



Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn 1—2024/2025

Notices and Reminders

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this week and to see them start the year in such a positive way.

Our PE days for this year are **Wednesdays (Squirrels only)** and **Fridays (Owls only)**.

If you do have any questions or concerns, however small, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or email the office to arrange a meeting.

Key dates

Wednesday 11th September - Y1 meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Thursday 12th September – Y2 meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Tuesday 17th September – PTA AGM/autumn meeting (7pm)

Thursday 26th September – PTA autumn school disco (4:30pm to 6:30pm)

Tuesday 1st October – YR meet the teachers meeting (2:30pm in the hall)

Friday 4th October – happy bag collections

Tuesday 15th October – individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday 22nd October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Thursday 24th October – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

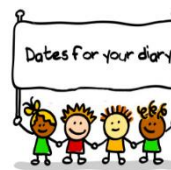
Friday 25th October – YES day

Friday 25th October – end of half term (3:15pm collection)

Phonics

This half term in phonics, the children will be revising the phase 5 sounds:

<ay>, <ou>, <ie>, <ea>, <oy>, <ir>, <ue>, <aw>, <wh>, <ph>, <ew>, <oe>



Writing

This half term in writing, the children will be learning some stories by heart. They will then write them using their phonics. Finally, they will start to learn how to do some simple editing.

The texts the children will learn are:

- The Three Little Pigs
- Pigs!



Maths

This half term in maths, the children will be learning to count forwards and backwards, sorting and grouping objects and learning how to find one more and one less of a given number to ten.

They will finish the term by learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



Science

This half term in science, the children will be learning about the weather and the seasons. They will talk about and compare weather using terms such as cloudy, sunny, hot and will learn that there are four seasons and that each season has its own weather pattern and temperature.



Geography

The big question this half term is 'Where do we live?'. The children will be looking at maps and beginning to understand how to locate and describe physical and human features. The children will know how to use directional language to describe the location of a feature on a map.



Art

This half term in art, the focus is drawing. The children will learn what a drawing is and will explore the use of tone and texture using a variety of different materials. They will then use these new skills to create observational drawings of natural objects.



PE

This half term in PE, the children will be learning about how exercise changes how our bodies feel and what to do if we feel hot or out of breath. As the children develop their sense of space, they will learn to master the underarm and overarm throw. They will learn to catch by forming a nest shape with their hands, how to kick a stationary ball towards a target and how to pass to a partner in different ways.



RE

This half term in RE, the children will be learning about places of worship and the definition of religion. They will be finding out about a church, a mosque and a synagogue in more detail. They will be using their five senses to describe what it is like inside each of these buildings.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the children will be learning some key words to help them understand what is the same and different about ourselves. They will explore what their likes, dislikes and strengths are and how these make us all unique.



Homework

New decodable books will be handed out in week 4 (as per our Essential Letters and Sounds phonics scheme's requirements) to allow us to assess the children's current phonics levels and match these to an appropriate text. Once these have been handed out, please make sure your child reads their decodable book with an adult at least four times a week.



Suggested books for reading

