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Newsletter

30th 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 Thomas, Gracie, Paisley, Isaac, Harper-Rae, and Nina who earned their place on the Golden Table this lunchtime.

Mr Fluffy

Merlin Class had a very special visitor today, Tilly's guinea pig, Mr Fluffy! The children loved learning all about how to take care of pets, including what they eat and how to handle them gently. There were lots of smiles and great questions.



Chinese New Year

On Friday 13th February, the whole school will take part in a Chinese Dragon Dance workshop as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations. This workshop will be delivered by an external provider. On this day, children will also enjoy a range of activities including Chinese art, lantern making, food preparation and tasting, and researching Chinese New Year using the computers. Please ensure children wear normal school uniform on the day. Children may wear a small red accessory, such as socks or a hair band, as red is traditionally associated with good fortune in Chinese culture.

Working Together to Address Concerns

We value open communication with our families. From time to time, parents may have concerns about children or situations at school. I would like to remind parents that any concerns should be raised directly with the school, rather than through contact with other parents. The school is responsible for investigating concerns appropriately and confidentially. This ensures that matters are handled fairly, sensitively, and in line with our safeguarding obligations. The school can only investigate concerns raised by a parent about their own child. We are not able to investigate concerns raised on behalf of another parent or on behalf of a group of parents.

Healthy Choices

After half term, we will be placing a renewed focus on making healthy choices across school. In school, we will continue to promote healthy food options at lunchtime and break time. As part of this focus, we are also asking parents to support us when celebrating birthdays. Where possible, we would really appreciate parents considering alternatives to sweets or chocolate when bringing in class treats. Options such as small non-food items, or other creative ideas are a great way to celebrate while still supporting our healthy choices message.

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. You will receive your appointment time via text by Monday 2nd February.

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.

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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 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