



JYS News

Newsletter: 16 ~ 24th January 2025

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Information on Free School Meals

Please see the information below regarding Free School Meal Eligibility changes. Please note this is different from Universal Free School Meals which is offered to ALL children in Reception, Year one and Year two and is not means tested.

Update to free school meals guidance from 1 April 2025

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end. Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025. These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

Actions between now and 28 March 2025

It is important for all parents and guardians who do not have a current claim or eligibility for FSM to apply for FSM between now and the end of March 2025 if they think your child may be eligible, to ensure your claim and future funding are protected. Only applications processed before 1 April 2025 will maintain transitional protection. Please click [here](#) to submit an application.

If you have any queries regarding the information, please feel free to contact the school office.

Parents Evenings

Parents evening appointments will take place in the last week of half term. Appointments are available to book via your MCAS app. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

This Week

It has been yet another busy week. On Monday, we were lucky enough to have our tame historian, Paul Ullson, into Year 5 to talk about the Invaders who came to Angland after the Roman invaders left. The children interrogated him, learned what he wore, where his character came from and drew sketches of some of the amazing artefacts he brought in.

On Thursday, whilst our Year 6s were at the Sportshall Athletics event with Mrs Dutton and Mr Harman, Mr Neaves stepped in to take PE for Years 3 and 4.

Year 3 started their football session (inside due to inclement weather) playing "Through the Gate" where they worked on developing their volleying skills. Scoring points as they went, Ash: 22, Beech: 53, Maple: 70 and Oak:58! It was great to see the children progress with this skill across the session.

Then Year 4 came in to the hall and played "Across the River"! They had to cross the hall, being "safe" on the PE mats strategically laid out, without being struck by a dodgeball being aimed at them by a child from a competing team! Ash: 20; Beech: 7; Maple: 8 and Oak: 14. A fun afternoon all round!



House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are this week's results:



	This week	Term Total (Since Jan '25)	Year Total (Since Sept '24)
Ash	161	370	1991
Beech	178	393	1833
Maple	201	416	1975
Oak	187	384	2250

Important Dates Coming Up

Friday 7th February 2025 - TTRockstar Day!

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultation Evenings

Monday 17th Feb 2025 - Friday 21st Feb 2025 - Half term holiday (School closed)

Monday 24th February 2025 - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Friday 7th March - World Book Day Celebrations (details to follow)

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Friday 4th April - Last Day of Spring Term