



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2025



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

We would like to introduce you to the Year One teaching team:

St. Catherine's - Mrs Reynolds

St. Martin's - Mrs le Roux (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Pearce (Thursday and Friday)

Support staff- Mrs Mitul, Mrs Said, Mrs Williams

The School Day

Please bring a **red school book bag** into school each day. No bags other than the red school book bags are allowed. Your bag should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle in it. (No juice/squash in water bottles please). Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Below is an outline of what we will be learning with the children in this Autumn term:

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
English	Work will be based on the stories of 'My Class is a Family' - "Family isn't always your relatives. It's the ones that accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what" - children are exploring their friendships within the classroom and understanding that we work as one big family. 'The Three Little Pigs' - three pig siblings who leave home and each build a house: one of straw, one of sticks, and one of bricks. A big, bad wolf arrives and successfully "huffs and puffs" to blow down the straw and stick houses, but fails with the strong brick house. 'The Ginger Bread Man.' - An old woman bakes a gingerbread man who leaps from her oven and runs away. The woman and her husband give chase, but are unable to catch him. The gingerbread man then outruns several farm workers, farm men, and farm animals.	Work will be based on the stories of 'Dogger' - Dave loses his favourite toy and is so upset! But, Dogger turns up at the school fair and everything seems alright. But is it? Work on Autumn poems.
Maths	Place Value of numbers within 20, and Addition and Subtraction.	2D and 3D shape, Position and Direction, Place Value of numbers.
RE	Creation & Covenant - The story of Creation from the book of Genesis, an introduction to the Nicene Creed; the Lord's prayer - the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.	Prophecy & Promise - Advent and the birth of Jesus.

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Topic	Our School - Learning about our local area. We will be learning to draw simple maps and will find out more about aerial views.	Toys - Looking at how toys from the past differ from the toys we play with now. We will also be designing and making a toy with moving parts.
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My Week at School - Each week you will be able to view information about your child's 'Week at School'. This will be sent out via Schoolcomms starting Monday, 15th September. . The document will inform you each week of the different learning activities the children will be doing in Year 1.

Reading

Our expectations are for children to read at least 5 times each week. Children will earn a certificate and reward in Achievement Assembly when they have met the Reading Challenge targets. Please refer to the Reading Letter that you will receive in your child's reading folder for more information. Children in Year 1 will change their books on a **Friday**. They will be given 1 book from their phonics teacher. Please ensure that your child's reading books and folder are in their bags every day.

P.E days

Year 1's PE days are on a **Monday and Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. As the weather can be very changeable in the autumn term, children can wear their PE tracksuits with their shorts and house colour t-shirt underneath. Children are to wear trainers on this day. Velcro trainers are easier for the children than laces.



Homework

Phonics - Please use the QR Codes for the Read Write Inc. Virtual Classroom - These will be sent out before the October half term.

Children will all receive their Reading Record at the end of the week. A High Frequency checklist has been included at the back of the Reading Record. Please work through a few of these words each week with your child and support them to read as well as write the words. This will enable them to recognise the words when reading but will also enhance their writing. Once the pupils are confident in recognising and writing the words on the Reception checklist, move on to the Key Words for KS1.

Maths - Maths homework can be found on Maths Shed via <https://www.edshed.com/> .
This will begin after October half term.

R.E.

The Reading Record contains some useful information to support the children in their understanding of the Catholic faith. A useful illustration for making the sign of the cross is included. It would be helpful for the Year 1 children will to learn to say the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary as well as the Glory Be, as this forms part of the Year 1 R.E. curriculum. We will also discuss some aspects of Catholic Social Teaching which has also been included.

Birthdays

We enjoy celebrating the children's special days with them. Some parents like to send a treat in for classmates. Please remember we cannot give out cake or party bags. A small bag of **nut free** sweets, such as Haribo is ideal. Such treats are given out at home time and children should show their parents before eating them.

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Important dates

3rd October - Parent Coffee morning (8.45am)

Year 1 & 2 Phonics meeting for parents (2-3pm)

6th October - Year 1 & 2 Road Safety show

17th October - Flu Immunisation

20th - 21st October - Parents' Evenings (3.30 - 5.30pm) - information about booking appointments to follow.

21st October - St Ursula's Feast Day

23rd October - Parents' Evenings (3.30 - 5.30pm) - information about booking appointments to follow.

24th October - INSET Day - School closed to pupils.

27th - 31st October HALF TERM

5th November - Individual & Sibling Photos

7th November - Parent Coffee morning (8.45am)

10th November - Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day

4th December - Parent Coffee morning - Christmas Crafting (8.45am)

5th December - Pantomime in school

11th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

12th December - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert at St Dominic's Church (10.30am)

19th December - School closes at 1pm.

A prayer to reflect on:



Kind regards,

The Year One Team

Thank you for your support! We look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!