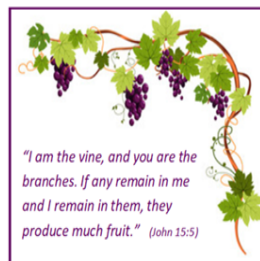




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4/9/26

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you and your children enjoyed the summer and have had a lovely break. We have had a fantastic first week back, and I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

I will be using the Year 1 blog to share what we have been doing in class. You can access it here:

<https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-of-2025>

Year 1 Team

Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Boyle, with Miss Flynn teaching on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Whiteside teaching on Thursday afternoons. The class will also benefit from regular support from Miss Gargon and Mrs Hill.

Reading

Your child will have a **home-school reading pack**, which will be given out on Monday, as this is when the Karate Reading Challenge will start (please see the separate letter for further information).

The pack will contain a **phonetically decodable book**, which should be read a number of times to help develop fluency and comprehension. When re-reading the book, your child should become increasingly confident and should not need to sound out every word.

There will also be a '**Reading for Pleasure**' book for an adult to read and share with your child. This is an opportunity to enjoy stories together and help develop your child's vocabulary.

Each child will have a '**read day**' and a '**change day**':

- On their **read day**, your child will read with an adult in school.
- On their **change day**, your child can change their books if there is a comment in their reading record to show that they have read the previous book.

Please bring your child's reading book and reading record in their book bag every day, just in case we have additional reading opportunities.

We will change the '**Reading for Pleasure**' books on your child's reading day.

Spellings

A list of spellings will be sent home on a Monday for your child to learn in preparation for a quick quiz on Friday. The quiz will take place in the back of your child's little red spelling book.

The spellings will be linked to our phonics sound for the week, and we will also complete a range of activities throughout the week to help the children practise and apply these words.



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PE- Our PE days are **Wednesdays and Fridays**. This term, the children will have opportunities to take part in cross-curricular activities and games, with a particular focus on developing their fundamental skills, such as skipping, hopping, kicking and throwing.

Please ensure your child wears an appropriate '**active uniform**' on PE days. This consists of:

- School jumper with logo (available from the Uniform Shop in Lancaster) or a jumper of the same style and colour.
- School zipped top (available from the Uniform Shop in Lancaster) or a buttoned/zipped cardigan of the same colour.
- White or green polo shirt.
- Black or dark grey (charcoal) active leggings, jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms – plain and with no obvious logo.
- Black or dark grey (charcoal) shorts/skorts – plain, with no obvious logo and of a decent length (no hot pants or equivalent).
- Plain black, dark grey or white socks (ankle or knee length).
- Plain **black** trainers. **If these are laced, please ensure your child can fasten them independently.**

Please also remember:

- Long hair should be tied back.
- **Earrings should not be worn.**
- As the children will wear trainers for outdoor PE and go barefoot for indoor PE, tights will not be suitable with the new active uniform.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a **named plastic water bottle**, containing preferably just water. We can sometimes have spillages, and juice can stain clothing and other items.

Show and Tell

We do not have a specific day for Show and Tell. However, if your child has something special to show or tell us about, they are welcome to bring it into school. This could be something they have made, a trophy, a certificate or some other special news they would like to share. However, **no toys, please, for Show and Tell, and please do not bring toys into school.**

I am looking forward to some exciting times ahead, and I hope your child is too! If you would like to know anything else or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

My email address is a.boyle@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Boyle and the Year 1 Team