



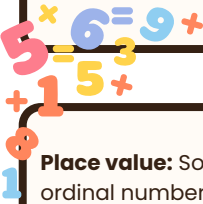
ADVENT 2026

Year 1 Class Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and we are so excited for the year ahead!

Our team

Your year 1 team is: Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Jones, Miss Yon, Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Smart and Mrs Volpe.



Mathematics

Place value: Sort, count and represent objects, ordering and comparing numbers, one more/one less, ordinal numbers, using a number line.

Addition and subtraction (within 10): Number bonds, fact families, number sentences, part whole model.

Geometry: Recognise, name, sort and describe 2D and 3D shapes and create patterns.

Your child will receive Maths homework each Tuesday in their homework book from October. This should be handed in on the following Tuesday.



English

Place value of punctuation and grammar: focusing on the basics of writing: capital letters, full stops, common and proper nouns, verbs, subjects, single-clause sentences and handwriting.

Class texts: Our Class is a Family, Eliot Midnight Superhero, Supertato Veggies in the Valley of Doom, Big Book of Animals, The Grinch. Alongside these texts, children will have access to a wide range of books during story time, and many other books which are embedded into our curriculum.

Reading and phonics

Each Monday, your child will receive one Phonics reading book and each Tuesday, they will be able to change their reading for pleasure book. You will keep those books for one week. Please ensure their Phonics book is in school every day. We ask that you write in your child's organiser every time they read with you. *Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally 10 minutes each day.*



It is important your child reads a broad range of texts, so please continue to read different books at home and support your local library. There is also a well-stocked reading area in the classroom, which children can explore during directed provision time.

Children will continue to develop their phonetic knowledge following the Sounds-Write scheme.

- Key vocab: segmenting - p/l/ay blending - play
- 2 letter spelling - 2 letters that represent one sound /oo/moon
- 3 letter spelling - 3 letters that represent one sound /igh/night.



From October, every Tuesday, your child will receive a 'Phonics Golden Ticket' which will include a list of words containing the sound they have been learning in class. We ask that your child reads and writes the list, alongside an adult. Your child will be learning different ways to read and spell the same sound, e.g. sleep, beach, he, body.

PE

PE will be every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure all kit is named.

Our units are Fundamentals, Dance, Target Games, Ball Skills.

Children will come to school wearing their PE kit and stay in it all day.



Follow us on social media: we post updates and photos on our social media accounts so consider following us to stay in the loop. You can find us on Facebook and on Instagram.



Our Curriculum

Science: What is your favourite animal? Animals including humans.

The four seasons – starting with Autumn.

Geography: Where do I live? Our Local Area

History: What makes somebody a hero? Our Local Heroes

Art: Pop Art – Yayoi Kusama, Roy Lichtenstein

DT: Christmas Pouches – sewing as a joining technique.



RE



Loving Jesus in all we do. Our RE topics from the 'R.E.D' scheme will be:

- Creation and Covenant – Why do we care for the world?
- Prophecy and Promise – How do we prepare for Jesus' birth?

Reminders



Organisers: will be checked on a Monday and on the day your child reads. If you have left a message, ask your child to let the teacher know first thing in the morning. Some messages will be passed through their organisers, so please check them daily. Organisers and reading books need to be in school every day in a named folder.



Snack time: We have fruit and milk each morning. If you would like your child to have milk, please visit the Cool Milk website to pay for your child to have daily milk.



Water bottles: Children should have labelled water bottles in class. We have a healthy school policy, and this means that children are only able to have water in their bottles.

Medical: We keep all allergy medicine, asthma inhalers etc in a medicine cupboard in your child's classroom. If your child has an allergy medicine and it is not already in school, please bring it in ASAP. It is your responsibility to ensure that the school is aware of your child's allergies and that any medicine is in date. All routine dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school time, wherever possible please.

Helping your child at home

- Reading – Please listen to your child read for 10 minutes each day and make a note in their organiser.
- Phonics (every Tuesday) – Look out for the Phonics Golden Ticket to practise reading and writing words with new sounds and common keywords (starting from October). There will not be a written spelling test in school.
- Maths (every Tuesday) – A weekly activity or game linked to the learning completed in class from the previous week (starting from October).
- Handwriting – Please login to www.letterjoin.co.uk to practise how to form letters correctly.

Diary dates

- Tuesday 15 September 3.30-4.15pm, Meet the teacher presentation in the Y1 classrooms.
- Friday 18 September: After School Foam Party: Tickets on Arbor /school shop.
- Tuesday 8 December 2pm and Thursday 10 December 10am – Year 1 Nativity.

