



Primary 1a Newsletter

Term 1 2025



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, created by [Greg Bottrill](#), is a teaching approach that uses books, tales, and animations to boost vocabulary, fine motor skills, and emergent writing. It's an adventure into 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, and 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 sounding each letter. Please find attached information on 'Jolly Phonics' introductory songs and letter formation.

Home Learning: This week your child will bring home a reading folder, reading record, reading book and sounds bag. Please return the reading folder, record and book to school on a Thursday to receive the next book. 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, on a Thursday 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.

Admin

Our timetabled P.E. session is on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. P.E. sessions will be led by our P.E. specialist Mr Murray. Please come to school wearing appropriate P.E. kit.

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

Outdoor learning sessions will be on a **Monday** 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 on 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 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 packed lunch. Snack should be a piece of fruit, or snack bar, etc.
- 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 9 th September	P1 Curriculum Evening 6pm
Monday 15 th September	Holiday
Tuesday 6 th October	Flu Immunisation Day
Tue 7 th and Wed 8 th October	Parent Consultations
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th October	October Holiday
Monday 20 th October	Inservice Day School Closed to Children
Tuesday 21 st October	Pupils Return