

Year One Newsletter

Our School Rules



Be safe. Be kind.

Be responsible.

Important dates

October Half Term
Monday 19th October -
Friday 30th October 2026

Non-Pupil Day
Friday 27th November 2026

Christmas Break
Monday 21st December -
Friday 1st January 2027

Non-Pupil Day
Friday 12th February 2027

February Half Term
Monday 15th February -
Friday 19th February 2027

Easter Break
Friday 26th March - Friday
9th April 2027

May Half Term
Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th
June 2027

Non-Pupil Day
Friday 11th June 2027

Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 20th July 2027

PLEASE NOTE on Friday
18th December, Thursday
25th March and Tuesday 20th
July, school will finish at
1pm for all pupils.

We are very excited to be welcoming the children back to school, and we have been so impressed with how quickly they are settling into the rules and routines of Year One.

Termly Learning Conferences for this term will be in November. Appointments will be made nearer the time.

Our learning this term

Maths – We will be strengthening our understanding of Place Value within 10, comparing and ordering numbers, and finding 1 more/ 1 less. For addition and subtraction, we will be looking at number bonds, learning to use part whole models, and exploring fact families.

Phonics – We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This term, we will be reviewing Phase 3 and 4 GPCs, before moving on to Phase 5.

Writing – we will be developing our skills as writers, applying what we have been learning in Phonics and making our own books. We will also be learning how to form letters correctly during handwriting sessions, and working hard to ensure we use our best handwriting in our other work.

Other subjects– In Science, we will be learning about the human body, materials and their properties, and investigating the changing seasons. In Art lessons, we will be exploring colour and line while analysing the works of Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky and creating our own artwork using a range of materials. In DT, we will be learning about homes then and now and making models. During our history lessons, we will be learning about simple timelines and exploring the history of flight.

Polite Reminder

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labelled, including uniform, refillable water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, book bags, hats, scarves and gloves.

In other news...

Drop off and collection reminder

Mornings can be extremely busy as the children are arriving at school, and this is an important time for the staff to settle the children as they come into the classroom. It is important that we are able to safely dismiss the children at the end of the day, so we also politely request that parents stand back from the door as we are seeing the children out, in order for us to have a clear view.

If you would like to speak to the class teacher regarding your child, please make an appointment for after school.

Home learning

We will continue to send home weekly Little Wandle home learning sheets, which help to consolidate what we are doing in class.

Children will also be bringing home a scheme book, which they will already be familiar with through their Group Reading sessions. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and yellow reading record to school EVERY day.

Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. This can be any type of reading, and any book of their own choosing.

It will be also beneficial to practise some of the following with your child:

- Practise letter and number formation.
- Play games to encourage turn taking and sharing.
- Practise counting and sorting objects, comparing amounts.
- Practise reading Tricky Word cards

SAFETY REMINDERS

We are a nut free school and there are children within our cohort with severe nut allergies that require epi-pens. Please refrain from sending in foods that contain nuts or nut traces.

Drinks: Please supply water in a named water bottle for children to drink throughout the day. They will be encouraged to drink and go to the toilet frequently.

No fruit shoots, energy drinks or pure juice please.

Sweets: As a healthy school we do not permit children to bring sweets in lunch boxes or pockets.

Earrings: The wearing of earrings is not permitted during PE. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before school and kept at home.

P.E.

Year One children will have P.E. every Monday and Wednesday. The children can come to school in their P.E. kits and stay in them for the whole day.

The P.E. kit is:

white polo top black shorts trainers/ plimsolls
White Hall jumper jogging bottoms (no leggings)