Welcome to Year 1

Walk On Water

2026-7



The Year 1 Team

Class Teacher: Miss Filer

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Blackburn & Mrs Lockwood

We are all here to help and support you and your child throughout their year at St Paul's. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. Please visit the regularly updated class pages on the school website which contains a wealth of information about the school events.

We are based in the Year 1 classroom on the Key Stage 1 playground opposite Reception.



Miss Filer



Mrs Blackburn



Mrs Lockwood

Parents' Evenings and Surgeries

Autumn Term – Individual consultations

Spring Term – Individual consultations

Summer Term – Open Evening and Reports

Parent Surgery – Tuesday
(Please sign up if you would like an appointment)

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, rather than going home with worries that could have been resolved immediately. If you have any problems please use the surgery.

However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.



School Day

8.50am – 3.30pm.

Children can arrive from 8.40am. The register closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after this time should sign in at the office who will then be sent into their classrooms.

Please collect your child from the Year 1 classroom door. Children who have not been collected will be taken to the school office. Parents will then be contacted by telephone.

If your child is unwell, please ring the school first thing in the morning to let us know of the reason for absence.

Holiday Dates

Notification of school term dates is always given in advance. Parents are expected to arrange family annual holidays to coincide with school holiday dates.

Curriculum

Children in Year 1 follow the National Curriculum. We aim to make all our lessons as creative as possible in order to engage and inspire the children and are constantly updating our lessons and approaches in line with our school vision. This year we have lots of exciting topics so that we can learn more and remember more. These include:

Autumn 1 **Toy Story!** Changes in Living Memory — What has changed in your lifetime? How is your childhood the same and different to your grandparents childhood?



Autumn 2 **Home Is Where the Heart Is** Local Area – Langleybury
What are the features of our local area?



Spring 1 **The United Kingdom**— What is it like in different parts of the UK? How do they compare to where we live?



Spring 2 **Wonderful Women** Significant People—How did some people in the past make a difference to our world then and now?



Summer 1 **Extraordinary Explorers** — Significant Events Why are the discoveries of explorers significant? How has exploration changed and developed?



Summer 2 **What a Wonderful World!** Continents, Oceans and Biomes—What is it like in different parts of the world? How are they the same and how are they different?



Please look out for our half-termly curriculum newsletters for a more detailed outline of what we intend to cover. Half-termly timetables can be found on the Year 1 class page of the school website.

English and Mathematics are taught daily as these are core subjects. RE, Science, Computing, PE, Music and PSHE are taught each week. The children will be taught by specialists in PE for one lesson per week.

Art, Geography, History and Design Technology are taught throughout the year in focused topic times.

Sex Education forms part of the PSHE curriculum and is taught in the second half of the summer term. If you would like to view the material we will be using in Sex Education, please book a Parent Surgery session.

Since September 2005, all teachers have to receive 10% non-contact time per week. In Year 1 this takes place on Tuesday afternoons in the first half term and Wednesday afternoons in the second half term. This will be covered by Mrs Chidley.

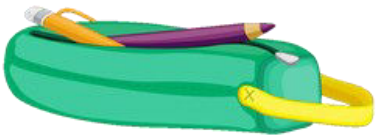
PE will take place on Friday afternoons with Miss Filer and a Wednesday morning with a sports coach.

Children should keep PE kits in school all week.





Library sessions are on a Monday. Children should remember their library books for these sessions.



Equipment

Children in Year 1 only need to bring a book bag and a water bottle to school on a daily basis. They should also bring a pair of wellington boots to keep in school for outdoor sessions and visits to the farm. They should keep a pair of trainers in school for PE and when using the outdoor climbing equipment.

The children do not need to bring any other equipment into school.

All pencils, pens and glue sticks will be provided.

School Visits



We intend to go on a school visit or invite a visitor into our class every term. If you, or anyone you know, has a particular link with any of our curriculum topics then please let us know. We would love to have you in as a visitor!

Autumn Term – Toy workshop, geography fieldwork walk in the local area

Spring Term – UK and seaside theme day, Florence Nightingale theme day

Summer Term – Woburn Safari Park

Transition

The move from Reception to Year 1 will be an exciting time for you and your child. Lessons are more structured throughout the day than in Reception. To ease the transition we continue with child initiated learning both inside and outside during the first term of Year 1, which gradually reduces as the term progresses.

We are always here to answer any questions and support you and your child through this transitional period.



Classroom Organisation

Children will be grouped within the classroom for some activities. These groups are flexible and will be reviewed regularly. If you have any queries or concerns about these groupings, please share this with us. We will also provide opportunities for children to work within ability and mixed ability groups and pairs. LSAs will be supporting small groups at times within the week. We use named lolly sticks to allocate carpet spaces, talk partners and to question the children on their learning. Children's groups are flexible and will be reviewed regularly. If you have any queries or concerns about these groupings, please share this with us.



Assessments

Children are assessed on a daily basis through general marking and feedback. Where there are individual areas for development we will notify you and ask for your support to help make progress. More formal assessment will take place at the end of each half term.

Targets

The school uses a system of individual targets for writing and maths. These targets are identified as areas for improvement through analysis of assessment data and are based on what children should be able to do in a strand of the subject. Please discuss these targets with your child and work on these particular areas.

Home Learning

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult five times a week. This is to be recorded in their Link Book which will be checked daily by an LSA.

Children will be rewarded with a yellow house point if they read five times in a week and a purple house point if they read more than this.

We continue to use Little Wandle for phonics and reading in year 1.

The children are also encouraged to read their own books which interest them (from the library, class book corner or home) as well as their school books.

English and Topic

Children will be given English, Science, RE or topic homework every other week. It will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. Children should spend **20 minutes** on this task. The perfect presentation rules in class also apply to home learning and written tasks should be done in pencil using their best writing.



Spelling

Although the children do not have spelling tests in year 1 they practise spelling year 1 common exception words in phonics, which are words that they can not easily sound out. Each half term we will send home a list of words that your child needs to practise spelling correctly.



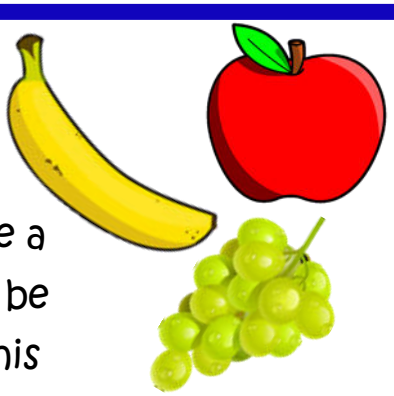
Mathematics

Children will be given maths homework every other Thursday to consolidate the learning from that week and this must be handed in the following Tuesday. Children should spend **20 minutes** on this task. Maths homework should be completed in pencil and in line with our perfect presentation expectations.

Children should also practise counting on a daily basis, including in 2s, 5s and 10s.

If home learning is not completed and handed in by the deadline children may be asked to stay in during a break time to complete the task.

Snacks



Children in KS1 are provided with free fruit and vegetables. Each morning, your child is able to have a carton of milk with their playtime snack which will be provided by Dairy Link. You will be able to order this directly via https://www.dairylink-uk.com/

Click on the 'payments' tab and you can then select as many terms or half terms as you wish to pay for.



If your child is under 5, the system will take the order without paying for the milk. If you would like to provide a snack, this must be a fruit or vegetable.

Water

Water is food for the brain! We actively encourage your child to bring in a filled water bottle each day and to refill this when needed.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be on a Friday. Children can bring things in from home that are linked to the topics we are learning about in class. A rota will be on the class window and webpage to show which week it is your child's turn. We also love to share the children's achievements so please encourage them to bring any successes in for WOW Worship on a Friday.



Helping in school

We would welcome help on a regular basis or to support individual events. Regular parent helpers, (and preferably anyone who would like to help on class trips), need to be police checked. Please ask at the office for more details.



Our Golden Rules

Be respectful and polite

Be kind and thoughtful to others

Try your best

Be prepared and organised

Care for our school environment

Go above and beyond

Our whole school rewards system gives stickers, rewards and privileges as a reward for keeping the golden rules. These stickers are added to a reward card which, when full, will lead to various privileges.

Medicines

If your child suffers from asthma, allergies or any other condition please let the class teacher know.

Medicines are not allowed in school. The exceptions to this rule are blue inhalers and epi/Jext pens and medicines which have to be given over a prolonged period. Apart from these instances, if children need medicine during school time, parents are expected to come into school to administer this. In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may agree to alternative arrangements and the Class Teacher may be able to administer the medicine. If this is agreed a form must be completed at the office.

Uniform

See the policy but please remember **black shoes** should be worn indoors and trainers should only be worn for PE.

PE kits should also comply with school policy. Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name (and be aware that names written on with biro fade with washing and need to be redone at regular intervals). Labels for shoes are available from some stockists.

Jewellery

A single or pair of stud earrings (no larger than 3mm) may be worn. **These must not be worn for PE.** No other jewellery, including smart watches or Fit Bits are permitted.

Hair

No hair gel, no hair colour, only plain hair bands in school colours or scrunchies are permitted.

Long hair should be tied back wherever possible and this is compulsory during PE lessons.

In Year 1, we ask that you always try your best and show kindness to others.

We look forward to sharing some wonderful learning experiences together this year and will share our journey with you on our class website page and in our class assemblies.

Miss Filer and the Year 1 Team



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