

# PARENTS & GUARDIANS

How can you help our school's funding?



## CENSUS DAY, WHAT IS IT?

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025, is a crucial day for our school's funding.

The government uses the number of children who eat school meals on this day to determine the level of funding our school will receive in the 2026/27 financial year. Put simply, the more students who have a school lunch on this day, the more funding our school will receive.



## How can you help?

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GROW OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING... HERE'S HOW!

- 1** Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) are available for all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, regardless of family income.  
We're encouraging all eligible students to have a school lunch, especially on Thursday, October 2nd, 2025. Even if your child normally brings a packed lunch, please consider having them take a school meal on this day. It's a crucial day
- 2** If your child is eligible for a free school meal, please encourage them to take it on census day. This is an excellent opportunity for them to try new foods while also saving your family money.  
Please be assured that eligibility for free school meals is kept highly confidential, and other students will not be aware.
- 3** If your child usually brings a packed lunch, please encourage them to have a paid school meal on census day. The number of paid meals served on this single day directly impacts our school's funding for the entire year, so every meal counts!

