

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first of our Reception Tours for families with children starting school in September 2026 started this week. These tours are a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to visit our school, meet the Early Years team, and see our learning spaces in action. I am always proud to showcase the magic of Early Years and this week we were greeted with children taking the “register”, cutting and sticking their Numberbots and racing around the road track on trikes!

If you know any families who might be interested, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a place. We look forward to welcoming new faces and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

The pond area continues to evolve with some added planting yesterday thanks to Mrs Whyte and Mrs Foster (Gardening Club). Over time this will be a haven for wildlife and the children will have opportunities to pond dip and explore the habitat as part of the curriculum. This project would not be possible without FOMS funding and support so please continue to support FOMS by volunteering to help at events - WE NEED YOU!

We say a fond farewell to Miss Delaney, Year 3 Whitebeam and Mrs Salam, School Business Manager who will both be leaving our school community today. We thank them for their dedication to the children and wish them well for the future. Mrs Bott will be teaching Year 3 Whitebeam after half term.

Next half term is always a busy one with the lead up to Christmas. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break — take time to relax, recharge, and have fun! We look forward to seeing everyone back, ready for more learning and exciting activities next term.

See you all back on Monday 3 November.

Helen Melidoro
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

24/10 Inset Day
07/11 FOMS Quiz Night
11/11 Remembrance Parade

Reception tour : 09:15 am

Wed 05/11/2025
Mon 10/11/2025
Fri 14/11/2025

Reception Tour 10:30 am

Mon 24/11/2025
Mon 01/12/2025
Tue 09/12/2025

Nursery Tour: 09:15 am

Thur 29/01/2026
Tue 03/02/2026
Thur 12/02/2026
Fri 28/02/2026
Mon 02/03/2026

Learning power of the week

Craftsmanship Award

I like to feel proud of my work

I practise the hard bits

I am reflective

I like to feel proud of my learning



I enjoy finishing things to a high standard

I improve on mistakes

Morgans School Nurturing Life-Long Learning





Stars of the Week



Celebration Awards



The following children received a Celebration Certificates for showing exceptional learning:



Year 1 - Leila-Rose Martell



Year 2 - Scarlett

Year 3 - Alec & Maddison



Year 4 - Talia & Isabelle

Year 5 - Lucas & William

Year 6 - Isobel & Alice

Headteacher: Riley Y4 Lime



Attendance

Attendance Registration	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery Oak	%
Reception	93.22%
Year 1	91.81%
Year 2	94.17%
Year 3	94.71%
Year 4	92.37%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	96.08%

Well done to Year 6 class for winning Attendance Alpaca and Year 5 Punctuality Piglet



Hall of Fame



Name: Elfjona Shehaj - MSA

Favourite Pop Artist: Celine Dion

Last book you read: Clear by Carys Davies

Favourite Meal: Pasta

Favourite Film: Home Alone

Describe yourself in 5 words: thoughtful, responsible, respectful, determined & friendly





Dinner Menu

WEEK 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Choose from... Main Vegetarian Combo	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Pasta	Spiced Chicken Rice to go with Broccoli	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Sausage to go with Carrots, Mashed Potato	Cod in Batter to go with Chips, Peas
	Tomato Pasta to go with Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetable Cheesy Stack to go with Carrots, Mixed Rice	Hunter's Quorn to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage to go with Sweetcorn, Mashed Potato	Cheese Panini to go with Chips, Peas
	Wrap to go with Side Salad, Homemade Potato Wedges with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	Wrap to go with Mashed Potato, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Wrap to go with Chips, Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham
	Chocolate Shortbread Cookie Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Wrap with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Fruity Chocolate Traybake Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Wrap with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Lemon Pancakes Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits
2 ...and to finish! Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times	<small>Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information</small>				

Please discuss your child's meal choice and ensure your child knows their meal choice each day. We are unable to swap for an alternative once the children are in the dining hall



Pond Photos



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House Points Results : Autumn 1 2025/26

1st



169

2nd



137

3rd



137

4th



166

LEA house can come into school on Monday 03rd of November 2025 in non school uniform.

I must stress that no football kits/shirts are allowed. Appropriate footwear (i.e trainers or school shoes) must be worn, long shoulder-length hair tied back and no jewellery or makeup. If you are unsure of your child's house please speak with their class teacher upon pick up/drop off.





HOME INFORMATION



October's Musician of the Month

Tracy Chapman



About: Tracy Chapman (born in Cleveland, U.S.A. on March 30, 1964) is an American singer-songwriter. Chapman is best known for her hit singles "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason". She is politically and socially active and is very passionate about supporting human rights. She has also been involved with Cleveland's elementary schools, producing an educational music video, highlighting achievements in African-American history.

Genres: Folk, Blues, Rock, Pop & Soul

Active from: 1986 - Present

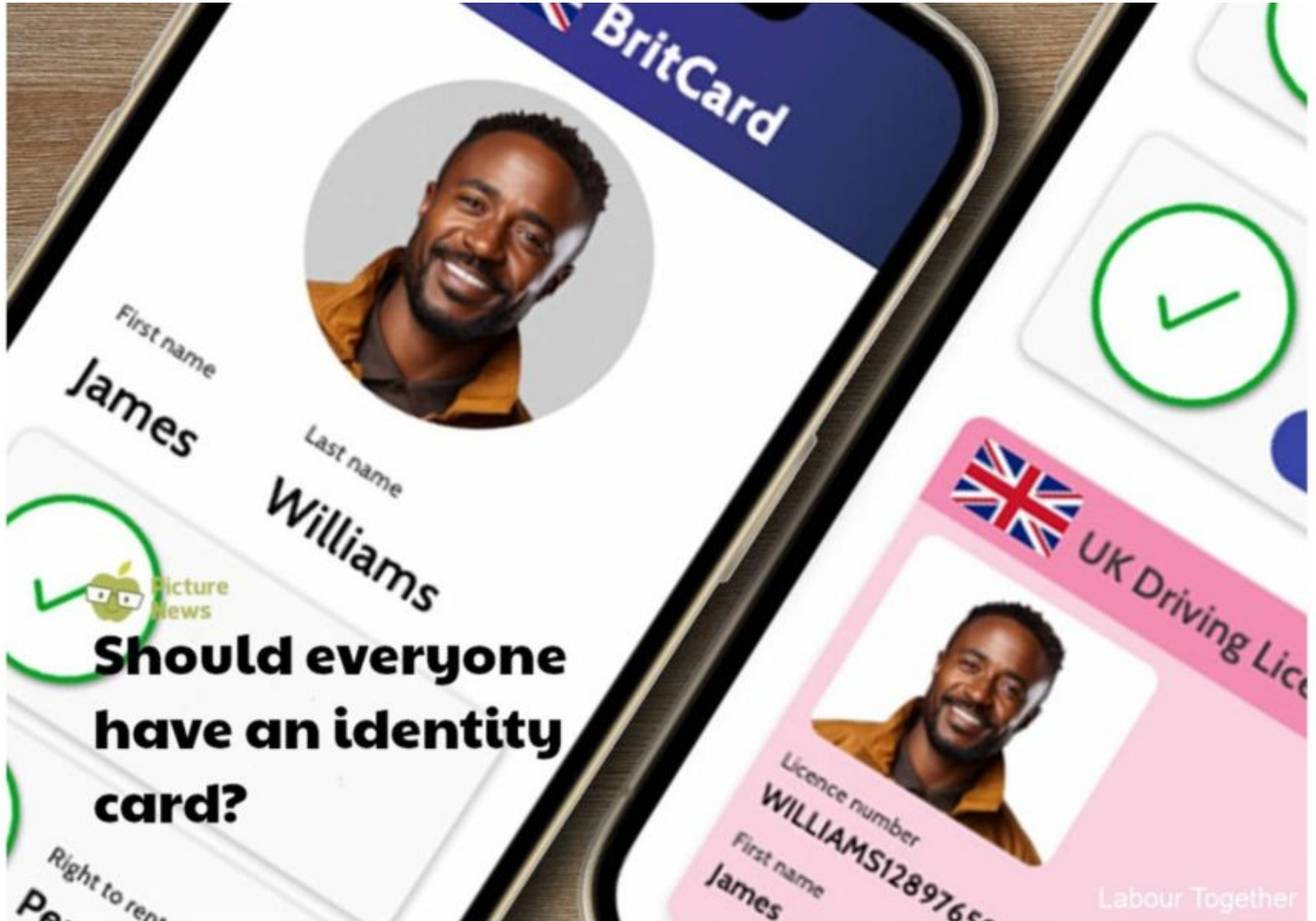
Origin: Cleveland, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Tracy Chapman, try...

- Natalie Merchant
- Eva Cassidy
- Bob Dylan



Should everyone have an identity card?

Let's look at this week's story

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for September 2026

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical
College Application deadline: Friday 31 October 2025

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Thursday 15 January 2026

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions





2025-6 Event Dates

10
OCT

Halloween Disco

7
NOV

Quiz Night

5
DEC

Christmas Fair

9
DEC

Wreath Making Workshop

10
DEC

Wreath Making Workshop

6
MAR

Quiz Night

13
MAR

Spring Disco

16
APR

Morgans Mile

13
JUN

Summer Fair

10
JUL

Summer Disco

£30
PER TEAM



**ADULTS
ONLY**

FOMS **QUIZ** NIGHT

**FRIDAY
7th NOVEMBER**

8pm start (doors open 7pm)

**PRIZE for winning team
plus cash prize 'SNOWBALL'**

QUEENS HALL, MORGANS SCHOOL

MAX 6 PER TEAM

FOMS BAR
cash/card

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare pupils for life after primary school where many will have to dress smartly for their next stage of their education and then latter on in their work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last week we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for pupils and parents.

The following items are part of our **essential** school uniform:

Navy blue v-necked jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan. Hoodies are not permitted

Light blue polo shirt

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Light blue, round neck PE t-shirt

Plain navy blue PE shorts (not cycling shorts)

PE trainers (velcro unless pupil can tie laces)

Black school shoes - **trainers, boots, sandals or shoes with heels are not permitted**

Black/grey/white socks or tights (ankle or knee high not trainer socks)

Optional school uniform

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Light blue PE t-shirt with school logo
- Plain (not branded) navy blue joggers/tracksuit for PE during winter months
- Light blue gingham summer dresses during summer term (until Autumn half term)

There are no restrictions on the colour of school coats

School bags/rucksacks should be large enough to carry school equipment e.g. reading book, pencil case, jotter, packed lunch and water bottle

Jewellery is not permitted unless it is worn for religious reasons. Pupils with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings only. Earrings must be removed for PE/sports activities

Smartwatches/Fitbits are not permitted

Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back at all times

Small hair accessories must be navy blue, black or brown

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Haircuts should be appropriate for school

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Attendance Matters

100%	0 Days	0 Lessons Missed
99%	1 Day	5 Lessons Missed
98%	3 Days	15 Lessons Missed
97%	1 Week	25 Lessons Missed
96%	1.5 Weeks	35 Lessons Missed
94%	2 Weeks	50 Lessons Missed
93%	2.5 Weeks	65 Lessons Missed
92%	3 Weeks	75 Lessons Missed
90%	3.5 Weeks	90 Lessons Missed

Attendance Matters

Here every day

Here on time

Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year...

was 95%
was 90%
was 85%
was 80%
was 75%

Your child would have lost approximately...

9 Days from School
19 Days from School
29 Days from School
38 Days from School
48 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

50 Lessons
100 Lessons
150 Lessons
200 Lessons
250 Lessons



Attendance Alpaca

Punctuality Piglet

Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...

5 Minutes
10 Minutes
15 Minutes
20 Minutes
25 Minutes

Your child would have lost approximately...

3.5 Days from School
7 Days from School
10 Days from School
14.5 Days from School
22 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

20 Lessons
41 Lessons
55 Lessons
82 Lessons
123 Lessons

The year group with the best weekly punctuality and attendance will have the privilege of having 'Attendance Alpaca' or 'Punctuality Piglet' in their classrooms for a week. How exciting!

Term Calendar for Parents

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4th September – Friday 19th December 2025 (1.15pm finish)

Inset Day 1: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Inset Day 2: Friday 24th October 2025

Half-Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March 2026 (1.15pm finish)

Half-Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Inset Day 3: Monday 23rd February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Monday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – Tuesday 21st July 2026 (1.15pm finish)

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026 (May Day)

Half-Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Inset Day 5: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Occasional Day: Thursday 23rd July 2026

We reserve the right to change the above dates before the beginning of the academic year.

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December 2026 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 1: Tuesday 1st September

Half-Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Inset Day 2: Monday 2nd November 2026

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January – Wednesday 24th March 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 3: Friday 12th February 2027

Half-Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Inset Day 4: Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April – Wednesday 21st July 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset Day 5: Friday 28th May 2027

Half-Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Occasional Day: Thursday 22nd July 2027

Parking Reminder

A reminder about parking:

Please remember not to park in the school car park at drop off or pick up from the Dell. The car park is open in the morning to allow ease of access for staff parking.

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. The Senior Leadership Team regularly monitors and reviews parking outside Morgans School. We would emphasise the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

For many years at Morgans we have always had our main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, neighbours, staff and visitors.

By following these points, you will be helping to ensure that drop off and collection times at Morgans are as safe as possible. We would like you to support us in this and ask that you observe the request so that we all do our utmost to keep everyone safe. We kindly ask you to approach the school using the following route and support us by following the important points below:

- If you access Morgans Road from Bullocks Lane, please follow the road round to the left into Highfield Road, then turn right into Queens Road which leads into Morgans Road, the school will be on your left.
- Walk to school whenever possible, including parking further from the school and walking the last part of the journey.
- Please obey all road signs on our school site, including the no entry signs on the car park gate at drop off and pick up times.
- Do not park, drop off or pick up across the yellow zig zag lines or areas for emergency access – this is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement or grass verges both on and off our school site.
- Do not block resident drives – help us to be **collaborative** with our neighbours and local residents.
- Do not park in the staff car park unless you are collecting a sick child.
- Do not park in the designated disabled bays unless you hold a valid disability parking permit.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

