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Newsletter

24th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pantomime Visit

A reminder that our whole school will be visiting the pantomime to see Dick Whittington on Wednesday 10th December. We are grateful that the PTA have purchased the tickets for all pupils. We kindly ask parents to contribute £7 to cover the coach transfer. Please provide your consent for the trip and make your payment via Parent Pay.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 17th December. If your child typically brings a packed lunch, they have the option to join us for a school dinner on this day. To assist our kitchen staff in planning and ordering the necessary food, please email the school office if you would like your child to participate in the Christmas dinner by Friday 12th December. There will be no charge for this meal for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, or for children entitled to free school meals. The cost for pupils in Year 3 – 6 will be £3.25 and applied to your Parent Pay account. We will automatically order a school meal for pupils who are normally school dinners.

Merlin and Dart Class Nativity

Children in Merlin and Dart class are busy rehearsing for their Christmas nativity, "The Innkeeper's Breakfast." Please save the date: Thursday, 11th December. There will be an afternoon performance at 2:30pm and an evening performance at 6:00pm. Children should be back at school for 5:30pm that evening.

Festive Events

We have several festive events coming up:

- Year 5/6 Carol Singing at Asda Sinfon – Morning of 5th December
- Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – Morning of Wednesday 10th December
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity – 2:30pm and 6:00pm on Thursday 11th December
- Whole School Christmas Party – Afternoon of 16th December
- Christmas Church Service – 2:15pm on 18th December at St. Wilfrid's Church

Keeping Warm in Cold Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed for the weather. Children will continue to spend time outdoors during playtimes and lunchtimes, so it is important that they are well prepared for the cold. Legs should be covered with tights or trousers, and children should wear warm coats, along with hats, gloves and scarves when needed. Staying warm helps children stay comfortable, focused and ready to learn throughout the day. Please refer to the school's uniform guidance to ensure all clothing meets our uniform expectations while still providing warmth.

Term Dates 2026/2027

The term dates for the 2026/2027 academic year, including INSET days, are now available on our school website. Please note that one INSET day in February is still to be confirmed, as we are awaiting final approval from our Academy Trust. We will update the website as soon as this date is confirmed.

Attendance

We know that being in school every day and on time gives children the best chance to succeed. We are proud that most of our pupils maintain excellent attendance, and we would like to thank parents for supporting this positive habit and helping to build resilience in their children. We also understand that children can become unwell from time to time. This is why our whole-school attendance target is set at 96%, allowing for those occasional, unavoidable absences. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classified as persistent absence under government guidelines, and we are required to take appropriate action. Should this occur by the end of the term, we will contact you to discuss how we can work together to support you and your child in improving attendance. Our aim is always to ensure every pupil can fully access their learning and feel confident and settled in school.

Reporting Absence and Lateness

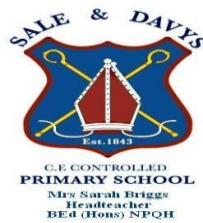
Please call the school to report your child's absence before 9.20 on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return. Children will be recorded as late if they are not in their classroom for 8:50am. If your child arrives after registration closes at 9.20am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Leaders of Change

As part of our personal development curriculum for year 5 and 6 we are educating the children on becoming young leaders of change. This enables pupils to speak up and take action on issues of justice and fairness. It involves children identifying causes that matter to them, learning about local and global challenges, and then using their confidence and skills to advocate for change within their school and community. This can include fundraising, raising awareness, and campaigning for causes, all while fostering the belief that young people can be effective "agents of change" for a better world. Griffon Class have chosen to work with the YMCA to provide 'Move on Boxes' for young

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people who are moving into their own accommodation. 'Move on Boxes' contain a range of essential items for independent living such as a kettle, toaster, duvet, and pillow. Over the next few weeks our children will be promoting this cause through posters and making presentations in collective worship. The children will also be organising fundraising events that the whole school can get involved in. I hope you will be able to support our children in these future events. Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

We continue to offer a Free Breakfast Club with drop off between 8:00 and 8:15am. J&J Sports is our provider for the After School Club, which runs Monday to Friday. The club offers two flexible sessions to suit your needs: Session 1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm, Session 2: 3:30pm – 5:30pm. J&J Sports are experienced providers known for their engaging, active sessions that support children's physical and social development in a fun and safe environment.