



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2025

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Merry Christmas



The staff, school governors and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. It has been a pleasure visiting the school this term and getting to know the children and staff. I am very much looking forward to joining you full-time in the New Year and continuing to work together to support our school community.

Start of the School Day – Changes from January

When we return in January, we will be introducing a few changes to support a calm, organised and positive start to the school day.

- From **8:50am**, children from **all year groups** may enter the school building and go directly to their classrooms.
- Class teachers will be in classrooms to greet pupils from **8:50am**, and I will be on the yard to welcome children each morning.
- The school day will officially begin at **9:05am**, providing a **15-minute arrival window**. This will help ease congestion in the car park, reduce pressure at the doors and allow siblings to be dropped off together.
- The register will be taken at **9:05am**. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and must enter via the front entrance and report to the school office.
- All children will begin the day with a short handwriting activity to ensure they are settled and ready for learning.

The school day will finish at **3:20pm** for all pupils. Teachers will bring classes out to the yard where children can be collected.

Class Organisation Changes

Year 1 and Year 2 Currently, Year 1 and Year 2 are mixed each afternoon. From January, these classes will remain separate throughout the week and will only come together for a Forest School session.

- **Year 1** will be taught by **Mrs Roberts**, except on Mondays when the class will be taught by **Mrs Kerton**, whom we are delighted to welcome to Braddan for the remainder of the year.
- **Year 2** will be taught by **Mrs Whittaker** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. **Mrs Kerton** will teach the class on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. This structure ensures greater consistency for pupils and allows both classes to remain in their own classrooms throughout the week.

Year 5 - As **Mrs Ward** returns to her role as Deputy Headteacher, she will become the class teacher for Year 5. Mrs Ward knows the class well and is familiar with our systems and routines, ensuring continuity and minimal disruption to learning for the remainder of the year. A big thanks to Miss Sexton for covering the class and I'm sure we will see her at Braddan in the future.

Other Classes - **Mrs Cowin, Mrs Speller and Mrs McDowell** will continue full-time in their current classes. These arrangements aim to reduce the number of adults teaching each class and provide greater consistency for pupils.

School Newsletter. From January, a half-termly school newsletter will be sent home during Week 1 of each term. This will include key dates and important information planned in advance, helping to reduce the number of separate communications sent home via emails.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 5th January 2026.**

Kind regards, Mrs Martin.

