



# EYFS Newsletter - Friday 9th January 2026

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday filled with rest, fun and special family time. It has been wonderful to see the children return with big smiles and lots of excitement.

## A Day in the Life of Early Years

We thought it would be helpful to share what a typical morning and afternoon look like in Early Years and how your children are learning throughout the day

### 8:40 - Funky Finger Activities

We start the day with funky finger activities, which focus on developing fine motor skills and strengthening little hands ready for writing.

### Phonics

During phonics, children learn new sounds and practise blending to read words. They read words on their own, in sentences, and within books, building confidence and early reading skills.

### Drawing Club

Drawing Club is a key part of our learning. We explore a story together, focusing on: characters, setting and adventures.

### Explore and Learn

Explore and Learn is our learning-through-play time. Activities are carefully set up to link to the Drawing Club story and current learning.

### Afternoon Learning

#### Maths

After lunch, we have a whole-class maths input focusing on one area of learning. Recently we have been learning about subitising – “don’t count, say the amount!”

**At the end of the day**, we encourage independence by helping children get themselves ready for home. With visual reminders, they collect their own coats, book bags and belongings.

## Key information:

PE will remain on a Thursday.

## Useful links:





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## Our week in photos...

We have also been lucky enough to enjoy the snowy weather! The children loved exploring and playing in the snow, talking about how it felt, what they could see, and working together to build and create. Snowy play has been a great opportunity for developing language, cooperation and curiosity about the world around us.



This week, we have been exploring the Gingerbread man story.



Thank you for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to lots more learning, creativity and fun in the weeks ahead!

## Notices:

**Early Years time together - Starting Friday 16th January.**

Please join us friday mornings in the Spring term 8.40-8.55 for fun and learning. This is held in your child's classroom.

## Useful links:

