SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) with Chartwells – 12th October 2026

Attendees:

* Year 2 – Alfie and Vienna

*Year 3 – Coleton, Matthew & Violet

* Year 4 – Noah & Andrew

* Year 5 – Ayla

* Year 6 – Joe, Alesia and Leon

* Mrs Alton

*Karen Longhorne – Manager from Chartwells

What do you think of school dinners?

- The desserts are quite nice but I moved to packed lunch because I liked the pudding better than the dinner.

"As part of the new menu we're making new desserts for you to try on a Thursday – butterfly bun, iced finger and old school iced cake. We want you to try new things to see what you like."

Children taste tested a new watermelon drink/smoothie and it was a resounding success, all children enjoyed it, Ayla said "Compliments to the chef!"

What are your favourite school dinners?

- My favourite school dinner is a jacket potato with tuna and coleslaw and my favourite pudding is cake and custard.
- Spicy chicken goujons and chips are my favourite.
- Fishfinger Friday was my favourite.
- I love the chicken dinners with gravy.
- I like the jacket potato with beans.
- I like it when we have rice and curry. The naan bread is good.

"On the new autumn/winter menu there will be parmos!"

Noah asked what a parmo was and this was explained to him. The children all agreed it sounded tasty and they'd like to try it.

What would you like to see on the new school menu?

- Tuna pasta
- Salmon and rice would be lovely.
- Please bring back meatballs because they are lush.
- Ravioli would be great.
- A cooked breakfast dinner would be lovely.

Ayla asked the Chartwells representative what her favourite food was. She told us it was chicken cooked in a variety of ways

Leon asked her if there are any other events that she does as part of her job.

- We can come to parents' evenings and make some sweet treats to give to the parents so they can try them.
- We can also come in and do some lunchtime taster sessions that would be for boys and girls both on packed lunch and dinners to try. The children all agreed this sounded good.
- A little bit was explained about the CANTEEN events that have been offered to Miss Whitfield for children in our school. They involve working with a class, cooking with a class and parents coming in to try the food that children had made that day. The children really liked the idea of this, and they all agreed that it was something they would like to do with their classes.
- Pupils all agreed that a 'design your own dinner' competition would be good fun.
- Children said that they would share what had been discussed with their class and gather their ideas too.