



Primary 1b Newsletter

Term 1 2026



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Primary 1! We are thrilled with how the children have settled into school life and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know your lovely children. We hope you find this termly newsletter informative. Please find above the QR code to access our school Padlet where we will regularly post photographs and information on the children's achievements. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Literacy and English

This term, we are looking forward to introducing drawing club. Drawing club, uses books, tales, and animations to boost vocabulary, fine motor skills, and early writing in children ages 3-6. It's an adventure into a story, where the teacher models drawing based on a story, and children then create their own drawings. We hope that through sharing many wonderful stories we will prompt a love and enjoyment of reading, develop listening and talking skills through class discussions.

We are about to embark on our sounds learning journey. Children will learn to recognise, write and name each of the initial sounds. Please note that we will introduce capital letters and letter names later on in the year once the children are confident in recognising the sound of each letter. Please find attached information on 'Jolly Phonics' introductory songs and letter formation.

Home Learning: In the coming weeks, your child will bring home a reading folder, reading record, reading book and sounds bag. Please ensure that your child's reading book and record are stored in your child's bag each day. The book your child will initially receive will be a picture book and we kindly ask you to encourage your child to share this book with you. You will also receive in your child's reading folder the new sound of the week. Please keep the sound card and sounds bag at home for safe keeping and to refer to with your child at home.

Admin

Our timetabled P.E. session is on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. P.E. sessions will be led by our P.E. specialist Mr Murray.

Throughout the week there will be opportunities for additional P.E. focusing on gross motor, listening and working as a team skills. School uniform is fine for this type of activity.

Outdoor learning sessions will be on a **Wednesday** with Paddington Bear. We look forward to sharing the adventures of Paddington Bear and Primary 1 with you. As we will be participating in outdoor learning in all weathers. Please could children wear appropriate clothing such as a waterproof jacket and **bring a pair of wellington boots to change into.**

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will be learning to recognise, count collections, read and write our numbers to 10.

In Maths, we will firstly focus identifying, continuing and creating simple patterns. We will explore information handling including the creation of pictograms, bar charts, and simple Venn and Carroll diagrams. We will progress to naming and describing the features of simple 2D and 3D shapes such as cubes, cuboids, cones, cylinders, spheres, pyramids.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our focus this term is, Health and Wellbeing. Through circle time games, discussions, special guest visitors and of course Paddington we will support your child to develop knowledge of why it is important and how to: Keep safe, healthy and active through taking care of this little bear!



Please could we kindly ask you to ...

- name all your child's clothing.
- place your child's snack separately from their packed lunch. Snack should be a piece of fruit, or snack bar. Please do not place snacks in large containers which contain multiple sections as this is difficult for the children to manage while playing in the playground.
- provide your child with a water bottle each day.
- refrain from providing nuts for your child to eat as we do have children in school with nut allergies.
- provide your child with a raincoat everyday.

Please could we ask that parents stand back from the morning line. It is very crowded and this can be a little overwhelming for some children.

Thank you. We are very grateful for all your support and help.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8 th September	P1 Curriculum Evening 6pm
Monday 14 th September	Holiday
Tuesday 5 th October	Flu Immunisation Day
Tue 29 th Sept and Thur 1 st October	Parent Consultations
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th October	October Holiday
Monday 19 th October	Inservice Day School Closed to Children
Tuesday 20 th October	Pupils Return