



September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer holidays and excited to be back at school. It has been lovely to see the children again and they have all settled in really well. There will be some familiar adults in year 1 this year, Mrs Rough and Mrs Hartnett will all be here to support and watch your children flourish. If there are any concerns, queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me, either in the morning at drop off, in the afternoon at pick up time or via email.

Please find below some details you may find helpful in explaining some of the procedures and expectations for Year 1.

Property

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children can bring in a clear, plastic water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. We ask that the children only bring water into school.

Reading Homework

Each child has been carefully matched with a reading book. This is your child's Home Reader. **Every child is expected to read each night and have their Reading Record signed by an adult.** This will be checked every day. Reading with your child has numerous benefits for children: comfort, reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. After hearing your child read please take a few moments to discuss what your child has read and sign their Reading Record. Even though many children are now reading independently, it is vitally important to hear your child read. Year 1 must ensure that their reading books and **Reading Records are brought into school each day** so that staff can hear them read and monitor progress.

Maths Homework

A piece of homework linked to the four rules of number will be sent home. Homework is intended to consolidate learning done in class and should, where possible, be done independently. All homework should be presented to a high standard and handed in on time.

PE

PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children come to school in their full PE kit – black leggings/joggers/shorts (no brands), a white t-shirt and a school hoodie or jumper.

School Fund

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 a week school fund. This money is a valuable addition to school and allows us to order resources which directly benefits our Year 1 children. Payments can be made using ParentPay.

Home time

As I am sure you appreciate, home time is a busy time of the day. I have spoken to the children about how it is important that they get home safely. ***If someone other than a parent is picking up your child, please let me or the office know, otherwise I will not be allowed to let your child leave the school premises.***

Asthma

Any child that has asthma ***must*** have an inhaler in school.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child in the coming year. Again, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hart

Year 1 Class Teacher