

Monday 12th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you that Thursday 15th January 2025 is Census Day.

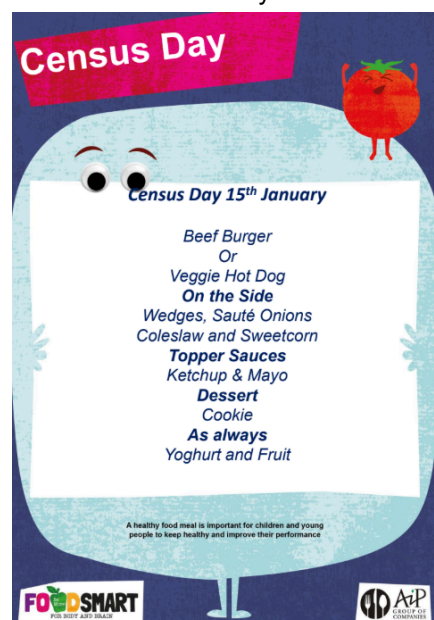
Census Day is an important date in the school calendar, as it is one of the ways schools secure appropriate funding from the government to support staffing, resources and provision for our children. For this reason, it is essential that all children are in school on this day, wherever possible.

To make Census Day a positive and enjoyable experience for the children, we have planned a special day across the school.

A big part of our OPAL provision is developing imaginative play, in order to build essential social, emotional, cognitive, and language skills, helping children understand the world, manage feelings, solve problems, and foster creativity for future success.

On Thursday 16th January we will be focusing on **imaginative play** and our **OPAL provision** for the day will be set up to introduce new forms of imaginative play to the children and there **will be a mystery for them to solve across all playtimes**. The challenge will be introduced to the school in a special assembly on Thursday morning. The children are excited to take part in this challenge and let their imagination free!

The children will also be having a special lunch menu for the day:



We are very much looking forward to this special event and hope it encourages all children to attend and engage fully in the day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cartwright
Head of School