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Tuesday 10th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

On **Tuesday 15th December 2026**, we will be enjoying our delicious Christmas lunch and celebrating Christmas Jumper Day.

We would like to invite you to join your child for Christmas lunch between **12:00pm and 1:30pm**. Your actual arrival time will depend on your child's year group, as detailed below.

The cost of the meal is **£4.20 per adult** and **£3.50 per pupil**. Meals will be free of charge for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. However, these pupils must still pre-order their Christmas lunch by completing the online form detailed below.

Christmas Lunch – Pre-Ordering

To assist our kitchen staff plan and prepare sufficient food for everyone, please complete the online Christmas Lunch Pre-Ordering Form using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

The deadline for completing the form is Tuesday 24th November 2026.

We ask that this deadline is strictly adhered to, as it is essential that we have accurate numbers to ensure sufficient food is available and that service runs smoothly on the day.

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 15th December 2026 - Pre-Ordering Form or

Payments – SchoolGrid

Payment for all pre-ordered meals will be taken from your child's **SchoolGrid account on the day**.

Please could you ensure that:

- There are sufficient funds in your child's SchoolGrid account to cover the cost of all meals ordered.
- Your child remembers to bring their SchoolGrid fob.
- The daily spending limit on the account is increased to cover the cost of the meals.

Due to the large number of lunches being served, **Christmas lunch will only be available to those who have pre-ordered in advance. No alternative school meals will be provided on this day.**

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Christmas Lunch – Staggered Arrival Times

To help us manage the popularity of our Christmas lunch and ensure a smooth and efficient service, arrival and serving times will be staggered according to year groups.

Please arrive at the time allocated to your child's year group, as shown below. For those of you who have children in different year groups, we ask that you attend the time below for your youngest child and if they wish to, your older child/ren can join you at this sitting.

Year 8 *pupils and guest/s*	*12:00pm*	***Year 7*** *pupils and guest/s*	*12:15pm*
Year 6 *pupils and guest/s*	*12:45pm*	***Year 5*** *pupils and guest/s*	*1:00pm*

Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas-themed jumper instead of their blazer, whilst still wearing their usual school uniform.

Donations in support of the NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day can be made via your child's Arbor account under School Shop**.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash payments for either the Christmas lunch or NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day donations. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We do hope that all children will wish to participate and have a school Christmas lunch, but children may still bring a packed lunch on the 15th December if they choose to do so. Year groups will be dining together irrespective of whether they have a school lunch or not.

Yours sincerely

A. Grattage

Mrs A Grattage
Executive Headteacher