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## **Newsletter**

**23rd January 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Lunch Time Golden Table**

Every Friday, pupils who have displayed excellent behaviour during lunchtimes will be selected to sit at the Golden Table, where they will enjoy a special treat. This is our way of celebrating positive choices, good manners, and kindness. Well done to Tilly, Phoebe, Megan, Sofie, Annabelle, and Ava who earned their place on the Golden Table this lunchtime.

### **Ancient Greece Day**

On Monday, Griffon Class had an exciting Ancient Greek Day, delivered by Portals to the Past. They explored city states, democracy, myths, and Alexander the Great. Through quizzes, games, theatre, weapons demonstrations, and a mini Olympic Games, learning about the Greeks was fun and inspiring. Thank you to the PTA for funding this and making this experience possible.



### **Teacher Availability at Morning Drop Offs**

To support the structure and routines that are so important for the children at the start of the day, Class teachers need to give their full attention to their class during the morning settling-in time. This helps the children feel secure, focused, and ready for learning. For this reason, teachers are not able to have conversations then. If you need to speak with them, please do so after school or make an appointment via the office. Mrs Briggs is always available on the gate for any urgent matters. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Safeguarding Reminder: Keeping School Keep Clear Markings Free**

We kindly remind all parents and carers not to stop or park on the school keep clear zig-zag markings outside the school, including during Breakfast Club drop-off. These markings are there to ensure the safety of all children at arrival and departure times. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Parent consultations will take place on 5th and 10th February. Letters were sent home this week. Please return your completed form, indicating your preferred date and time, by Monday 26th January. We will send confirmation of your appointment time via text later next week.

### **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.

### **Homework**

Homework is set for all pupils each week and this reinforces and secures learning that has taken place at school. Homework also prepares children for their next phase of learning, especially when children are moving from infants to juniors and juniors to secondary school. Insisting that homework is completed each week is very difficult for a school to enforce, however, research shows that children who work at home achieve higher grades than their peers who do not complete homework. At Sale and Davys we are very lucky to have parents who are very supportive and who want their children to do well at school. I know many parents sit with their children and help them to complete homework on a regular basis and this is extremely beneficial for your child, providing one-to-one tuition! Thank you for your continued support with homework.

### **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

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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.

**Breakfast and After School Clubs**

We continue to offer a Free Breakfast Club with drop off between 8:00 and 8:20am. 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.

**Sarah Briggs**  
Headteacher