

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and that the children are ready for an exciting new term of learning.

Reception Places – Deadline 15 January

A reminder to parents of children due to start school in Reception in September that the deadline for submitting applications is **15 January**. Please ensure your application is completed on time, as late applications may affect school place allocations.

Our peripatetic music teacher, Mrs Cowan, left unexpectedly at the end of the autumn term to take on a new venture. We would like to thank Mrs Cowan for their contribution to music at our school which has gone from strength to strength and wish them well for the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new music teacher and will share further information with parents as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of one of our long-standing governors, Miss Clare Gittings, just before Christmas. She gave many years of dedicated service to the school and was a strong supporter of our children, staff and community. Clare gave her time, expertise, and care willingly, supporting the school not only through her specific work on the history and art curriculum, but also through her regular presence at school events. Her commitment and warmth made a lasting impact on our children, staff, and wider school community. Our thoughts and condolences are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

This half term, our whole-school learning power focus is **Curiosity**. We will be encouraging the children to ask questions, explore new ideas, and show interest in their learning. You can support this at home by talking about what your child is learning and encouraging them to ask “why” and “how”.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead.

Helen Melidoro
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

15/01 Census Day
22/01 Y6 going to Richard Hale
28/01 Parent Council Meeting
03/02 Parents Evening
05/02 Parents Evening
06/02 Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Deadline for Reception Applications: 15/01/2026

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

Curiosity Award

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☆☆

I don't mind if I can't do something yet

I try new things

I ask questions

I know that when I make mistakes I am learning



CURIOSITY

I like to find things out by myself

I like to challenge myself

Morgans School

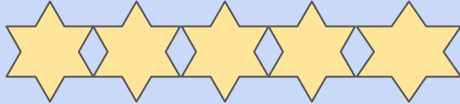
Nurturing Life-Long Learning





Stars of the Week

The following children were nominated by the MSAs for good manners and joined Mrs Melidoro this week on the Star Table.



Reception -

Year 1 - Lyra

Year 2 - Maia

Year 3 - Hoorain and Maya

Year 4 - Paris and Oscar

Year 5 - Roisin and Lucas

Year 6 - Saraiah and Bobbi

Attendance

Attendance Registration	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery Oak	%
Reception	97.63%
Year 1	91.00%
Year 2	97.93%
Year 3	91.78%
Year 4	95.52%
Year 5	94.67%
Year 6	96.00%

Well done to Year 2 class for winning Attendance Alpaca and Year 1 won Punctuality Piglet.



Celebration Awards



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



Reception - Rosa and Ernie

Year 1 - George



Year 2 - Albie

Year 3 - Sadie and Hugo



Year 4 - Rupert and Monty

Year 5 - Harley and Zach

Year 6 - Skyla & Jennifer

Headteacher:, Matei, Y3



CENSUS DAY MENU
Main
Winter/Spring - 2026

Beef Burger
To Go With Homemade Potato Wedges

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels
To Go With Homemade Potato Wedges

Dessert
Mini Doughnuts With Chocolate Sauce

Relish



Dinner Menu

Relish		WEEK 2				
STEP 1 Choose from...		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main		Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Coleslaw, Pasta	Greek Style Chicken Wrap to go with Sweetcorn, Wholegrain Rice	Roast Chicken to go with Cabbage, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Beef Burger to go with Homemade Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers to go with Baked Beans, Chips
	Vegetarian	Butternut Squash Quesadilla to go with Baked Beans, Pasta	Mac N Cheese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels to go with Homemade Potato Wedges	Quorn Sausages to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Combo		Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Wrap to go with Chips with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham
		Wrap to go with Homemade Herby Diced Potatoes with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Wrap to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Wrap to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Wrap to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	
	Oaty Fruit Crunch		Carrot Cake	Lemon Cheesecake	Mini Doughnuts With Chocolate Sauce	Cherry Shortbread
STEP 2	...and to finish! Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times	Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

Next week Thursday 15th January is the school Census Day. We have gone for a favourite of the children! (please see the menu on the next page). The numbers of KS1 children who have meals on this day impacts on the universal free meal funding we will receive in the coming year. All key stage 1 children are entitled to a free meal, so give it a go!

<https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents>



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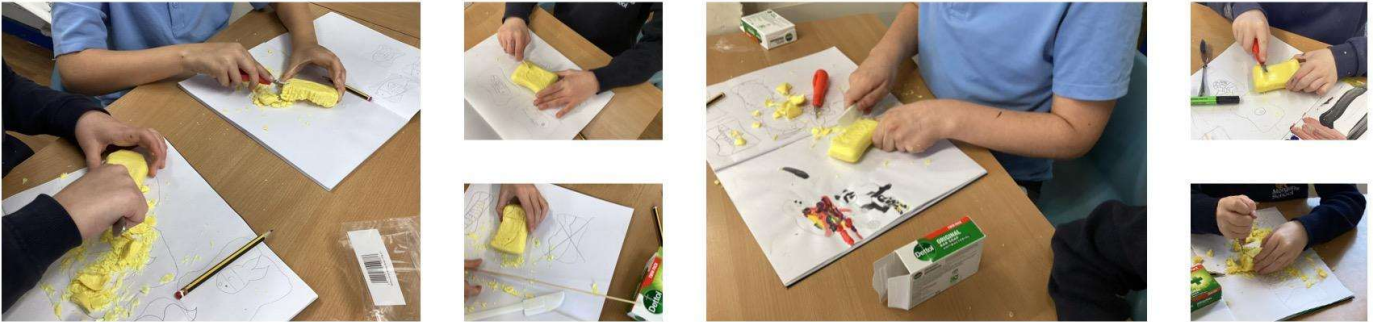
To Go With Homemade Potato Wedges

Dessert

Mini Doughnuts With Chocolate Sauce



4 Lime: Soap Carving



4 Lime
soap carving



PIC COLLAGE

4 Fir: Soap Carving



4 Fir - Soap Carving



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



House Points Results: 09/01/2026

1st



106

2nd



91

3rd



89

4th



60





HOME INFORMATION



January's Musician of the Month

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN



About: Ludwig van Beethoven (17th December 1770 – 26 March 1827) was a German composer and pianist who remains one of the most admired composers in the history of Western music; his works rank among the most performed of the classical music repertoire and span the transition from the Classical period to the Romantic era in classical music. In his early period, he forged his craft whilst his middle period showed an individual development from the styles of Haydn and Mozart. During this time, he began to grow increasingly deaf. In his late period, he extended his innovations in musical form and expression.

Books to read...

If you like Beethoven, try...



- Franz Joseph Haydn
- Kaija Saariaho
- Claude Debussy

JANUARY



Born: Germany, 1770

Died: Austria, 1824

Famous Composition: Symphony No 5

LUDWIG VAN
BEETHOVEN





Let's look at this week's story



The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.



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





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

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.



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.

