

January 2026

Dear All

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We are pleased to see that the children have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We have an exciting term planned for them.

Curriculum

For more information about our topics this term please see the attached Topic Webs. The Year 1 Robins will be finding out about Madagascar, about materials and about Judaism. The Reception Robins topic is 'Welcome to Winter' and we will be observing the changes as we move from Winter into Spring.

Reading

Many of the children are now bringing home their own 'I read' book. The Reception children will have read their books in school first and we hope that they will share their reading with confidence. The Year 1s will bring home the book they are currently reading in school. The children will also bring home a 'You read' book for you to share with them. They choose this from a selection in school. Please record the title of the books in the Reading Record and mark in the book when you have read together. The reading folders should come to school every day, so that they can be changed (usually once a week). There are also some phonic based activities in the Reading Records that link to our learning in school. Please complete these at home to reinforce the children's learning.

Please note that book bags **must** be returned weekly for us to change the books.

Reception book change is **Thursday**.

Year 1 book change is **Monday**.

Home Learning

The attached home learning grid has some further ideas to support your child's learning at home. Please encourage your child to share their work with us in school. As well as reading every day, the Year 1s will receive logins to Numbots/Times tables Rockstars. This will enable them to practice their mental maths skills.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please could the children come to school in their PE kit on those days. The PE kit consists of:

- a plain white T-shirt
- plain navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- trainers or plimsolls

Children should then wear their school jumper on top of their PE kit.

Jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn in school, with the exception being watches and stud earrings. These must be removed during PE lessons and long hair must be tied up. If your child cannot remove earrings themselves, please leave them at home on PE days. Please make sure all of your child's clothing is clearly named.

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Snack

The children are offered a fruit snack in the morning and milk in the afternoon. They do not need to bring any snacks into school.

Lunch

To save time in school, please make sure you select your child's lunch choices at home. This can be completed ahead of time, if you find that easier than remembering each day.

If you provide a packed lunch for your child, it is important to note that our school operates as a nut and sesame free environment. This policy is in place to protect our students who have allergies and to ensure a safe and inclusive atmosphere for all. As you prepare snacks for your child, please be vigilant and consider all items that they may wish to bring. Many products, including those which we often perceive as healthy, may contain either nuts or sesame. For instance, items such as sesame-topped bread, sesame rolled sushi, Kinder Bueno products, and Nutella are common culprits. Additionally, hummus products contain sesame, which can be overlooked. We kindly ask that you scrutinise labels carefully and avoid sending children to school with any products containing nuts or sesame.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe.

Changes to collection

Please let the office know if someone different is collecting your child. We cannot allow the children to go home with a different adult unless it has been pre-arranged.

We are really looking forward to another exciting term together.

Best Wishes

Mrs Morley and Ms Stenhouse