

Welcome to



Staff in Year One

- ▶ Bluebell class: Ms Simon & Miss Potts
- ▶ Tulip class: Mrs Matthewman & Ms Lambert
- ▶ Rose class: Miss Mcleod, Miss Dayment & Miss Ellick

- ▶ Ms Simon is the phase leader, overseeing Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and year 2.

Attendance and Punctuality

- ▶ Children will not achieve their full potential without good attendance or punctuality.
- ▶ If your child's attendance is 90% or less, this is the equivalent of missing a day each fortnight.
- ▶ If your child's attendance is 80% or less, this is the equivalent of missing a day each week.
- ▶ Good attendance is considered to be 96% or above.
- ▶ We give out weekly and termly attendance rewards and the children love to get these - please help your child to not miss out!

- ▶ Many of our interventions for children who need extra support take place at the start of the day - your child may miss out if they need extra support and are late!
- ▶ If a child has difficulty reading, it can mean that they fall behind other children in the class and find it more difficult to catch up.
- ▶ If your child is consistently late, this can be classed as an unauthorised absence.
- ▶ Arriving into class late is often stressful and embarrassing for children - please help them get in school, on time, every day!

School Day Times

- ▶ Start of the day: 8:40
 - ▶ Doors close at 8:55 - if your child arrives after this time, please sign in via the office. Children arriving after 9:00 are registered as late.
- ▶ Break time: 10:30
- ▶ Lunch time: 12:00
- ▶ End of the day: 3:10

Curriculum

- ▶ We have lots of exciting topics this year!
- ▶ To find out more, please visit the 'Curriculum' section of the school website - you can find the link below.
- ▶ <http://www.whitmore-pri.essex.sch.uk/Curriculum.php>

Assessment

- ▶ We assess our children throughout the year.
- ▶ We use many different methods to ascertain which levels the children are working at, including verbal discussions with children, examining the work in their books, and more formal assessments.
- ▶ We use our assessments to plan what we will teach next and to see if our children have any gaps in their learning.
- ▶ We will provide you with assessment information at consultation evenings throughout the year, where we will discuss the progress your child is making and if they are working at the appropriate levels for their age.
- ▶ If you wish to discuss your child's academic progress at any point in the year, please talk to your child's teacher.

Uniform Expectations

- ▶ Children are expected to wear school uniform every day.
- ▶ Our uniform is:
 - ▶ **Black** jumper or cardigan - these can be plain or with the school logo on. No hoodies please
 - ▶ **White** shirt or polo shirt - polo shirts with the school logo on are available if you wish. These also need to be tucked in so that children look smart.
 - ▶ **Black** shoes - no trainers or shoes with other colours on please. Please do not let your child wear boots or heels.
 - ▶ **Black** trousers, shorts or skirts.
 - ▶ **Black** pinafore-style dresses or **green** checked summer dresses.
- ▶ School fleeces for outside wear are also available to buy if you wish.
- ▶ Plain uniform from supermarkets is acceptable - we do **not** insist on school logos on every item of clothing!

Uniform Expectations

- ▶ Hoodies of any colour are acceptable to be worn in the playground for warmth, but **not** as a substitute for a jumper in the classroom.
- ▶ Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - if it is cold or wet, please ensure they have a suitable coat.
- ▶ **Please ensure that all of your child's possessions have their name in them so they can be returned to your child if they are ever lost.**
- ▶ Jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets or rings are not part of school uniform - please talk to your child's teacher if your child wears any of these for religious reasons.
- ▶ Your child may wear a **non-smart** watch if they wish.
- ▶ If your child wears earrings, please ensure that these are small, plain studs only - **no hoops or dangling earrings please.**
- ▶ **If you are unable to provide your child with suitable uniform, please talk to your child's teacher or the school office in confidence to discuss how the school can support you.**

PE Days

▶ Year 1's PE day is Thursday

- ▶ On PE days, children will need to come to school in their PE kits.
- ▶ PE kits are not kept in school.

PE kit :

- **Black** shorts and plain white t-shirt (**no football kits**)
- Plimsolls or trainers
- **Black** or **grey** jogging bottoms or a tracksuit for outdoor lessons in colder weather
- Please be aware that long hair must be tied back for PE. If your child has long hair, please ensure that they are able to tie it back.
- **Earrings must not be worn for PE.** If your child wears earrings, please ensure that they are removed on PE days or make sure that your child is able to remove their earrings independently. Staff are **not** allowed to help children remove their earrings.
- Please ensure that all items of PE kit have your child's name in them.



What to bring to school every day

- ▶ Book bag or small rucksack - no over-sized bags please, as our cloakrooms have limited space.
- ▶ Water bottle with your child's name on.
 - ▶ We have drinking water in every classroom so bottles can be refilled.
 - ▶ Please only put water in your child's bottle - no squash, juice or flavoured waters please.
- ▶ Lunchbox with your child's name on if they have a packed lunch.
- ▶ Reading book and reading record - this will be sent home at the end of every day and brought back on the next school day.

Free School Meals

- ▶ Children in KS1 receive free school meals, regardless of household income.
 - ▶ <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>
- ▶ If you receive certain benefits, your child might qualify to receive free school meals when they enter KS2.
- ▶ You can find more information at the website above.
- ▶ You cannot apply for free school meals while your child is in KS1, but the school still receives extra funding if you are eligible. **Speak to the office if you think you are eligible and they can find out.**



Snacks at break

- ▶ You can send your child in with a piece of fruit or a vegetable from home if you wish.
- ▶ Dried fruit, such as raisins, are also acceptable.
- ▶ At break times, children are **not** allowed to have crisps, sweets, chocolate, biscuits, breakfast bars, breakfast biscuits, yogurts, meat products or other savoury snacks (save these for lunchtimes, please).



Behaviour



Rewards



+1 point
Good Behaviour at
Lunchtime



+1 point
Good learning
behaviour

- ▶ In school, we use a system called Carrot Rewards to monitor and track the children's behaviour.
- ▶ All children have an assigned character and can earn a 'carrot' after each session.
- ▶ Children will earn a carrot for displaying the expected behaviours: listening, working hard, being kind, following the rules, etc.
- ▶ Children will receive warnings before not earning carrot in class.
- ▶ Children can earn a maximum of six carrots per day - five in the classroom and one for lunchtime behaviour.
- ▶ On Fridays, at the end of the day, the children have 'Carrot Time', where they can choose a fun activity.
- ▶ Children need to have earned twenty-five carrot points to take part in Friday's carrot time (absence will be taken into account to not punish children for illness here).
- ▶ Children can only earn carrot points on days that they are at school.

Behaviour Sanctions

- ▶ The vast majority of our children are exceptionally well behaved and will never have to receive a consequence.
- ▶ Lunchtime and break consequences:
 - ▶ Warning or stand with an midday assistant for a period of time - carrots can still be earned.
 - ▶ Carrot not earned for lunchtime.
 - ▶ Sent to reflection room - no carrot point earned and parents informed.
 - ▶ 3 reflection room visits in a half term - internal exclusion for an afternoon.
 - ▶ Continued misbehaviour during breaks and lunches may result in the child not being allowed outside with other children during these times.
- ▶ Class sanctions:
 - ▶ Warnings or five minute 'time outs' - carrots can still be earned for the session if behaviour improves.
 - ▶ Not earning the carrot reward for that session.
 - ▶ Class move - child is sent to another class for the remainder of the session - carrot not earned.
 - ▶ Internal exclusions - child is in a different class. The length of this depends of the severity of the misbehaviour. No carrots are earned when a child is on internal exclusion.
 - ▶ Fixed term external exclusion - the child has to be home-schooled for a fixed period of time depending on the context of the behaviour.

Carrot Celebration

- ▶ At the end of each half term, we will have Carrot Celebration to reward the children for their excellent behaviour, hard work **and attendance**.
- ▶ The children will have a choice of fun activities to thank them for their hard work.
- ▶ There may be times where we have to limit the size of activities because of resources, room sizes, etc.
- ▶ At times like this, children who have earned the most carrots over the half term will receive first choice of activities. This means that the children with the best attendance and punctuality will get first choice of the activities.
- ▶ In order to join in with Carrot Celebration, children need to have an average of 5 carrots per day during the half term, per day they are at school.

Helping At Home

- ▶ Please read with your child a **minimum** of **five** times per week and date and sign in their reading record when you have listened to them read.
- ▶ Listening to your child read is a great bonding activity and can massively help them improve their confidence and fluency.
- ▶ If you are pressed for time, they can read to you whilst you are driving or completing other jobs, such as washing up or cooking dinner.
- ▶ The better a reader a child is, the easier they will find the rest of their learning.

Reading at home

- ▶ Reading at home in year 1 is extremely important.
- ▶ Pupils are expected to read to an adult every day at home; the adult needs to sign their reading journal when this happens.
- ▶ The children will also have words to learn from our Little Wandle phonics scheme .
- ▶ Adults in class will check the planners weekly.
- ▶ We want reading to be enjoyable for the pupils, so they will also be allowed to take a library book home in addition to their reading book each week.
- ▶ Reading folders must be returned on Thursdays.
- ▶ Pupils are allowed to bring their own age-appropriate books from home to read on a Friday for 'Free Reader Friday'.

Helping At Home

- ▶ Your child also has access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots.
- ▶ They can use the same login details for each site.
- ▶ Children can earn coins to upgrade their avatars by answering questions.
- ▶ Numbots is for younger children and is designed to help children with addition, subtraction and other mental maths skills.
- ▶ Times Tables Rock Stars is designed to help children learn their multiplication and division facts.

▶ <https://trockstars.com/>

TT Rock Stars



Numbots

▶ <https://play.numbots.com/>

Communication

- ▶ If you have any worries, or anything you would like to ask or share about your child, please make their class teacher the first person you speak to.
- ▶ We are always happy to talk to you about anything at all.
- ▶ Please note that mornings are a very busy time and we do need to supervise children coming in, so please be aware we will be unable to have in-depth conversations with you unless it is vital information that cannot wait.
- ▶ If you wish to have a longer, informal chat with us about any issues or questions you have, we are always happy to talk with you after school. Please be aware that we have staff meetings on Tuesdays after school.
- ▶ If you would like a more formal appointment, please contact your child's teacher or the school office to arrange a time for a face-to-face meeting or a phone call.
- ▶ If you have an issue that has not been resolved by talking to your child's teacher, your next step is to talk to the phase leader.
- ▶ The phase leader for Year 1 is Ms Simon.

Autumn Term Dates

- ▶ 15th to 19th Sep Yr 6 Mersea Residential
- ▶ 22nd Sep Yr 6 Knife Crime Talk
- ▶ 1st Oct KS2 School Council Trip to UK Parliament
- ▶ 2nd Oct National Poetry Day
- ▶ 21st Oct Reception Halloween Disco & Yrs 3&4 Halloween Disco
- ▶ 21st Oct Individual Photo Day
- ▶ 23rd Oct Yrs 1&2 Halloween Disco & Yrs 5&6 Halloween Disco
- ▶ 24th Oct Yr 3 Harvest Production performances to parents
- ▶ W/c 27th Oct Half Term

Autumn Term Dates

- ▶ 3rd Nov Non-pupil day
- ▶ W/c 10th Nov Anti-Bullying Week
- ▶ 11th Nov Armistice Day
- ▶ 14th Nov Children in Need
- ▶ 18th & 20th Nov Parent Consultation evenings
- ▶ 21st Nov EYFS Christmas production performances to parents
- ▶ 28th Nov Yr 1 Christmas production performances to parents

Autumn Term Dates Continued

- ▶ 5th Dec Yr 2 Christmas production performances to parents
- ▶ 5th Dec Winter Workshop and Market
- ▶ 11th Dec Nursery carol concert to parents
- ▶ 12th Dec School Christmas Dinner
- ▶ 12th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- ▶ 12th Dec Class Christmas parties
- ▶ 15th Dec Yrs 3 & 4 Carol Concert
- ▶ 16th Dec Yrs 5 & 6 Carol Concert
- ▶ 19th Dec Last day of Autumn term

Spring Term Dates

- ▶ 5th Jan First day of term
- ▶ 10th Feb Safer Internet Day
- ▶ 10th Feb Reception Valentine's Disco & Yrs 3&4 Valentine's Disco
- ▶ 12th Feb Yrs 1&2 Valentine's Disco and Yrs 5&6 Valentine's Disco
- ▶ 24th Feb Young Voices at the O2
- ▶ W/c 16th Feb Half term
- ▶ 6th Mar World Book Day celebrations
- ▶ W/c 9th Mar Science Week
- ▶ 17th & 19th Mar Parent Consultation evenings
- ▶ 27th Mar Yr 4 Spring Production performances to parents
- ▶ 27th Mar Last day of Spring term

Summer Term Dates

- ▶ 13th Apr First day of term
- ▶ 20th , 21st , 22nd Apr Junior Music Festival (exact date TBC)
- ▶ 23rd Apr St George's Day
- ▶ 28th Apr Reception May Ball Disco and Yrs 3&4 May Ball Disco
- ▶ 30th Apr Yrs 1&2 May Ball Disco and Yrs 5&6 May Ball Disco
- ▶ 30th Apr KS1 and KS2 Panathlon
- ▶ 4th May Bank Holiday
- ▶ W/c 11th May Yr 6 SATs week
- ▶ 19th May Yr 5 Summer Showcase performances to parents
- ▶ 20th, 21st, 22nd May Non-pupil days
- ▶ W/c 25th May Half Term

Summer Term Dates Continued

- ▶ W/c 1st & 8th Jun Year 4 Multiplication Check
- ▶ W/c 8th Jun Yrs 1 and 2 Phonics Check
- ▶ W/c 15th Jun Money Week
- ▶ 19th Jun Enterprise and Inflatable Fun Event
- ▶ 29th Jun Reception & KS1 Sports Day
- ▶ 30th Jun KS2 Sports Day

Summer Term Dates Continued

- ▶ 2nd Jul Yrs 5&6 District Sports
- ▶ 9th Jul Yrs 3&4 District Sports
- ▶ 10th Jul End of year reports sent out
- ▶ 13th Jul Move Up Day
- ▶ 14th Jul Open Evening
- ▶ 17th Jul Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parents
- ▶ 17th Jul Year 6 End of Year Party
- ▶ 20th Jul Year 6 Clap Out
- ▶ 20th Jul Last day of academic year

Thank you very much for coming

Any questions?