



Thursday 8th October 2026

Parent Information Session: Year 1 Reading & Phonics

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to a **Year 1 Reading and Phonics Information Session**, where we will explain how we teach early reading at Chapelford Village Primary School and share practical ways you can support your child at home.

Date: Wednesday 4th November 2026

Time: 9:00am

Location: School Hall

On the morning of the session, please access the school grounds via the Community side gate, which can be accessed from the Sainsbury's side of the school. Once through the gate, please make your way directly to the School Hall, where a member of staff will be available to welcome you.

At Chapelford Village Primary School, we use Read Write Inc. (RWI) to teach children the essential skills they need to become confident and fluent readers. Children learn to recognise and pronounce sounds, blend sounds together to read words and apply their phonics knowledge when reading books. During the session, we will give you an insight into the routines and approaches your child experiences in school, so that you can see how these skills are developed and how you can reinforce them at home.

The session will cover:

- **Our daily reading and phonics sessions** – An overview of how children work through different activities, including reading with an adult, reading to a partner, practising red words, completing phonics activities and using iPads to support their learning.
- **How we prepare children to read a book** – We will demonstrate how children identify the phonics sounds they know, sound out and blend green words, practise red words using activities such as *Fastest Finger First*, and then apply these skills when reading the book.
- **Developing reading fluency and comprehension** – We will explain how repeated reading helps children develop accuracy and fluency, alongside discussing vocabulary, asking questions and talking about what they have read to develop their understanding.
- **Supporting reading at home** – We will share practical ideas for helping your child practise sound recognition, blending and reading, as well as highlighting the importance of sharing books and stories simply for enjoyment.
- **The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** – We will explain what the Phonics Screening Check involves, why it takes place and how it reflects the phonics knowledge and skills children are developing throughout Year 1.

There will also be an opportunity to **ask questions and discuss any aspect of early reading or phonics** that you would like further information about.

We hope you will be able to join us. We look forward to sharing more about how we teach reading at Chapelford and how, together, we can support your child to become a confident, enthusiastic reader.

Kind regards,

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Year 1 Year Group Lead



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