



Welcome to Year 1!



Article 1: You have a right to know your rights

I hope you have had a lovely time over the Summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together, so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that the children will enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer. I am excited to have the children joining our class and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Transition from EYFS to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. The children will be introduced into more formal learning as the term goes on, so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Miss Whyles

Reading in Year 1...

Your child will be given books and a reading diary to bring home and read every week. They need to bring to school every day. We collect the Little Wandle book on Mondays and the children will be given their new Little Wandle book on a Wednesday.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week. They are welcome to take books to read for pleasure with you at home. It will greatly benefit your child to read at home with you to support their progress



Dates:

15th Sept - New Year School Mass 1:30pm

17th Oct - Harvest Service 1:30pm

23rd Oct - End of Term Advent 1

3rd November - Start of Term Advent 2

What's happening this term...

We have an exciting learning this term all about our local area in Geography, Picasso and Portraits in Art and all about our body and our super senses.

The children were fabulous during the transition days with helping to develop our lovely classroom displays. We are lucky to be able to link a lot of subjects to our topic this term, including our Science and English, where we will be using the texts; The Squirrels who Squabbled and Pumpkin Soup.

In Maths we will be counting, learning to calculate and compare. We will also be building an autumn discovery area that we shall be adding to when we go for autumn walks around the school.

We shall also do some autumn sorting activities and make autumn pictures too. I am sure you agree, Year 1 will be busy bees!

General Information and Reminders...

- **PE:** The children will be doing PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit and that all items are **clearly labelled**. If your child had pierced ears, please remove their earrings for these days and ensure that long hair is tied up.
- **Uniform:** Please ensure that your child is always in the correct uniform and that all their clothes are **labelled clearly**. Please refer to the school handbook for the correct summer and winter uniform. Any child with the incorrect uniform will have an advisory note sent home.
- **Medication:** If your child has been prescribed medication from a doctor to be administered **4 times a day**, please ensure a form is filled in from the office and a senior member of staff will administer the medicine. If your child has an inhaler for asthma, please notify the office and the class teacher. The inhaler will be kept in the class and a record of its use will be retained.
- **Money:** If any money needs to be sent in to school, please bring it in a sealed and named envelope.
- **Absence:** If your child is off school for any reason, please contact the school each morning of their absence.
- **Homework:** Children will be given homework on a weekly basis, consisting of mental maths, spelling grammar and punctuation, as well as Little Wandle phonics learning. Homework will begin next week, handed out on Fridays.
- **Helping at home:** Read text in the world around you (street signs etc)- the local library is highly recommended too. Engage with number and spelling challenges that are sent home. Use BBC numberblocks so explore new mathematical concepts in a fun and engaging way.