

Summer Term 2025-26

Year 1 - Newsletter

Welcome to the start of the final term in the school year. We already have lots of exciting activities, events and lessons planned for the children. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Learning planned for this term

English – We continue with our Ready, Steady, Write scheme using the books **The Secret of Black Rock** and **The Last Wolf**. The children will develop their writing skills to write a return narrative and a hunting narrative. They will learn how to use the prefix un, extend a sentence with the conjunction ‘and’, use question marks and exclamation marks to punctuate a sentence correctly and begin to use capital letters for names.

Phonics – We will continue to have phonics lessons every day following the Read Write Inc. scheme. We teach children all the sounds that they need to read and write by teaching a sound a day. Children are grouped by ability across KS1 for phonics.

Storybook – In the afternoons we continue with guided reading daily and focus on one book a week. Children are taught in their phonics groups. They practice reading skills, continue to build on their fluency skills and answer comprehension questions about the book.

Maths – We follow White Rose Maths. This term we will be teaching **Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Position and Direction, Place Value, Money and Time**. The children will learn a variety of ways to solve problems, learn new skills and continue to build upon their prior learning. Please practice counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s with your child to support their learning in the classroom.

Science – In our **Plants** topic children will be learning the names of the parts of a plant. The children will learn how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants. They will be taught how to establish the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We will also complete our project of **Seasonal Changes**; helping the children to understand and identify the 4 seasons.

History - We continue to follow Cornerstones and this term our history project is called **School Days**. The children will be learning about our own school, Oak Green, and its history within Southcourt, Aylesbury. We will compare schooling in the Victorian era to their own school experience. You will be able to access knowledge organisers which tell you all about what we are learning in Cornerstones on Google classroom.

Art and DT- This term our Cornerstone art project is called **Street View**. We will study artwork depicting streets and buildings. We focus particularly on the art work by the American pop artist James Rizzi. We will take inspiration from his work to create our own 3-D collages. You will be able to access knowledge organisers which tells you all about what we are learning in cornerstones on Google classroom.

RE and PHSE – This term we continue learning with Abbey Owl in our Jigsaw lessons. Our focus this term will be on **Sikhi** and **Christianity**. We follow Jigsaw PHSE and this term our topics are **Relationships** and **Changing Me**.

Computing – We follow the programme; Teach Computing to teach our computing skills. Our topics are **Digital Writing** and **Programming Animations**.

PE – We follow Real PE. Our topics this term are **Athletics** and **Multi-skills** in preparation for Sports Day.

Music – Our Charanga unit **Big Bear Funk** will help us to appraise funk music and help us to recall nursery rhymes and improvise using our voices.

Timetable

We do Maths, English and Phonics every day in the mornings. In the afternoons we start with storybooks and then cover a range of different subjects including; Cornerstones (History/Geography/Art/D&T), PE, Handwriting, RE, Computing, Music, PSHE and Fantastic Friday.

OTHER INFORMATION in Year 1

Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

The door will be open between **08:40** and **08:50**. When your child is late they are missing out on valuable learning time.

Please also make sure that your child is collected on time each day at **3:10**.

Houses

Each child is in a house. They will collect house points each week for all sorts of amazing things. House points are counted on a Friday and the winning house is announced in assembly.

Willow / Ash / Chestnut / Birch / Maple / Elm

Uniform

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our children at Oak Green School and are keen that all children wear their school uniform.

Green Oak Green School-logo sweatshirt or cardigan

White shirt / blouse / polo-shirt

Grey pinafore dress / tunic

Grey skirt / culottes / trousers

Plain, grey or white socks and tights

(Dark) Green OGS fleece (outside wear)

Black school shoes only. NO trainers. NO boots indoors.

NO hooped earrings, 1 pair of plain studs allowed and must be covered for PE



Catch me cards

Each day the children work together to earn catch me cards for making good choices and following the golden values. These are counted at the end of the day and if they have got 35 they exchange them for a golden coin.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child brings in a bottle of water to school for the classroom each day.



Handwriting

We use Letter join which is a whole school handwriting scheme. We will be practising our handwriting through three taught handwriting sessions a week. Children need to learn cursive (joined up) handwriting.

On google classroom you will be able to see how we are teaching the children to form their letters in our handwriting lessons.

Drop off in the morning

When dropping off your child in the morning please give any messages to the staff on the door they will then pass these onto the class teacher. Please do try to stay behind the yellow line and encourage your child to walk into school from there.

Collection in the afternoon

When collecting your child in the afternoon please do not go past the yellow line. Your child's class will stand on the school side of the line and the class teacher will dismiss the children from here.

PE

Year 1 PE is every **MONDAY & THURSDAY**.

Children **MUST** come to school on PE days wearing their PE kit. Our school PE kit consists of:

Oak Green (logo) or plain, white or black t-shirt

Black shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms

Black Oak Green logo 'hoodie' (NO other hoodies or logo-ed clothing).

Green Oak Green fleece or sweatshirt or cardigan can also be worn as outside wear in colder weather.

Stud earrings must be removed or covered.

Children **MUST** have appropriate trainers / plimsolls.



Reading

Our reading books have been carefully chosen to engage children in reading as well as matching their reading ability. If books are lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £5 per book to cover the cost of replacing it. We hope that you love the books as much as we do.

Your child will get one reading book:

RWI Book Bag Book – changed when your child's class teacher feels they are ready to. They could have a book for more than a week, this is to ensure that children have a good understanding of the sounds in each book.

Your child reads daily at school so please make sure they have their reading book every day. They will benefit more if heard regularly at home. New books and reading records will then be sent home on a Friday.

Please read with your child as often as possible and record it in their reading record. There are some top tips for reading at home on [Google classroom](#).

Our Values

Honesty: We tell the truth and expect others to do the same.	Respect: We show respect to everyone around us.	Friendship: We will be good friends to everyone in our community.	Kindness: We will be kind to everyone around us.	Trust: We will be trusted to make good choices.	Fairness: We treat everyone equally and expect all children to be treated fairly.
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Our Year 1 team is:

1A – Miss Jacob (Teacher)- Monday – Wednesday
Mrs Sharp (Teacher) Wednesday- Friday

1B – Mrs Holt (Teacher)

1C – Mrs Lucas (Teacher)

Cover/PPA - Mrs Bateman (HLTA)

TAs – Mrs Afzal, Miss Palmer, Mrs Moussaoui, Mrs Basnayake, Miss Smith, Miss Coates

PE team – Mrs Heggie and Ms Timberlake

KS1 assistant headteacher – Miss Ingram

Dates – Summer 1

Monday 4th May- Bank holiday

Friday 22nd May- INSET day

Dates – Summer 2

June - History Trip TBC

w/c 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 16th June - KS1 Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd June - Reserve Day for KS1 Sports Day

Friday 3rd July- Fantastic Finish (TBC)

Wednesday 22nd July - End of School Year

Below are some activities you can do at home
Reading daily and record in home school book

Login details are at the front of reading records

Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars

RWI Phonics practice

Additional reading on Oxford Owl

Real PE at home and BURSTS

Experience tasks

Home collaboration activities

Ruth Miskin phonics (QR code changed every half term)

Phonics Screening Check

In June the children in year 1 will be taking the Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory test to check of your child's phonics knowledge. Please continue to practice any phonics sounds/words sent home by your child's teacher to support your child with this learning. All children have a QR code in their home reading record that will provide you with lots of videos to support your child with their phonics.

We hope that your child enjoys this new chapter of their learning journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns. In the first instance please talk to your child's class teacher, after that please ask to speak to Miss Ingram KS1 Assistant Headteacher. We will be more than happy to answer any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jacob & Mrs Sharp (1A)

Mrs Holt (1B)

Mrs Lucas (1C)

Home learning websites and apps

Login details are stuck in your child's superstar reading record book. Please use these on a regular basis to support your child's progress.

Links can also be found on year 1's class page on Oak Green School's website

Write Rose 1-minute Maths

This is a free maths APP that you do not need a log in for. There are activities on numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication (times tables) and division. This is a great fun.



Timetables Rock Stars:

This has been set up to match your child's timetable level and is great fun. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.



Numbots:

This has been set up to match your child's maths ability. This is a game based on supporting your child develop their addition and subtraction knowledge. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.



Oxford Owl:

This is a great website to support your child with their reading. There are options for children to be read to or to read themselves. It is packed with lots of books matched to your child's RWI phonics reading ability as well as books beyond their level for them to enjoy too.



PE:

This is where you will find a variety of physical activities that you can complete at home.



Phonics games at HYPERLINK "<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>" www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Oxford Owl RWI e:books at HYPERLINK "<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>" www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Maths games to be explored at HYPERLINK "<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>" www.topmarks.co.uk

Science activities at KS1 BBC Bitesize HYPERLINK "<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>" <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>