



# Newsletter 2

Tuesday 18th December



Where children come first.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful break.  
We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the New Year on Monday 7th January at 8:40 am.

**Staff Development Days**  
THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019  
FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY 2019  
MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019  
TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019

Today we say goodbye to our Headteacher, Mr Rowden. Mr Rowden has been with us for 3 years and has had a massive impact on our school. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication to Aylesham and we wish him good luck at his new school.

### Breakfast Club

From 1st January, the price for Breakfast Club will increase to £2.50 per child per day.

Breakfast club runs from 7:40 am- 8:40am

If you are interested in your child attending Breakfast Club, please call into the office for further information.

We will be welcoming Mr Harper as our new Headteacher in January.

We are also saying farewell to Miss Hubbard who is relocating with her family and Miss Hudson who is taking maternity leave. We wish them both lots of luck in their new ventures and will miss them both from our Early Years Team.

### Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure you call the school first thing each morning. You can also leave a message on our absence line or send a text message. Please also bring in an appointment card/letter if your child will be out of school to attend an appointment, this helps us to ensure your child receives the correct mark in the register.

### Class Attendance For the whole term

Bumblebees	94.7%
Ladybirds	97.2%
Badgers	96.1%
Hedgehogs	93.3%
Squirrels	97.0%
Kestrels	94.4%
Hawks	94.1%
Ospreys	96.6%
Harriers	97.0%
Falcons	91.5%

**Overall Attendance 95.1%**

### PARKING

Please park considerately at drop off and collection times. Please do not park on the Zig Zag lines or double yellow lines. Enforcement officers will be making spontaneous checks in the area. There is a car park at the end of Cripps Close that you can park in.

Please remember that we have an open door policy, so if you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please do so at drop off or collection times. If you are unable to do this, please do not hesitate to phone, email or pop in to the school office, they will ensure the message is passed on.

### Family Thrive

"I would like to thank all parents and carers that have taken part in Family Thrive this term. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside you and hope you feel more confident in understanding how your child's brain works and how to reduce and turn around stresses that come with little ones.

Happy Christmas!" Amanda Thompson (Family Thrive Lead and Practitioner)

We will continue to host a parents drop in every Friday afternoon (1:15pm-2:30 pm) in the new year.

### Our School Values

**RESILIENCE**  
**Emperor Penguin**  
**TEAM WORK**  
**Honey Bee**  
**CREATIVITY**  
**Octopus**  
**FLYING HIGH**  
**Skylark**

### School Dinners

Please remember to pay in advance for your child's school meals. Payments are made online at [www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com)  
Meals cost £2.20 per day

### Attendance Policy within School

Please note that holidays should not be taken within term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If holiday is taken without consent then a penalty notice may be requested from the Local Education Authority at a cost of £120 per parent/guardian per child. This is reduced to £60 pppc if paid within 21 days.

