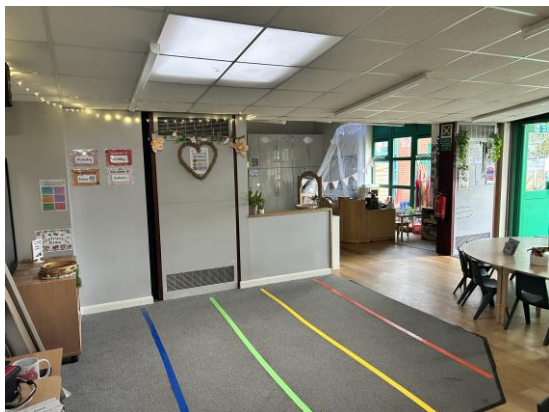




Welcome to Year 1!

A big, warm welcome to Year 1!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are excited to be joining our class. I am thrilled to be staying in Year 1 this year. We have some exciting topics that we study so I can't wait to get started!!

As a mother myself, I know how important it is to be able to contact your teacher if you have questions or concerns, so please don't hesitate to reach out either via phone or ask for a meeting face to face. I am always more than happy to help!

Year 1 Staff

Mrs Porter

This will be my seventh year at our school and, I have to say, I have thoroughly loved my time at BVPS so far! In addition to being the Year 1 class teacher, I am the subject leader for Maths and Art and I am the Eco leader within school. I am also the well-being lead and the assistant inclusion leader. This means I have got to know many children across school with my work involving SEN and inclusion. I particularly enjoy teaching art and design and it is a passion I often take part in outside of school too! I really believe the children learn more when they are having fun, so I enjoy making lessons memorable- usually with a silly aspect- such as silly dances or songs! (Be prepared for lots of embarrassing stories!)

Mrs Hughes

I have worked at Burscough Village for a few years now across many roles including kids club, lunchtimes and support staff and I absolutely love my job! My hobbies include days out with my family, listening to music and watching theatre and concerts. I am looking forward to being in Year 1 this year, exploring, learning and making memories with the children.

Miss Ashcroft

I have been working at Burscough Village for six years, mostly working within Kids Club and Nursery, so I have got to know many of the children really well. I love spending time with my family, going on adventures and holidays, especially at the seaside. I'm looking forward to begin my new role in Year 1 this year and to be part of the children's learning journey.

Important Information for Year 1

Important Dates

Class Trip to Chester Zoo- December 2026

Phonics Screening Test- June 2027

PE Days

Year 1 pupils will have their PE sessions on **Tuesday and Friday afternoons**.

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term.

If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day as we do Fundamental Movement lessons each day.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills. This homework will be given out on a **Friday**, and it will need to be returned for marking each **Thursday**. This work is always based off what we have done in class and never new learning.

Year 1 pupils will receive the following homework:

Maths- Children will be receiving a piece of key skills maths homework each week.

Phonics – Every **Friday** children will receive 6-8 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Friday**. These spellings will contain 6 words containing sounds we are focusing on in phonics that week. In addition, there will be 2 High Frequency word spellings. These are words that the children need to learn before the end of Year 1.

Please ensure children practise their spellings at home- this can be through games or written.

Reading – Reading really does support the children with so much of their learning. Because of this, pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. Children will be given their guided reading book to read and a free reader. Please enjoy reading these books with your child and ensure they are returned when they are finished. We ask that you record when they have read in their reading diaries, so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home and can support where needed.

Online Safety

While the internet offers great learning opportunities for learning, being creative and socialising, it also comes with risks which us as parents need to be increasingly aware of. I have put together a list of suggested top tips for any devices but as a school we will be offering more support with this throughout the year.

Top Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

- Device use in the same room as an adult
- Set Parental Controls and screen time limitations.
- Check your child's device and talk regularly, offer advice and support regarding situations/conversations
- Balance Screen Time
- Check Age Ratings of apps/games and make informed decisions about this
- Be Alert to In-Game Spending
- Encourage Kindness Online

I really enjoyed teaching the children for our transition sessions in June and July! They are a delightful class and want to succeed! I am really excited to get to know them over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Porter, Mrs Hughes and Miss Ashcroft