

WELCOME TO YEAR 1



Class Teacher: Mrs Poncia

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Waddingham and Mrs Kidder

Your Child's School Week

Arrival: Children should arrive on the playground from 8:30am, the school bell will ring at 8.40am ready to start the school day at 8:45am.

Timetable

In our school every day is different but a typical day in Year 1 looks like this:

8:45am	Registration & Morning Challenge
9:00am	English
10:00am	Phonics/Reading
10:30am	Play Time
10:45am	Collective Worship
11:00am	Mathematics
12:00pm	Lunch Time
1:00pm	Registration & Reading
1:15pm	Lesson 5
2:15pm	Fit in 15
2:30pm	Lesson 6
3:00pm	Class Reader
3:15pm	Home Time

P.E.: Your child will have P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays. P.E. kits are brought in at the beginning of every term and should stay in school until the term ends. They are then sent home to be washed ready for the next term.

Outdoor Learning: Outdoor Learning can take place on any day, whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor shoes or wellies and a raincoat in school every day so they are ready to learn outdoors.

Library: Your child will visit the Library Bus every Thursday. Please ensure they bring their library book to school on this day.

Looking Ahead in Year 1

Phonics Screening Check

The Phonics Screening Check is a mandatory assessment in England for Year 1 pupils to evaluate their ability to read and blend sounds. It takes place annually in June. Details will be sent to you in due course to explain what your child will need to know in order to pass the Phonics Screening Check.

Educational Visits

Year 1 will visit our local church for Godly Play sessions with Rev Carolyn. We also hope to visit Greatwood Farm later in the year.

Expectations

Our school expectations are Ready, Respectful, Safe. We celebrate positive behaviour and recognise children who go above and beyond, through praise, house points and our classroom recognition systems. Children may also be recognised during our Friday Celebration Worship through School Value and Well Done certificates or by being named Star of the Week.

Attendance & Punctuality

Every minute of learning counts. Regular attendance and good punctuality give children the best opportunity to learn and succeed. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and is ready to begin learning at 8:45am. Attendance and punctuality are monitored daily. Please note: Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

School Uniform

Children should wear the correct school uniform each day. Plain, unbranded uniform items are permitted in line with our school uniform policy. Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled. Children do not need to bring pencil cases to school.

Hair, Jewellery & Appearance

Long hair should be tied back, with hair accessories kept to a minimum. Small, plain ear studs are permitted but must be removed for PE and physical activities. Smart watches are not permitted. Nail varnish and makeup are not permitted.

Homework

Homework is designed to reinforce learning in school and help children develop independence. Each week, children will be expected to complete reading, spelling and mathematics activities.

Reading

- Children should read for 10 minutes each day.
- Please record your child's reading in their reading record and sign it.
- Children can change their reading book on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Spellings

- New spellings will be introduced in school on Mondays.
- Children should practise their spellings regularly at home.
- Spellings will be released on Spelling Shed each Saturday ready for the following week.
- Spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

Mathematics

- Children should complete one maths activity each week using Numbots.
- Maths activities will be available on Numbots throughout the year. Please encourage your child to use these activities regularly to practise and reinforce their mathematical skills.

Login details for Spelling Shed and Numbots can be found in your child's reading record. If you need a replacement copy, please contact the school office.

Term Dates:

Autumn 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026 - Friday 23 rd October 2026
Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026 - Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027 - Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027 - Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer 1	Wednesday 14 th April 2027 - Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer 2	Monday 7 th June 2027 - Wednesday 21 st July 2027

How You Can Help at Home

There are lots of simple ways you can support your child's learning and wellbeing at home:

- Prioritise reading: listen to your child read regularly and talk about the book together. Ask questions, discuss new vocabulary and encourage your child to share their ideas and predictions.
- Support independence: encourage your child to complete homework independently and establish a regular routine. Praise their effort and perseverance.
- Talk about school: ask your child about their day and celebrate their successes. Talk about our school expectations of Ready, Respectful, Safe and encourage your child to reflect on these at home.
- Praise effort and positive choices: celebrate when your child demonstrates our school values, makes good choices or goes above and beyond.

If your child is finding their homework difficult, please let us know so that we can provide support in school.

Everyday Essentials

Please ensure your child brings the following to school each day:

- A named water bottle
- A coat suitable for the weather
- A healthy snack for playtime
- Their reading book and reading record
- Any other items specifically requested by the class teacher

Please label all belongings clearly, including uniform, PE kit, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

If you have any questions or issues concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher either on the playground or by making an appointment via the school office.

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