

21<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Dear Families

## Census Day – Thursday, 1st October 2026

### What is Census Day?

This is an important day for the school because the DFE calculate the school funding on this day. They allocate a budget based on two criteria:

- The number of children who attend the school that day
- The number of children (in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) who have a school dinner on that day

### What happens if my child is not in school or does not have a school lunch?

If your child is absent from school and does not have a school lunch, in KS1 and EYFS, the school does not receive funding for your child. For example, if 20 children are off and do not have a school lunch, the school would not be funded for those 20 children.

### What is happening on this day?

All children on this day will be provided with a special Census school lunch free of charge. This year's Census Menu is -

**All-Day Breakfast – with a twist**

**All-Day Vegetarian Breakfast – with a twist**

**All-Day Vegan Breakfast – with a twist**

**Blueberry Pancakes (vegan option available)**



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**What do I need to do?**

We will be providing every child across the school with a free school lunch on this day. Please choose which of the delicious menu they would like and order on the MCAS App. You will need to choose, Main, Vegetarian etc. This will be free of charge.

Thanks for helping us to get the school funding that we need for our children!

Mr O'Sullivan

Headteacher