

Year One Newsletter

Our School Rules



Be safe. Be kind.

Be responsible. 

Important dates

**Year one Trip to
Wyvernwood**

Wednesday 20th May 2026

May Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May 2026

May Half Term
Tuesday 26th May- Friday
29th May 2026

Last day of Summer Term
Friday 17th July 2026

Remaining Non-Pupil Days

Friday 5th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Welcome back to our Summer Term in Year One.

This term we are looking forward to our school trip to Wyvernwood on Wednesday 20th May. It will be a lovely opportunity to explore the outdoors and put our team building skills to good use!

The children have come such a long way this year and will spend this term consolidating their learning ready for the transition to Year Two.

Our learning this term

Maths – We will be learning multiplication and division, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, introducing fractions – halves and quarters. We will also be learning to tell the time.

Phonics – We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This term, we are preparing for the Phonics Screening Test and consolidating their learning of phase 5 phonics.

Writing – We are continuing to develop our skills as authors. We will be creating our own information books and drawing on our experiences from our class trip to write a recount.

Other subjects- In Science, we will be learning about natural environment, plants and the changing seasons. In Geography we will be learning about our local area. In RE we will learn about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat alongside other Jewish festivals. In History we will be learning about Clacton-on-Sea in the past and in the present. As part of our PHSE lessons, we will be reflecting on our achievements in Year One and preparing the children for the transition into Year Two.

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...

Arbor

A polite reminder that the school policy states for parents and carers to send any messages to staff concerning your child through Arbor. If you have any problems logging on to Arbor, please speak to a member of our office staff. 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.

P.E.

Year One children will have P.E. every Monday and Wednesday. The P.E. kit is:

***white polo top black shorts
trainers or plimsolls***

***White Hall jumper jogging bottoms
(no leggings)***

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.

Sun Cream: Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child every day before school. If you feel that they need to top this up during the day, please practise this at home and provide a named bottle of sun cream for your child to bring into school.