



Teacher Newsletter

Year One



Spring Term 2026

We are so proud of how confidently the children have settled into Year One. The autumn term flew by, and their enthusiasm for learning shone through during the toys workshop and our visits to Woodlands. We hope you enjoyed watching them sing and dance at the Christmas Sparkle.

This term brings plenty to look forward to. We'll be making the most of our school grounds to support and enrich our learning, and we are especially excited about our upcoming trip to Hertfordshire Zoo towards the end of term.

We will also begin sending home weekly spellings for the children to practise. You'll find some fun and engaging ideas to help them learn these at home.

A gentle reminder that, where possible, conversations shouldn't take place at the classroom door. If you would like to speak with us, please arrange a meeting after school or contact the office to find a convenient time.

Sharing Assembly

Dates for your diary- our sharing assemblies will be on:

Oak Class – Friday 12th June

Beech Class – Wednesday 13th May

This is an opportunity for you to come and hear all about what our class have been learning. We can't wait to share it with you. Our sharing assembly will be at 2:30pm and about 20 minutes long.

Staff:

Oak

Mrs McLellan (M-W) Mrs Hare (Th-F)

LSAs- Mrs Henderson, Miss Morris, Miss Hoolihan, Mrs Searle

Beech:

Mrs Grimes (M-W) Mrs Spencer (Th-F)

LSAs Mrs Moustaghfir

Mrs Earley and Mrs Hudson also work across Year One.

Mr Colman teaches us PE on Tuesday

PE

We have PE on **Tuesday and Friday**.

Please could all children wear socks and **not** tights on PE days.

PE Kit

Plain t-shirt in house colour

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms or shorts and black plain jumper

Suitable trainers (not plimsolls)

These will be sent home for washing at half term

Reminders

All children should have a water bottle, coat, plus hat scarf and gloves in school every day.

Woodlands – We plan to go to Woodlands once every term. We will let you know the date in advance.

Library Day- Library will be on a Monday for Oak and Tuesday for Beech. Please only send library books in on this day.

Packed Lunches– If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

Hair - Longer hair must be tied back, away from your child's face

Snack- We provide the children with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable each day.

Reading and Home Learning

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and delivered with the National Literacy Trust. Its goal is simple but powerful: to help children, young people, and adults rediscover the joy of reading.

Some books to share at home:

Bear vs Dragon by Marcela Ferreira and Marc Chambers, Splash Day by Nick Sharratt, Thunderboots by Naomi Jones & Rebecca Ashdown, The Pandas Who Promised by Jim Field & Rachel Bright

Please share books and hear your child read every day. They will continue to bring home the White Rose Maths Practice Journal most weeks. We are also going to start sending home spellings to practise at home. Reading Eggs and NumBots should also be accessed at least weekly.

No more than 35 minutes should be spent on these tasks altogether.

THRIVE Values

R - Responsible

We are responsible. We work hard, we are determined and we challenge ourselves. We take responsibility for our actions, words and choices. We are reflective learners.

I - Innovative

We are innovative. We are creative, we love learning and we are curious. We are confident, we take risks, make mistakes and we are problem solvers. We are empowered to make changes.