

# Meet the Teacher

## Welcome to Year 1

Mrs McCabe (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday)

Miss Wallis x5 days

Mr Johnston Science / History / Geography (Wednesday)

Mrs Baker for Art

Mrs Baynham-Hughes for P.E

If you need to make an appointment with Mrs McCabe or touch base at the end of the day, **Monday and Thursday** afterschool is ideal but I will always accommodate you before school or by phone call or email (depending on the circumstance).

# Attendance and Punctuality

- The school day has a staggered start from 8:30am with all children expected to be in class by 8:55am in time for the register.
- Staggered timings at the end of the school day remain. Thank you for those who have notified me of alternative dismissal arrangements.
- Year 1 will be dismissed in register order to ensure an efficient handover to parents at 3:20pm.
- Please support your child's high attendance so that they don't miss out socially or academically. Letters will be sent if your child's attendance becomes a concern.



# Year 1 Transition

- The main focus for this half term is to aim for a smooth transition into a more formal setting in Year 1 where we encourage lots of independence.
- We do this in an atmosphere where children feel happy, safe and loved.
- Classroom monitors encourage independence and responsibility, all children will have their own job!



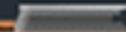
# Classroom Layout

- In our Year 1 classroom you will see our classroom agreement, made with the children.
- Prayer Focus Area created and managed by your children
- Our Class Saint, School Mission Statement, Values and Virtues and Catholic Social Kingdom.
- Display areas reflect what we are teaching. We try and make these interactive so the children can use them every day.
- We have relaxing and interactive reading corner which has been made more creative to link with our History Topics.



# What does my child need to bring to school?

- Reading packet with their reading book, 1000 story book
- Drinks bottle – preferably water (No milk provided in Year 1)
- Break Sale money
- Lunchbox if they are not having dinners
- No Pencil cases / toys
- No afternoon snack required
- Morning snack is provided unless you would rather send your own HEALTHY snack in.



# Year 1 Break Sales

- Monday ONLY Sausage sandwich £1
- Every day:
- Bagel 50p
- Crumpet 50p
- Pancake 50p
- Toast 30p
- Please send money in an envelope or purse to avoid it getting lost.



# Padlets and Show and Tell

- Children love talking about their experiences from home. Please share anything they have been doing especially their favourite book/Maths activity/nature moments/online safety tips. We will share these in class every **Friday**.

## Padlets



**RE, Catholic  
Life and  
Collective  
worship**



**Books I Enjoy!**



**Maths**



**Online Safety**



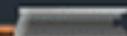
**Our  
Environment**



**EYFS**

# Year 1 Curriculum

- By October half term, our classroom routines and timetables will be established.
- Every day we focus on Phonics, Handwriting, English and Maths but there are many other subjects below that your child will be looking forward.
- Monday – Computing and Online Safety
- Tuesday – Forest School (Wellies, waterproof clothing or rain suits, socks, PLEASE LABEL)
- Wednesday – Topic/Art/P.E (P.E kit – PLEASE LABEL)
- Thursday – Class Liturgy, Words/ R.E /Music
- Friday – P.E/ Show and Tell (P.E kit – PLEASE LABEL)



# Year 1 Curriculum

- Our class page on the website is currently being updated.
- On our class page you will find:
  - Parent Planners
  - Curriculum expectations and some useful resources especially for Phonics.
  - Phonics – Level 3,4,5 decodable words
  - Level 3,5 Real and Alien words
  - Some photos.
- Download Bluesky App and look for St Anne's for photo footage of Year 1



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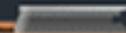
- Although your children will be getting used to a more formal setting in Year 1, the biggest academic focus will be with Phonics.
- Phonics screening tests take place in June
- Weekly Spellings to practise at home
- Formal subject assessments will take place in the Summer Term. (We will have a sensitive approach to these).
- In class, depending on the task involved, your child will sit with mixed ability children (or friendship groups) but in some cases they may be working in a similar ability.

# Year 1 Reading

- At school we want to promote a passion for reading books for enjoyment.
- We would like to encourage you to share what books your children have been reading at home through the padlets that you used in Reception.  
[Books I Enjoy \(KS1\) \(padlet.com\)](#)
- Please listen to them read daily and know that they will enjoy listening to you read to them too!
- 1000 stories is an opportunity for you or your child to read a new story every day. Please make a note of the special word and send back your form when completed to receive a certificate. Target 4 certificates!
- Reading books will be sent home today and every day. Please send these into school every day and sign the record so we know can assess whether they need a new book or what further support they may need. We also have volunteer readers who need access to these books.
- We change books more frequently when we can see they have been read at home.

# Phonics in Year 1

- Following our previous years of excellent results, we are continuing to use a validated scheme for Phonics from Twinkl. (Robot Rick Fingers)
- We will continue to recap on Level 3 from Reception and we start teaching at Level 4 but the majority of Year 1 and big emphasis will be on Level 5.
- Please be reassured of the extremely high pass rate that is achieved during the phonics screening tests in Year 1 and please don't be alarmed if we send out extra Phonics homework to your child – your extra support does help significantly.



# Phonics in Year 1

Level 3 digraphs and trigraphs (Level 5 coming soon!)



Level 3/5 phonemes and their word families



# Behaviour and Rewards

## Behaviour Ladder:

The aim is to move children up (as well as down) If your child reaches gold they will be rewarded with a sticker.

They will then be entered into a daily raffle where one prize is drawn.

They can also collect their stickers from reaching gold and exchange them for a prize when they complete their reward card.



## Handwriting Oscar

Every week a child, who has made good progress with their handwriting, will be awarded the Oscar statue.

This year your child will be awarded a special pencil for significant progress in handwriting.

Daily Monarch: A child demonstrating good behaviour will also be chosen to be a King or Queen for the day. They will have special privileges and can wear the Monarch crown too!



# Behaviour and Rewards

## House Points

To enhance your child's well being, we will be focusing on rewarding good behaviour choices so there will be lots of positive praise alongside their hard work and effort.



## Class Points

Class points will be awarded by filling up a marble jar. When the jar is full, the whole class will be rewarded with activities of their choice.

## Table Points

Each table will be motivated to collect as many points as possible and will be rewarded with a treat when they reach 50 points.

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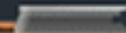
## Awards

Two children will be selected each week for a Head Teacher Award and this will be celebrated in Assembly/class.

Every half term 2 children will also be awarded for demonstrating Values and Virtues.

Parents will be invited to celebration assemblies once a half term. Please look carefully at the Newsletter for this information.

There are lots of incentives for children to make the right choices.



# Catholic Ethos

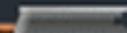
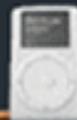
Year 1 will have the opportunity to attend Mass at St Anne's Church. (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025) Please ensure that you drop your child off 8:30am and that you, as the parent, stays with your child until the Teacher arrives at 8:45am.

Please accept your invite to attend Saturday Mass whenever you can. (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025)

If your child comes home with a reading, please support them by practising these with your child also.

# Homework

- Will be handed out by Wednesday, to be submitted back on Monday.
- Reading - short session each evening ensuring discussion of characters and events.
- Spellings: the focus will be on the weekly phoneme (sound) 10 words to learn.
- Spellings will be uploaded on the class website.
- Maths activity – Learn Its – target step 6
- Extra activities can be carried out on Purplemash/Phonics Play
- Going Home: Prayer bag will be sent out to each home. Please take the opportunity to pray with your child and encourage them to create a prayer in the prayer book or decorate and add photos of their liturgy.



## P.E.

- P.E. will take place every Wednesday and Friday
- As part of our new safety guidelines we would like the children to come to school in their full St Anne's PE kit. (T shirt with St Anne's logo and black shorts)
- We ask that your child has a black tracksuit and that all kit is clearly labelled including HOODIES.
- NO black pumps please! Trainers only (Velcro preferred - laces only if the children can tie them independently).
- No fashionable hair cuts! Long hair must be tied back. No earrings to be worn on P.E days.

# Forest School

- Forest school will take place every Tuesday afternoon.
- For this children will also come to school in non uniform.
- Waterproof clothing (paddle suits and wellies). Please LABEL everything! Waterproof jacket may/may not be worn over the jumpsuit.



# General

- Year 1 trip:
- Autumn Term: Wythall Transport Museum £20  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Spring Term: Sudbury Toy Museum cost  
approximately £20

Please use the following email address if you need to get in touch with Mrs McCabe.

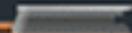
[amccabe@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:amccabe@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk)

# Messages for your teachers

- Depending on the urgency of your message
- Leave a message at the gate
- Phone the school office
- Email (please note emails are not always checked before school and can be, at times, a slower method to communicate)



Any Questions?



# Key Dates - Autumn

10.09.2025 – Whole School Mass

SAT 20.09.2025 – Family Mass (Fr Gwils Jubilee)

26.09.2025 – McMillan Coffee Morning

03.10.2025 – STAFF INSET DAY

06.10.2025 – Individual Photographs

SAT 11.10.2025 – Year 1 Family Mass

07.10.2025 – Year 1 Mass at Church

14.10.2025 – SCHOOL TRIP – Waterproof clothing required if necessary

21.10.2025 – Flu Vaccines

22.10.2025 – Whole School Harvest Mass

24.10.2025 – Whole School Sponsored Walk

27.10.2025 HALF TERM WEEK

03.11.2025 – Mass to launch Loved Lost Ones remembrance boxes

10.11.2025 – Antibullying week

14.11.2025 – No Pens Day

20.11.2025 – Parent Meetings

21.11.2025 – Theatre Day for whole school (Rise Theatre)

28.11.2025 – VOCATIONS Afternoon

SAT 29.11.2025 – Year 1 & 4 Family Mass

05.12.2025 – Christmas Fayre

09.12.2025 – KS1 NATIVITY @2pm

11.12.2025 – KS1 NATIVITY @9:30am

17.12.2025– Mass / Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day/Parties

19.12.2025 – INSET school closed

# Key Dates - Spring

05.12.2026 – Return to school

26.02.2026 – Multi-Cultural Week

10.02.20245– Safer Internet Day

17.02.2025 – HALF TERM – Ash Wednesday 18.02.2026

23.02.2026 – Year 1 PARENTS Phonics Meeting

27.02.2026 – Vocations Afternoon

03.3.2026 – Little Town Role Play EYFS and Year 1

06.03.2026 – World Book Day

09.03.2026 – Mothers Day Shop opens

26.03.2026 – Parent Meetings

27.03.2026 – INSET DAY (Easter Holidays)

05.07.2025 – Garden Party

18.07.2025 – Leavers Day

21.07.2025 - INSET

# Key Dates - Summer

13.04.2026 – Term starts

18.05.2026 – National Walk to School Week

20.05.2026 – St Anne's feast day, Whole School Mass and May Procession

22.05.2026 – Journey Through Time Day

25.05.2026 – HALF TERM

08.06.2026 – Phonics Screening week

15.06.2026 – Father's Day Gift Shop opens

19.06.2026 – Sports Day – (Fall back day – 10.07.2026)

24.06.2026 – Whole School First holy Communion Celebration Mass

04.07.2026 – Garden Party

13.07.2026 – School Reports and Phonics Results are handed out

17.07.2026 – Leavers Day Whole School Mass

20.07.2026 - INSET