



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

*To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!*

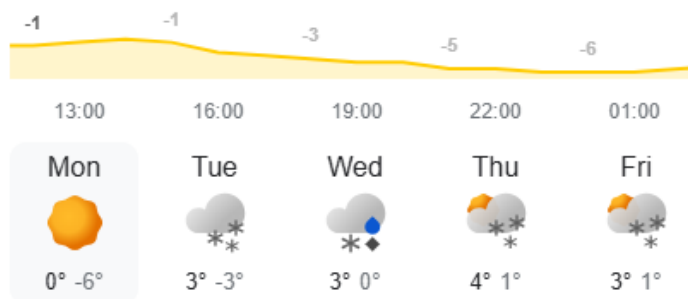
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely two weeks and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026). Breakfast Club is open as usual.

In Collective Worship we shall be focusing on Epiphany and being courageous as the new year begins (Exodus 3-4) whilst our Music Genre is Classical ('Waltz Of The Flowers' – Tchaikovsky)

### Weather Warning – Snow and Ice



Following the current snow and ice weather warning, when travelling to school please allow extra time for your journey and take extra care. Roads, pavements, and pathways may be slippery, particularly in the early morning. Where possible, we encourage families to walk carefully and wear appropriate footwear with good grip.

If you are driving, please drive slowly, leave plenty of space between vehicles, and be mindful of pedestrians near the school site. As always, we ask that drivers avoid stopping in unsafe areas

Children should be reminded to walk carefully, avoid running, particularly on steps and slopes. We will grit key areas of the school grounds but please take extra care.

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With the current cold, snowy, and icy conditions, we kindly ask that children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Please ensure your child wears:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Suitable footwear with good grip (wellies or winter shoes where possible)
- Warm layers such as jumpers or cardigans
- Gloves, hats, and scarves to keep hands, ears, and necks warm
- Footwear that is slippery or unsuitable for icy conditions can increase the risk of falls, so we encourage practical shoes rather than fashion footwear (e.g. Wellies)

Children will still go outside for break times where it is safe to do so, so warm and weather-appropriate clothing is important. Please ensure all items are clearly named. Thank you for your support in helping to keep children warm, comfortable, and safe.



### Lunchtimes

Our school yards are really limiting in terms of the opportunities for play at lunchtimes. Tomorrow (all being well!) we introduce 'Play Zones' so we can offer more than football and free play. To help resources this, I am looking for donations of second hand equipment and toys so we can provide as much as we can without breaking the bank.

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## Donations aimed at primary school age children

Scooters, bikes, trikes, balance bikes

Board games

Dressing Up Clothes

Dolls and other 'small world' items e.g. toy animals, play kitchen equipment

Small suitcases on wheels

In addition, we would be grateful for donations of spare socks, coats, and wellies that children may use when playing outdoors during inclement weather. We aim to encourage outdoor play in all conditions where it is safe to do so. However, this relies on children being appropriately dressed to ensure they remain warm and dry. All donations gratefully received.

## Reminders

### Slight changes to PE days

Monday: Year 1, 3

Tuesday: Nursery, Year 6

Wednesday: Year 2, 4

Friday: Reception, Year 5

### Changes To Staffing

Mrs Morris and Mrs Whitty are our new Welfare Assistants and we also welcome Miss Ahmedi (Year 1 Teacher) and Miss O'Connor (Year 3 Teacher), as mentioned in previous newsletters.



### Water Bottles

Thank you to our parents and carers for sending children into school with water bottles. Staff ask that water bottles contain just water and are named/easily identifiable to the children. Please can parents and carers avoid sending in flavoured water or 'Fruit Shoot' type bottles.

### Book Fair – Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January

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God bless,  
Mrs Bladen-Kay  
Head Teacher

Spring Term 2026 Key Dates	
January	
06.01	Children back in school
12.01	Clubs start
20.01	Y2 trip
26.01	Book Fair in school
30.01	Y2 Sharing Assembly
February	
06.02	Y3 Sharing Assembly
13.02	KS2 Music Celebration
16.02	Half Term
23.02	Children back in
March	
04.03	Paul Cookson in school
05.03	World Book Day
06.03	Y4 sharing Assembly
09.03	Bikeability Week
10.03	Y6 Crucial Crew
13.03	Y1 Sharing Assembly Own Clothes Day for the Spring Raffle
19.03	Thursday Y6 Sharing Assembly TBC
20.03	Clubs Finish Eid?
23.03	Eid?
24.03	Buildings & Finance Committee meeting + Science presentation
26.03	Y1 Trip Wriggly Roadshow (EYFS) in school
27.03	Reception & KS1 Music Celebration
30.03, 31.03	Parents Evenings
April	
01.04	St Andrews Got Talent Final + Raffle Standards & Welfare Committee
02.04- 20.04	Easter Break
20.04	Children Back In

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