

**3 February 2026**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are writing to inform you that a small number of cases of head lice have recently been identified within the school.

Head lice are common among school-aged children and they spread easily through close head-to-head contact, which can happen during everyday school activities.

We kindly ask that you check your child's hair this evening and over the coming days. Head lice are small insects that live close to the scalp, and their eggs (nits) may appear as tiny white or yellowish specks attached to the hair.

If you find head lice, please treat your child promptly using a recommended treatment available from pharmacies, and continue to check regularly. Your child can continue to attend school once treatment has begun.

We appreciate your support in helping us minimise the spread and maintain the health and wellbeing of our school community. If you require further guidance, your local pharmacist or NHS resources can provide helpful advice.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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