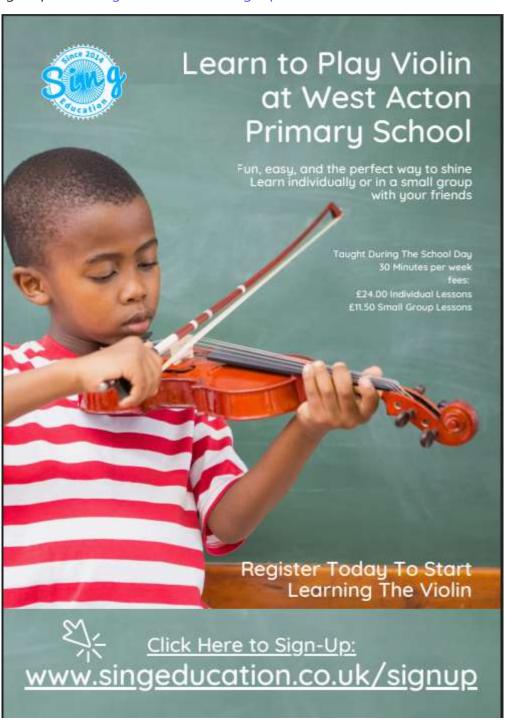
Violin Lessons at West Acton Primary School - Register Today!Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that violin lessons are available for students at West Acton Primary School!

These lessons are taught during the school day for 30 minutes per week. Students can choose to learn individually for £24.00 per lesson or in a small group with friends for £11.50 per lesson. It's a fun, easy, and perfect way for your child to learn and shine.

Register today to secure a spot for your child!

Click Here to Sign-Up: www.singeducation.co.uk/signup



WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION



For applications for September 2026

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 4th November 2025 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 12th November 2025 9.00am to 10.00am

Please come and visit our Reception classes and meet our staff







https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/home Noel Road, Acton, W3 0JL Email or phone to book a place: admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk or 0208 992 3144



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1st September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Class Assemblies 2025 - 2026 Reception to Year 5

We hope that parents/carers can join us at 9.00am in the Jubilee Hall. Woodlands ARP pupils will join their main stream classes.

Autumn Term 2025

Class	Date	
Willow	Friday 3 rd October	
Quince	Friday 10th October	
Elder	Friday 17th October	
Mulberry	Friday 16th January	
Sycamore	Friday 23rd January	
Pine	Friday 30th January	

Spring Term 2026

Class	Date	
Damson	Thursday 15th January	
Juniper	Thursday 22nd January	
Chestnut	Thursday 29th January	
Guava	Friday 6th February	
Katsura	Friday 13th February	
Ash	Friday 6th March	
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Summer Term 2026

Class	Date	
Rowan	Friday 1st May	
Holly	Friday 8th May	
lvy	Friday 15th May	
Olive	Friday 19th June	
Fir	Friday 26th June	
Banyan	Friday 3rd July	

Yours faithfully, Karen Kondo Headteacher















FREE FAMILY COME & SING IN EALING





Tuesday 28 October 10.30am-12.00pm Shaw Room, The Questors Theatre 12 Mattock Lane, Ealing London W5 5BQ



Free half-term singing session for the whole family to enjoy together

TO SIGN UP Scan QR code or visit londonyouthchoirs.com



West Acton Primary School Weekly Values Rewards

w/c 29 th September 2025	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Yasmeen	Sumayyah	Yukta Uzay
Banyan	Ahmad	Layla	Nanami
Fir	Koshi	Chanugi	Yumeno
Olive	Ralph	Keita	Yuto
Ash	Aseel	Aisha	Elina
Guava	Ryan	Mei	Sereen
Katsura	Amina	Sami	Daniel
Chestnut	Calais	Miori	Kippei
Damson	Satsuki	Iman	Razan
Juniper	Alea	Dominic	Lejla
Holly	Shun	Leo	Roya
lvy	Haytham	Rosanna	Lina
Rowan	Tala	Mia	Mohamed
Mulberry	Qusay	Majid	Layan J
Pine	Sara	Yuna	Aymaan
Sycamore	Lile	Adam	Neyson
Elder	Mariana	Shoka	Danny
Quince	Liv	Tomano	Kaius
Willow	Waka	Manar	Bandar
Lime	Maya T	Rui	Kanna
Tamarind	Mahmoud	Celine	Sosuke
Zaytouna	Batoul	Emaan	Yui
Birch	Joshua	Adam	Saleef
Elm	Ilyas	Sammy	Zayan
Oak	Mira	Reggie	Samyr

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We have been made aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog, Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It <u>is</u> safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves the concern is <u>only</u> with the outdated link
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We are, of course, checking for any copies in school and if we hear any more updates about this, we will share them with you.



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8th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Phonics workshop for parents/carers

All parents and carers in are invited to Phonics and Reading workshops next week. It is vital that you attend as it will help you to better support your child's reading and writing at home.

Years 2 3 4 5 6	Year 1	Reception
Victoria Hall with Mrs Campbell	Victoria Hall with Mrs Livingstone	Victoria Hall with Miss Loderick
Tuesday 14th October	Wednesday 15th October	Thursday 16th October
9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
2.30pm	2.30pm	2.30pm
6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Please attend one of these sessions.	Please attend one of these sessions.	Please attend one of these sessions.

We look forward to seeing you and further strengthening our partnership in your child's educational journey.

Yours faithfully

Karen Kondo Head teacher



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Tuesday 7th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Ealing's 10-day Active Travel Challenge

Our school is participating in a borough wide 10-day Active Travel Challenge this October to embed healthy habits around active and sustainable travel to and from school. Join us by walking, cycling, scooting or Park & Striding to school from Monday 13th October – Thursday 23rd October

What is the 10-day Active Travel Challenge?

This October we are participating in Ealing's 10-day Active Travel Challenge, as part of Walk to School Month. We challenge you and your children to actively travel to school across all 10 school days to help increase physical activity, reduce congestion, and improve air quality around the school gates. Participating pupils will be awarded a Terri the Tiger sticker. As part of the autumn Challenge, Ealing Council are running a Design a Bookmark competition. Your children will be given the competition entry form at school and these needs to be submitted by Wednesday 22nd October 2025. The overall winner will receive a rucksack with some goodies inside and their school will receive a goody bag. The winning bookmark will be used in the 2026 summer Challenge.

What are the benefits of walking, cycling, scooting or Park & Striding to school?

- Actively travelling to school helps children feel happier and healthier, and they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.
- More families that actively travel to school means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and air pollution, and increase road safety at the school gates.

What if you can't walk all the way to school?

 If you live too far away or do not have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride. Park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

What can YOU do?

Join us from Monday 13th October by walking, cycling, scooting or Park & Striding to school with your child and show your commitment to making a cleaner, greener and less polluted route to school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Murphy Eco Schools and Active Travel Leader

















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8th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Harvest Festival collection for Ealing Food Bank- Monday 13th October

There will be a Harvest assembly for the children on Monday 13th October. We are delighted to be able to welcome Ealing Foodbank to deliver this assembly to the children.

Traditionally in the Autumn there was a Harvest festival, huge feasts were shared among family and friends but in more recent years the festival has become about sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves or raising money for charity. Therefore, we would welcome donations to take to our local Ealing Food bank.

Please send in any donations with your child on Monday. Below, you will find the Food bank's 'shopping list' – please do stick to that where possible but definitely please do not send in perishable items such as fresh fruit and vegetables.

Thank you in advance for any food you may be able to donate on this occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo Head teacher



















September

- · Tinned Veggie main meals
- Tinned Chickpeas & Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned chunky Soups
- Peanut Butter/Jam/Marmalade
- Instant Coffee
- Savoury Biscuits and snacks

You can also purchase our most urgently needed items on GIVE TODAY for delivery straight to us

