



***'Spurring each other on with love'***

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## Welcome to Year 1



Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a good summer break.

Below you will find some information about the routines in Year One. We will email a letter each week telling you about the learning that will take place in school and ways in which you can support your child at home.

**Morning routine** - Children will enter and leave through their classroom doors each day. We ask the children to remove their water bottles and diaries from their book bags before placing their book bags in their group box. Coats and PE bags will go onto their named pegs. They will then be asked to sit on the carpet in preparation for ordering their lunch, class registration and worship.

**PE** – All children will need a named PE kit in school, this must include a tracksuit as we will have an indoor and outdoor slot. PE kits will be kept in school and sent home at the end of each half term or if needed. Earrings must be removed for PE, preferably before school or by the child themselves. Please provide a pot or purse to put the earrings in. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

**Drinks** – Please ensure your child has a NAMED bottle of water with them each day. A daily piece of fruit is provided for the children's morning snack. However, if your child would like to bring in their own fruit this can be done in a named pot.



**Diaries** – The children will continue to have a home school diary. We ask the children to bring their diary in every morning and alert us to any messages. If your child attends an afterschool club or is collected by another person, please let us know by writing a message in the diary.

For the first week, we be settling the children into Year One and supporting them in their new daily routines. The children will also:

- Talk about new rules and routines.
- Take part in some number games and activities involving counting and recognising bigger numbers.
- Draw a picture of themselves.
- Visit our new playground.

**Reading books:**

- Children will get a new reading book and library book each Monday. Please make sure your child brings in their books every Monday so that it can be changed.
- Along with their decodable book that matches their phonics level, we will be sending home a library book each week. This book should be read to your child. We send a book home for this purpose because the more words children hear and understand, the better progress they will make across the curriculum. Children will not gain the breadth of vocabulary from their matched phonics books and therefore it is vitally important that they hear and talk about other books too.

**Meet the teacher:**

We would like to invite you all to a Meet the teacher meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. We will send the children out as normal at the end of the day and then invite you back in for a brief meeting to meet the Year One teachers. We will all meet in 1CP and a creche will run in 1DM. This will be an opportunity to say 'Hi', give a brief run through of the year and hand out a Year One booklet of support materials for your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in the home school diary or telephone/email the school and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support.  
Year One Team

Mrs Davey (1DM)      Mrs Collier (1DM TA)  
Mrs Pring & Mrs Cusack (1CP)  
Mrs Perryman (1CP TA)

