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Dear Parents and Carers

1 week to go! This week has been so busy once again with Key Stage 1 Nativities, Year 6 Bikeability (2 groups), Golden Mile as well as all the other exciting learning activities the teachers have provided.

Please don't forget, **School and our Nursery break up on Thursday 18th December for Christmas.** Friday 19th December is an INSET day. **Nursery and School reopen on Monday 5th January.**

Key Stage 1: Wriggly Nativity Performance

Thank you to our Key Stage 1 Team – an excellent set of performances this week. During the Dress Rehearsal on Monday and then the 2 main performances on Wednesday, the singing was wonderful and the Oracy skills being taught is definitely paying off as most of the children spoke clearly, slowly and with a good volume. Well done to Miss Noone and her KS1 team – fantastic effort. Thank you also to so many parents with very positive feedback.

Golden Mile Success – the sun shone!

Thank you and well done all for efforts for the Golden Mile this morning. It was lovely to have a break in the weather, and the sun shining was a real bonus! Thank you to all the fabulous marshals who helped, and Mr Bawden who organised it once again. Next term, our Reception will take part, and our Year 6 will run with them, as well as doing their own race too.

We've decided to let the whole community and town know about this fab event, so look out in the County Gazette and on our Facebook page for appropriate fame of such an inspiring and healthy activity!

Cards V Litter V Environment V Cost.

Thank you! The amount of litter has been much less this week – so either less cards are being exchanged, or children are not dropping their litter...whichever, it is great news. Thank you.

Free School Meals – are you missing out?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as any child who is entitled to Free School Meals can have a hot meal everyday booking to be made on the MCAS App one week in advance, funded by the Government. **This funding saves parents from buying packed lunches.**

Ordering School Lunches – in January

Don't forget – **deadline is 15th December** (Monday) to order meals for first week in January. If you miss the deadline, you'll have to provide packed lunches for the first week back in the New Year.



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Pupil Premium – are you missing out?

Parents/carers who receive any of the following may be entitled to free school meals (and the Pupil Premium):
You can complete an online application using [this link](#) or ask us to help. School will receive more funding.

Attendance

Overall, as a school: **93.0%. 95% is our target.**

Every child should be 95%+, but 90%+ avoids being classed as Persistently Absent.

Academic Performance – 3-year trend is positive!

The Department of Education has just released data about our performance in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6. Whilst you may recall we achieved the highest SATs results this year, our 3-year trend is equally impressive. Well....

We are now broadly IN-LINE with National Average in Maths and Reading, compared to 3 years ago being significantly below National Average.

In addition, we are now **ABOVE Somerset's Average in Reading and Maths** and on a par with schools who used to be way ahead. As a school community, we must be proud for our children and school. It simply further highlights all the hard work and excellent improvements we have made **THROUGHOUT** the whole school. We will continue to improve and thank you for all your support as parents.

Have you secured your child's place in Reception for September 2026?

If you have a child who will be joining our school in September 2026, the deadline is 15th January 2026.

We are in demand and have less than 10 places left to fill! If you do not submit your application, you are unlikely to get in as we know there are several applications of new families wishing to join us. This is great news for our school – we were one of only a small number of schools who were full last year, and we look like we're going to be full again! Our reputation continues to improve.

Inspection Framework – New

The new Inspection framework (OFSTED) has recently been released.

In the New Year, information will be shared with the whole school community. Regardless of anyone's opinion, schools are judged by an Inspection. There are now **8 individual aspects** to be scrutinised, including Attendance, and we will struggle to achieve what is deserved unless our attendance improves.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to the final 4 days before **children break up on Thursday 18th December.**

Nick Arnold