



# Newsletter

## Thursday 8 January 2026

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### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school everyone after what we hope was an enjoyable Christmas break. This first week back we have been talking to the children about our new Learning for Life (L4L) theme of 'Going for Goals' (please find our L4L SEAL information sheet attached to this week's newsletter), and relating it to the idea of New Year Resolutions. We've been explaining a 'goal' as something which you would like to do, and talked about this perhaps being trying something new, getting better at something which you're already good at, or doing something good more often.

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'Lucky Plate'  
Day

### 'Lucky Plate' Day - Thursday 15 January

You may recall that the school organises a 'Lucky Plate Day' each term (the last took place in October), in order to encourage pupil take-up of Universal Infant Free School Meals and so take advantage of the meal provision offered here in school. As part of this event, all pupils who opt to eat a school meal on the day itself are able to check the base of their plate (once their dinner has been eaten!), with a prize distributed to pupils who find a winning sticker attached beneath. If your child does not normally eat a hot school dinner, this is a great opportunity to enjoy one as part of this fun competition, as well as to try out our delicious meals and self-service pupil salad bar (with at least 4 fresh salad options on offer each day!)

### Wintry Weather

As mentioned previously, in the event of severe ice or significant snowfall, risk assessments regarding possible closure of the school are conducted daily on the premises from 6am. Following this procedure, a message informing parents and carers of the situation is sent to arrive as soon as possible, so please make sure that the school office is kept up to date with any changes to your main mobile telephone number. If adjustments to school opening arrangements are considered necessary, the school's website will also display this information, via an emergency message on the home page.

### Y2 Swimming – Spring & Summer 2026

Swimming lessons have been arranged for Year 2 pupils from early February to July 2026, as part of the school's engagement with providing high quality sports opportunities for pupils. Please find additional information for Y2 parents and carers alongside this week's newsletter.

### Morning Drop-Off Arrangements

A reminder to parents and carers to please ensure that their child is handed over into the care of school staff at 8.40am by accompanying him or her through the Main Gate and over to the appropriate F2, Y1 or Y2 entrance, rather than waving them off at the gate.

However, should your child arrive late at the start of the school day (once the Main Entrance gates have been closed), please buzz the school intercom and bring your child into the School Office for arrival and sign in, rather than walking around to her or his usual pupil entrance. Many thanks.