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Learning together inside and outside the classroom

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Maths, methods and bacon sandwiches

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you have ever looked at your child's maths and thought, "That's different from how I was taught?" you are not alone. It's different from how we were taught as well! Times change and it is impossible to keep up with everything.

We are holding a practical maths information and refresher session for parents and carers on **7th December** starting at **8.55am** – just after drop off – to help you make sense of current teaching methods. The session will last around **30 minutes**. We will walk you through the calculation methods children use in school, explain how they work and explore other aspects of maths learning. Each class will share something different, giving you an insight into what your child is learning and how their understanding develops. There will be time to ask questions and pick up some useful ideas for those moments when your child asks for help at home.

Mr Godding has kindly agreed to provide his famous bacon sandwiches for us to enjoy while we talk maths.

All parents and carers are welcome, whether you enjoy maths or sometimes find it a little daunting. There is no one who "can't do maths"! We hope you can join us.

Yours faithfully,

The Isbourne Valley School Team