

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Census Day – Thursday 1st October 2026

This is an important day for the school as funding is allocated by the Department for Education. This funding is based on how many children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 accept the offer of a school lunch on this day.

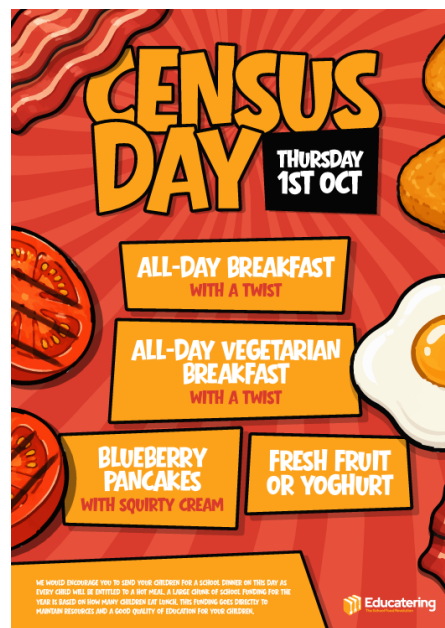
School dinners are completely free of charge to pupils in EYFS and KS1 as these year groups are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

All FSM & UNiFSM children will be automatically included for the Census Day lunch unless parents opt out.

As a special treat, school dinner will be free for ALL children, regardless of year group or FSM eligibility on this day!

Please book your child's lunch online via the MCAS App by **10.00am Wednesday 30th September**. If you need a password reset, contact the school office.

If you believe that your child may be eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals, please complete the online form with Torbay Council. (Further information available on page 2).



You will be informed of their decision directly. Please do let us have any copies of confirmation, so we can update our files accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know that even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives the Universal Free School Meals, the school could be entitled to extra top-up funding from the Government. This is called Pupil Premium funding:

Gov.uk says:

“Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils. Your child's school may be entitled to **pupil premium** funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

How does my school get the pupil premium for my child?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children at this age are eligible for Universal Free School Meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school.

“Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.”

If you feel that you might qualify for benefit-related Free School Meals for your child, **regardless of your child's year group**, please apply at: <https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>