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The Learning Challenge  
**CURRICULUM**



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Included  
VineTree

Respect  
Treated Fairly  
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## Congratulations!

Over Easter we will be saying goodbye to Miss Dixon and hello to Mrs. Timmis, which may sound confusing however they are of course the same person!! Miss Dixon will become Mrs. Timmis in a service over the Easter holidays in her home town. We are all delighted for her and we wish her much happiness as Mrs. Timmis!

## Staffing News

A belated hello to Mr Ross Vitale-Simpson who joined us in January. Ross has already spoken to a number of you and has already fitted in perfectly to our Vine Tree family, welcome Mr Ross!!

## National Schools Breakfast Programme Bagel with a Buddy



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

Our school has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer our 'Bagel with a Buddy' healthy school breakfast and I hope that you are enjoying 'Bagel Friday' an opportunity for you all to enjoy a healthy bagel.

Lookout for our 'Bagel Shack' a new addition coming to our school playground - soon!



Don't forget to help raise funds for Vine Tree Primary School whenever you shop online! Use Easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com - and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/vinetreepimary/>

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## Makaton / World Down Syndrome Day

Earlier this month, Miss Dixon attended two inspirational Makaton courses. (Makaton uses signs as a way to aid communication. For more information see [makaton.org.uk](http://makaton.org.uk)). Full of enthusiasm, she has come back to school ready to share all her learning! Ahead of World Down Syndrome day Miss Dixon has taught the whole school the song 'One Call Away' by Charlie Puth, using Makaton signs. The children have found it extremely enjoyable and will be videoed performing the song. It will then be shared on our Facebook page as well as being uploaded to the World Down Syndrome website. After Easter, Miss Dixon will begin a Makaton club where children can come along to learn key signs, sing using Makaton and even tell stories. A letter will be sent home at the start of the Summer Term.

## Fundraising School Events

Can I thank all those children and parents that have attended some of our fantastic events over the last few months.

The organising of such activities is a difficult task and I am very grateful to the staff and parents that have given up their time to make them such a success. Each event also raises money to spend on future in school activities and our last three events have raised the following amounts:-

Christmas Disco - £208.12

Christmas Bingo - £424.70

Valentines Disco - £222

Thank you!

## Many Voices Celebrating Women Throughout The World

On Saturday 2 March, Vine Tree Choir joined with singers from St Mary's School and women's group "Gathering Voices" to sing for International Women's Day. The combined choir of fifty singers sang 9 songs together at the close of a whole day of events including stalls and performances and speakers, at Cheshire College South & West.

"I was really nervous at first," said Milla from Year 3, "But as soon as we started singing I really enjoyed it." Well done to Lily from Year 5, who led the singing for two songs. Weeks and weeks of preparation made the performance a huge success.. Many thanks as ever to the dedicated children, staff and parents who always make these outings possible.

## Parking on Dane Bank Avenue

Could I respectfully remind people not to park on the pavement or over neighbours driveways with their cars. Before the holidays a number of pedestrians have been having problems getting up and down the road, particularly those parents who have younger children in prams and buggies.



## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this term will be run over 2 nights. We will be delighted to see you on either night for a formal appointment with your child's class teacher. The dates for parents' evening this year are Tuesday 26th March 5:30pm - 8:00pm and Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Further details have been sent out via our text messaging service..

## School Photographer



School photos will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 30th April 2019**  
At this session we will be photographing  
Whole School

Class Groups  
Music Groups  
(Please bring musical instruments)  
Sports Groups  
(Please bring P.E. / Sports Kits)  
Leavers Groups  
Leavers Individuals  
Graduations

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image  
and the option to make a purchase.

## Holiday Dates 2018 - 2019

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
<b>Easter 2019</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Summer 2019</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>In-service training days for Teachers</b>		
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>		
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
	Thursday 2nd May - school closed polling station	

## Holiday Dates 2019 - 2020

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
<b>Summer 2019</b>		Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Half Term</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Christmas 2019/2020</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Easter 2020</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Summer 2020</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
<b>In-service training days for Teachers</b>		
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

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	Date of Closing	Date of Re-opening
<b>Summer 2020</b>		Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Half Term</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Christmas 2020/2021</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
<b>Easter 2021</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Summer 2021</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
<b>In-service training days for Teachers</b>		
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	
	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	

# Dates for the Spring / Summer Term (1st Half)



Thursday 21st March - World Down Syndrome Day (odd socks and gingerbread sock sale)  
 Monday 25th March - Year 1 Phonics Meeting (5pm)  
 Tuesday 26th March - Parents Evening (5:30 - 8:00pm)  
 Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:00pm)  
 Tuesday 2nd April - Image Theatre in school performing Pinocchio (pm) END OF TERM TREAT  
 Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th - Year 3 Residential  
 Friday 5th April - End of Term  
 Wednesday 24th April - School Reopens Summer Term  
 Friday 26th April - Whole school Science Workshop (pm) Community Show 6pm (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)  
 Wednesday 1st May - Key Stage 1 SAT's period starts (all month)  
 Thursday 2nd May - School Closed Polling  
 Monday 6th May - School Closed May Day  
 Monday 13th May - Year 6 SAT's week  
 Monday 20th May - Key Stage 1 Sports Day (1:30pm)  
 Wednesday 22nd May - Key Stage 2 Sport Day (1:30pm)  
 Thursday 23rd May - Summer Disco (Key Stage 1, 4pm - 5pm, Key Stage 2, 5:15pm—6:15pm)  
 Friday 25th May - HALF TERM  
 Monday 3rd June - School Reopens

## Hot Dinner Menu - Spring

Autumn/Winter Menu					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan, 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<b>Margherita Pizza</b> Saute Potatoes (v) Salmon Fish Fingers Saute Potatoes Filled Jacket Potato (v) Autumn Feast Muffin	<b>Chicken Korma</b> Rice & Cous Cous Cheesy Pasta (v) Tuna Bap Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk	<b>Roast Pork, Apple Sauce,</b> Creamed Potatoes Veggie Sausage in Onion (v) Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Filled Jacket Potato (v) Dorset Apple Cake with Custard	<b>Mild Beef Chilli in a Tortilla</b> Boat Topped with Cheese Cheese Toastie with Veg Sticks (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Orange Surprise Traybake or Organic Yogurt	<b>Butchers Pork Sausage</b> All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Cheese Bap (v) Cookie with Fruit Chunk Or Organic Yogurt
<b>Week 2</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec, 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<b>One Pot Tuna &amp; Sweetcorn</b> Gratin Cheesy Pasta (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Rosalie Biscuit with Fruit Chunk	<b>Chicken Casserole with</b> Tomato Bread Quorn Burger (v) Tuna Bap Lemon Drizzle Cake	<b>Roast Gammon &amp; Pineapple</b> with Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet, Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Rice Pudding with Fruit Coulis	<b>Cottage Pie</b> Quorn Meatball Pasta Bake (v) Cheese Bap (v) Chocolate Marble Cake with Custard or Organic Yogurt	<b>Pulled Chicken Flatbread</b> Salmon/ Fish Fingers Chips & Chips Filled Jacket Potato (v) Apple Oatie Shortbread or Organic Yogurt
<b>Week 3</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Organic Beef Burger</b> with Potato Wedges Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Banana Cake	<b>Pork &amp; Sweet Potato</b> Hot Pot Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v) Sweet Potato Mash & Gravy Tuna Bap Flapjack with Fruit Chunk or Organic Yogurt	<b>Roast Chicken, Stuffing,</b> Gravy & Roast Potatoes Quorn Fillet, Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes (v) Hot Chicken Bap Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard	<b>Hearty Beef Stew with</b> Homemade Bread Cheese Flan with Salad Potatoes (v) Filled Jacket Potato (v) Choc Penny with Fruit Chunk or Organic Yogurt	<b>Butchers Pork Sausage with</b> Chips Harry Ramsdens Junior Fish Fillet & Chips Cheese Bap (v) Frozen Yogurt Ice Cream