

Welcome to Our First Newsletter of 2026!

Happy New Year to all our families! January is always a wonderful time to reflect on the achievements over the past year and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead. We are certainly enthusiastic about what 2026 will bring for our school community, and we can't wait to share this journey with you.

Our School Value: Respect

This term, our focus value is **Respect**. Through Collective Worship and in our daily interactions, we will be exploring what respect looks like in practice—respect for ourselves, for others, and for our environment. We see so many examples of respectful behaviour every day, and we will continue to celebrate and encourage this. Please join us in reinforcing this value at home by talking to your child about what respect means in different situations.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital for every child's success. When children are in school regularly, we can support them both socially and academically, helping them achieve the best possible outcomes. Following our Attendance Policy, we will be conducting termly checks and sending letters to parents where attendance concerns arise. These letters are intended as a supportive measure, and we are always here to help if you need advice or assistance. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Parking Reminder

A gentle reminder that the garages towards the end of School Lane are private property. Please ensure these are not blocked at any time during the day. Your cooperation helps us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps everyone safe.

Communication Updates

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Parent Questionnaire. We have reflected on your feedback and are committed to improving communication. Moving forward, the **MCAS App** will be our central point for all communication. This includes urgent

messages—please use the app to contact us so the office team can quickly pass information to the relevant staff.

Mr Pasqualino and Miss Wade will continue to be on the gate each morning for quick questions or greetings, but for anything that requires follow-up, the app is the best way to reach us.

Snack Guidance

We are a **nut-free school**, and we also have children with allergies to kiwi and egg. Please be mindful of this when packing snacks. Many chocolate spreads contain nuts, so these cannot be opened in school for safety reasons. We know that a mid-morning snack helps children concentrate and stay positive, but some snacks—such as crisps, chocolate bars, and cakes—can have the opposite effect, making it harder for children to focus.

Healthier alternatives include:

- Fresh fruit or vegetables
- Dairy-based snacks (e.g., cheese strings)
- Oat-based products (e.g., fruity flapjacks)

Home Learning

We were thrilled with the amazing pieces submitted for the Exotic Pet Refuge project last term—thank you for your support! This term, our home learning challenge is a **Story Competition**. Your child will bring home more details soon. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to write with purpose, and we encourage you to support and celebrate their creativity.

After School Clubs

Our initial survey showed strong interest in Monday and Tuesday provision, but attendance has been lower than expected. If you would like your child to attend, please book via the **MCAS App**. Clubs are a great way for children to develop new skills and friendships, so we hope to see more pupils joining in.

Outdoor Education

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and a spare pair of shoes on days when they have Outdoor Education sessions. Being prepared means they can fully enjoy these valuable learning experiences. *Put the Outdoor Education Days here*

E-Safety

Over the Christmas period, quite often new technology is brought into the family home. How confident are you that your children are using this safely? Companies regularly update devices capabilities or change the terms and conditions without us being fully aware. Your child will be bringing home a document with information and advice on helping you to help them use technology safely.

We urge you to look at some of the leaflets and resources available from internetmatters.org. Either follow this link [Online safety leaflets to download | Internet Matters](#) or type 'internet matters leaflets' into your search engine.