

**"I am able to do all things by
the one who strengthens me"**

Philippians 4:13
Lexham English Bible



Growing, Believing, Succeeding

Newsletter

9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school life really well and they have enjoyed seeing their teachers and friends again. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform and equipment. I am always so proud of how smart our children look.

Snow

The children have made the most of today's snow by building snowmen and rolling giant snowballs together. Here are a few photos of their creations.



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.

School Swimming

Swimming for Trent Class will commence on Wednesday 14th January. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit and a warm coat on these days.

Temporary Staffing Changes

From Monday I am temporarily reducing my days to four days a week. My new working pattern will be Tuesday to Friday. Helen Fenlon will be deputising in my absence and Alison Pitt will be covering Griffon Class on Mondays.

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