

Year One Newsletter

Our School Rules



Be safe. Be kind.

Be responsible. 

Important dates

October Half Term

Monday 27th October -
Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Break

Monday 22nd December –
Friday 2nd January 2026

February Half Term

Monday 16th February -
Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Break

Monday 30th March – Friday
10th April 2026

May Half Term

Tuesday 26th May - Friday
29th May 2026

Last day of Summer Term

Friday 17th July 2026

Remaining Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 12th November
2025

Termly Learning Conference

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 11th March 2026
Termly Learning Conference

Friday 5th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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. In the meantime, please continue to look at Class Dojo for updates on what the children are learning.

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 use our phonics knowledge to write labels, captions and simple sentences using a capital letter and full stop. After half term, we will be starting a new programme called 'Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar', where we will be looking at the key building blocks of sentences, so that we can write and punctuate our sentences accurately.

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, line and shape, analysing the works of a variety of artists and creating our own artwork using a range of materials. In DT, we will be learning about different food groups, designing and making our own healthy sandwiches. Later in the term, we will be learning about old toys in our History topic.

Polite Reminder

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

In other news...

Class Dojo

A polite reminder that the school policy states for parents and carers to send any messages to staff concerning your child on Class Dojo. Appointments can be made to speak to the class teacher after school. The morning is 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.

Home learning

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

They 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 each 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.

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 or plimsolls

White Hall jumper jogging bottoms (no leggings)