

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 15th January 2026 is school census day, and as previously communicated each school year we have 3 days which are called Census Days. This is when the school complete data about the number of children in school and whether they are having a universal infant school meal, which is free for those in YR, Y1 and Y2, or a Free School Meal which is based on the parent's/carer's income.

Our catering company Forerunner, have a special menu for these days, which is shown below.



If your child has not already tried one of their meals, then this is a great opportunity for them to do so. If you would like to order a meal just for this day or other days going forward, please go to their website www.hotmealsonwheels.com and choose your child's meal. If you haven't registered your child yet then you will need to do this first

<https://forerunnerparents.myschoolmealorders.com/register> . All meals need to be ordered by midnight on Monday 5th January 2026.

Each UIFSM (universal free school meal) ordered on census day generates additional funding of up to £480, which can make a huge difference to the school. We are not receiving as much money as we could, as not all children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are ordering a universal free school meal. We therefore need as many children as possible to have a school meal on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

If your child is reluctant to try new foods, it is an excellent way to introduce food in a relaxed environment where they can see their friends eating the same meal. They can still bring their own packed lunch if they would like to try the school packed lunch, and still have their own food too.

PLEASE DO ORDER A SCHOOL MEAL ON THURSDAY 15th JANUARY FOR YOUR CHILD TO TRY. There is no cost to you if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2.

Pupils in all year groups can be eligible for Free School Meals (Years R – 6). FSM eligibility also entitles you to an annual clothing grant for the purchase of school uniform. If you think you qualify, you can complete an online application form through BCP Council using this link: Free school meals | BCP.

If you have any problems with this, you can collect a form from the school office or you can contact BCP Council on 01202123222 or email fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

We thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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