



September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year and to Year 1. We hope that you have all managed to have a fun, but restful summer. All of the adults in Year 1 are very excited to be teaching your children this year and we are looking forward to a year packed with lots of learning and fun enrichment activities.

This year, Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Smith from Monday to Thursday lunchtime. Mrs Snow will teach the children on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Reading is a top priority in Year 1. As well as daily phonics lessons, your child will take part in guided reading sessions and have the opportunity to do individual reading as well. **It is important their book bags are in school every day**, so they are ready to read with an adult. Books will be changed every Monday and your child will come home with two phonic reading books. It is also really helpful if the yellow school diary is signed by an adult so we know that your child has read their books. Please feel free to write a comment in there too! **Please try and ensure your child reads every night**, this only needs to be for 10 or 15 minutes. Reading at home could be shared reading with an adult, reading to themselves or collaborative reading where they read a section and then an adult reads a section. It is also important that the children discuss what they have read on a regular basis to ensure that they have understood what they are reading.

This term, the children will have Messy Play sessions on Friday. The children will need to come to school wearing Messy Play kit and have their school uniform in a bag to change into after the Messy Play session. The Messy Play kit should consist of old clothes, waterproofs and wellies. Our outdoor PE day will be on a Monday. On Mondays, the children are expected to wear their coloured house t-shirt (which can be purchased for £2 from the school office if a replacement is required), black shorts or joggers and their school jumper along with trainers.

We look forward to seeing many of you at pick up, after school, over the coming days. If you do have any messages or questions, and you are unable to see either Mrs Smith or Mrs Snow, then please message us using Dojo. Urgent messages and messages about attendance should go via the school office.

Thank you for your support and here's to a great year!

The Year 1 Team

Mrs Cath Smith (Y1 Teacher Monday-Thursday), Mrs Alison Snow (Y1 Teacher Thursday-Friday) and Mrs Rachel Offord (TA)