

Monday 7th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One!

We are **delighted** to be teaching your child this year and we are looking forward to helping unlock their full potential. Miss Dawson will be teaching the class Monday – Wednesday, and Miss Whitaker will be teaching Thursday – Friday. Miss Duddy will be supporting the class.

Year One is about transitioning from Reception into a more formal way of learning. This will be done carefully and gradually, so please do not worry. Your child will be fully supported during this journey. Reading and Phonics are a huge focus, as the children will sit the Government's Phonics Screening test at the end of the school year.

In preparation for this, it is very important to continue with **daily reading at home** and to note this in their reading record. A reading support meeting will take place on the 29th September, please check the newsletter for more details.

PE – Our PE days are currently **Monday** and **Friday**. **Children must come into school wearing their full PE kit on these days.** Please take earrings out at home.

Uniform – please ensure your child is wearing the full and correct uniform. It is essential that all items of clothing are named. Ties and cardigans/jumpers are regularly lost and unlikely to be retrieved without names in them.

Other homework

Tricky words/spellings – Every Friday, your child will bring home a small book with a list of words to spell, these will be linked to that week's phonics lessons. Please support your child to copy each word into the spaces available to help them remember these spellings. The children will not have a formal spelling test but this practice will support your child with their spelling during writing.

Meet the teacher

On Wednesday 9th September 3.30-5pm, there will be a Meet the Teacher presentation in school. This will inform you a little more about what your child will be doing this year in Year 1. **It will also have a crucial part about how we keep our children safe online. If this is not attended, your child may not be able to access the internet in school.**

Communication

We will continue to update the school website with our class news. Please remember to check Arbour regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. Email is the best way to contact us – our email addresses are at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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