



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your families and are looking forward to the start of another exciting school year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school and beginning the new term together. As we look forward to the start of the new academic year, I wanted to share a few reminders and updates ahead of welcoming everyone back to our Backwell School community next week.

Students' Return to School Arrangements

As a reminder, students will return to school as follows:

- ✓ **Monday 7 September:** Year 7 and Year 12
- ✓ **Tuesday 8 September:** All students

We are particularly excited to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, who will have the opportunity to settle into school before the full student body returns.

New School Day Timings

From Term 1, we will be introducing our new school day structure. This will consist of five one-hour lessons alongside the morning tutor session, providing a consistent and effective timetable for all students.

The new school day timetable can be found on the final page of this letter. Key points to note are:

- ✓ Students should arrive on site before the movement bell at 8:40am.
- ✓ The school day will finish at 3:10pm for all students.
- ✓ Home-to-school transport coaches will continue to depart at the usual time of 3:20pm.

We believe these changes will create a calmer, more structured day and maximise learning opportunities for all students.

Enhanced Dining Facilities

One of the most exciting developments over the summer has been the significant improvement to our dining facilities.

To support the new school day, social times will now be split, with Key Stage 3 students having separate social time from Key Stages 4 and 5. This will help ensure a more comfortable dining experience for everyone and make best use of our expanded facilities.

Students will now benefit from:

- ✓ A brand-new Dining Centre, capable of seating approximately 450 students.

- ✓ A new kitchen for our catering partner, Aspens, enabling an enhanced food offering.
- ✓ An additional 300 covered seats beneath our newly completed outdoor canopy.
- ✓ A new Grab and Go servery, housed within our purpose-built container facility, designed to provide a faster and more efficient service.

We are delighted with these improvements and are confident they will significantly enhance students' experience at lunchtime. The new weekly menu is included at the end of this letter, and I would encourage families to explore the improved range, quality and value of the food now available.

Return to School Expectations

As always, we will begin the year with high expectations and a commitment to maintaining the excellent standards that underpin our school community.

Equipment

Students should arrive each day fully equipped for learning. This includes:

- ✓ A suitable school bag.
- ✓ Essential learning equipment.
- ✓ Their mobile phone pouch.
- ✓ Their school planner – this is the same planner they had for terms 5 and 6 last academic year.

Being organised and prepared for learning is an important part of helping students achieve their very best.

Uniform

We take great pride in the high standards of presentation shown by our students and look forward to seeing them return in full school uniform.

As a reminder:

- ✓ School shoes: black, polishable leather shoes.
- ✓ School polo shirt: with school badge and appropriate house colour trim.
- ✓ School jumper: navy blue knitted jumper with embroidered school badge, and appropriate house colour stripe.
- ✓ Trousers: formal, black, tailored style only. We do not allow denim, canvas or chino styled trousers. No leggings, jeggings, very narrow leg, trousers which end at the ankle or tight fit items, no zips, studs or rolled up styles.
- ✓ Students may wear school shorts or the school skirt throughout the year; these are not restricted to the summer term.

All uniform and equipment expectations can be found in our [Uniform and Equipment Guidance](#) on the school website.

Mobile Phone Pouches

Please ensure your child places their mobile phone pouch in their school bag before their first day back. All existing students should bring their pouch with them. Year 7 students will receive

their pouch from their tutor on their first day. Our Mobile Phone Policy, which outlines expectations and procedures, can be viewed [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every student makes a positive, successful start to the new academic year. At Backwell School, we are proud of our strong sense of community and partnership between students, staff and families. Our motto, "*We are Backwell*," reflects this shared commitment to one another and symbolises the power of working together as a community to help every young person thrive. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and to what promises to be another exciting and successful year at Backwell School.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Penny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Will Penny

School Day Timings 2026 - 2027

KS3	KS4 and 5
8.40 Movement Bell	
8.45 Tutor Time	
9.10 Movement Bell	
9.15 Period 1	
10.10 Break	10.10 Movement Bell
10.30 Movement Bell	10.15 Period 2
10.35 Period 2	
	11.10 Break
11.30 Movement Bell	
11.35 Period 3	
12.30 Lunch	12.30 Movement Bell
13:10 Movement Bell	12.35 Period 4
13.15 Period 4	
	13.30 Lunch
14.10 Movement Bell	
14.15 Period 5	
15.10 Final Bell	

STREATERIES

WEEK 1

Spring/Summer 2026

MAINS

CAJUN CHICKEN LOADED
MAC CHEESE
with
BBQ Drizzle



SIDES

CLASSIC
BAKED MAC
with
Garlic Crispy Crumb

CRISPY HONEY
SESAME CHICKEN
With
Stir Fried Noodles



SWEET CHILLI MUSHROOM &
EDAMAME STIR FRY
With
Stir Fried Noodles

TRADITIONAL ROAST
OF WEEK
With
SKIN ON ROAST POTATOES



CHEESY BUTTERNUT
PUFF PASTRY SLICE
With
SKIN ON ROAST POTATOES

CHICKEN CURRY
with Naan Nachos &
Mint Yoghurt
With
YELLOW RICE



BUTTER CHICKPEA CURRY
with Naan Nachos &
Yoghurt
With
YELLOW RICE

BATTERED FISH
SAUSAGE/VEG SAUSAGE
PIZZA SLICE
CHICKEN NUGGETS
With
CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE



PIZZA SLICE
VEGGIE SAUSAGE
With
CHIPS, GRAVY or IRISH CURRY SAUCE

VEGETABLES/SALAD

MONDAY
PEPPER LIME
SLAW

TUESDAY
ASIAN
GREENS

WEDNESDAY
ROASTED SUMMER
VEGETABLES

THURSDAY
KACHUMBER
SALAD

FRIDAY
GARDEN PEAS OR
BAKED BEANS

DESSERTS

MONDAY
STICKY TOFFEE
COOKIES

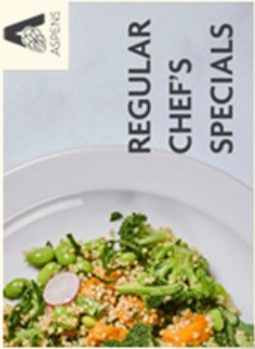
TUESDAY
OLD SCHOOL
SPRINKLE SPONGE

WEDNESDAY
CHOCOLATE &
MANDARIN BROWNIE

THURSDAY
BANANA CARAMEL
SPONGE

FRIDAY
HOMEBAKE
FAVOURITES

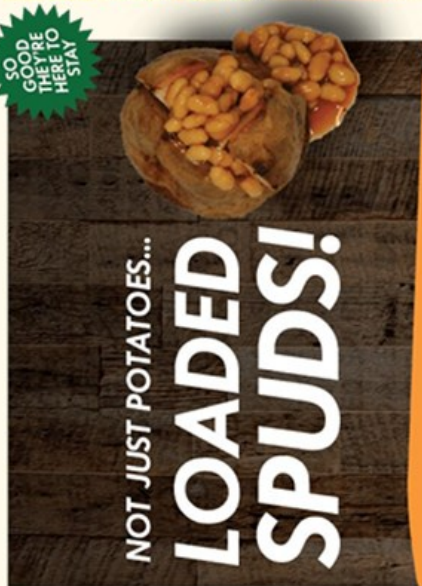
Fresh Cut Fruit & Yoghurt Pots available daily



REGULAR
CHEF'S
SPECIALS



HANDCRAFTED
DELI
SANDWICHES,
BAGUETTES,
WRAPS,
SALADS &
MORE!



NOT JUST POTATOES...
**LOADED
SPUDS!**

SO
GOOD
YOU'RE
HERE TO
STAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
BEANS • CHEESE • TUNA

HOT DELIKITCHEN

MONDAY
SELECTION OF
PIZZA SLICES

TUESDAY
MASALA MAYO
DOG

WEDNESDAY
MARINATED
CHICKEN WRAP

THURSDAY
MEXICAN CHICKEN
QUESADILLA

FRIDAY
LOADED CHIPS
PEPPERONI
MARINARA

PASTA, RICE & NOODLE POTS

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY
TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

MONDAY
BEST EVER
BOLOGNESE
PASTA

TUESDAY
BEST EVER
BOLOGNESE
PASTA

WEDNESDAY
BEST EVER
BOLOGNESE
PASTA

THURSDAY
BEST EVER
BOLOGNESE
PASTA

FRIDAY
BEST EVER
BOLOGNESE
PASTA

◆ BIG BOWL SALADS ◆



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

AVAILABLE EVERYDAY PLEASE PRE-ORDER AND PAY AT MID MORNING BREAK
MIXED SUMMER SALAD, TOMATO PASTA, CRUNCHY SLAW WITH A CHOICE OF EITHER HAM,
CHEESE OR CHICKEN SERVED WITH CRUSTY BREAD

DAILY
MEAL DEALS
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Freshly Made from Scratch
DAILY!