



Welcome to Year 1

Meet the Teacher Presentation 2026-2027

This presentation will be uploaded to the school website and can be found on our class page.

If you have any questions, we kindly ask that you save these for the end of the presentation where we will be able to help answer these.



Communication



- How school will contact parents: email via Arbor or school office
- How parent can contact school: In app message/email via ARBOR and/or contact the school office (no class emails)

You can order school lunches and morning toast, inform us if your child is off ill or for any other reason, and you will receive messages from us that are intended for your whole class or the whole year group.

Urgent messages should be sent via the office and will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.



Our Year 1 Teaching Team

- Class 1 - Mrs Sellers (Mon), Miss Walker (Tues - Fri)
- Class 1a - Mrs Williams (Mon - Weds), Mrs Sellers (Thurs & Fri),

Teaching Assistants:

Miss Beechener, Mrs Whalley,

Support Staff:

Mrs Parker, Mrs Lal, Miss Cale & Mrs Viswanathan

- Thursday afternoons - Miss Beechener and Mrs Jones will be teaching



If you have any concerns or worries and
you can't find us...

- Principal - Mrs Gresty
principal@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk
- Head of School/SEND Co - Mrs Bradford
headofschool@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk
- Assistant Heads:
Mrs Williams
Mrs Noble
Mrs Woods
- Learning Mentor - Mrs Lavin
learningmentor@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk



Our School Rules

Be the best you can be!

- **Be Kind**
 - We are good friends.
 - We talk quietly. We listen to everyone.
- **Be Respectful**
 - We are polite to everyone.
 - We say please and thank you.
- **Be Safe**
 - We play safely.
 - We sit and eat properly.



The School Day

- **8:40 – 8.50 am** Start of the day – Please enter from either Middlewich Road or Jubilee Walk gates, and send your child straight in through the doors at the end of our corridor. Register is taken at 8.50am and gates are locked at 8.50am.
- **3:20 pm** Home time – The children will come out through Reception's outdoor area and be handed over to you.

If an alternative adult is collecting your child, please inform your child's class teacher, a member of staff on the gate and/or the school office.

No children are permitted to ride bikes or scooters on the playground, nor play on the play equipment before or after school.
No dogs in the playground either, please.



Our Topics

- The UK
- The Great Fire of London
- Comparing Holmes Chapel & London

We will cover E-Safety as part of our computing lessons.



Phonics and Reading

- We continue to follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds for our phonics and reading scheme of work.

Further information can be found via this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

- Children will take the statutory Phonic Screening Check in June (information to follow at a later date).
- Children will have daily phonic lessons. Some children will attend phonic intervention sessions to support their learning.
- Children will have 3 reading sessions per week, focusing on decoding, prosody, and comprehension. Books will be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday. Please send reading folders into school every day.

We highly encourage reading at home with your child, as part of their ongoing homework, for a minimum of 10 minutes each day.



Maths and Writing

- In maths, we will be following Oak Academy as well as completing mastering number sessions.
- For our writing, we will be using a range of high-quality texts to inspire our writing.
- We will be starting the year by recapping and building on skills and content taught in Reception.

Oracy

We believe that talk is central to learning and a vital life skill. Oracy is much more than simply being able to speak clearly.

- Developing children's ability to express their ideas
- Listen to others
- Explain their thinking
- Ask questions
- Build on what others say
- Communicate confidently in different situations

Our talk-based curriculum means that purposeful talk is woven throughout the school day and across every subject.



Feedback

We are eager to ensure that feedback for work completed is as effective as possible.

- Written feedback will be used where it is appropriate;
- Some feedback will be verbal (whole class, group or individual);
- This means that there will not always be green pen on every piece of child's work.

Rainbow Challenges

- We have introduced an element of enhanced provision into Year 1.
- Children will complete a number of challenges per week.

School Uniform

- White or blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)
- Royal blue school fleece (optional)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore (or blue and white checked summer dress)
- Plain grey, black or white socks
- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers
- Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named
- Please ensure your child brings a named coat to school every day



Coats

- Please ensure your child has a coat every day - we do go out even if it's raining. Often it can rain on a day where it looks like it may not, so please send your child with a coat of some description each day.

PE

Indoor PE - Wednesday

Outdoor PE - Tuesday

Children should wear PE kit on PE days. PE kits are as follows:

- Plain t-shirt in their house colour or plain white (with or without school logo)
 - Navy or black plain shorts/skort, plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms (to wear over shorts if the weather is cold)
 - Plain black trainers - preferably with Velcro fastening for younger children (unless they can tie their own laces)
 - School royal blue sweatshirt (plus a plain blue/grey/black hoodie to go over the top during cold weather - no slogan/logo)
- If your child is attending a sport after school club, they can wear their PE kit for the day.

Homework

For homework, we will be continuing with our 'Homework Menu' where the children choose at least one piece of homework to complete each half term; however, they can complete as many as they want!

There will be a date on the menu when the homework is due in then the children will share it with their class. We would like to encourage all work to be emailed in where possible, but it can be brought in.

Phonics Home Learning - A Little Wandle Phonics Home Learning sheet will be sent home each Thursday to be used to consolidate phonics learning that has taken place that week during school.

My Activity Passport - Please let us know when your child completes any of activities at home and send us a photo or video.



MY ACTIVITY PASSPORT

Year 1



Activity / Experience:	Tick when complete:	School / Home:	Date:
1. Record different sounds and ask others to guess what they are			
2. Make some biscuits			
3. Make and taste a food of your choice that you have not tried before.			
4. Make a puppet			
5. Put on a shadow puppet show with an adult at home			
6. Borrow a book from a library or from a friend			
7. Discover what is in a pond			
8. Create a piece of art for an exhibition			
9. Look up at the stars on a clear night			
10. Perform a dance at school and at home.			
11. Go on a hunt for some insects or small creatures			
12. Make a home for an insect or small creature			
13. Create a class collage			
14. Go on a walk lasting at least 2K			
15. Have a water fight			
16. Roll down a hill			
17. Make a daisy chain			
18. Join an extra-curricular club			
19. Build a den			
20. Perform in front of your class			



Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Year 1 Phonics Home Learning

Phase 3 & 4 (review) / Phase 5 - Autumn 1 Week 1
Focus - Review Phase 3 phonemes



Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

ai	ee	igh	oa
oo	ar	or	ur
oo	ow	oi	ear

We will be reading and writing words. *Can you see this week's focus phonemes?*

tail	feel	right	road
food	bar	born	surf
down	join	near	soap

We will be reading and writing sentences. *Can you spot any tricky words? Can you see this week's focus phonemes? Can you read these sentences fluently?*

The toads feel so cool.

The boot on my right foot is too hard.

I can see foxes in the car lights.

We can go down to the town on the bus.

We will be practising tricky words. *Can you spot the tricky part of the word?*

no	go	so	my	by
to	into	out	the	

We will be spelling words. *Can you write these words? Can you use the correct phonemes?*

right	hard	took	hear
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Snacks and Water Bottles

- PLEASE NOTE: We are a nut free school - thank you for your cooperation with this.
- Toast to be ordered via Arbor
- Fruit is available for children at playtime
- Snacks from home should be healthy and clearly named
- Water bottles should be clearly named and easy for the children to open

Behaviour Charter

You should have all received a paper copy of the behaviour charter that has been sent home with your child. These do not need to be returned to school.

Please take the time to read through and discuss this charter as a family.

Please keep it at home for reference.



Rewards

- Proud Cloud
 - Cube jar treats
 - Praise certificates
 - Stickers
- Each child has the opportunity to be the class VIP for the week.

Parent Evenings

Parents evenings:

- Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October
- Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February

Parents evenings will take place in school. We will be using the booking system on Arbor.



Trips

We will be visiting Staircase House in Macclesfield on
Tuesday 29th June 2027.

This trip is linked to our learning about The Great Fire of London.



Further Information...

Toys

- The children are not to bring toys in from home, please.

Parent Helpers

- We always welcome helpers, especially reading helpers in KSI.

If you are or a family member are interested in coming in to school to help, please let us know.



Show and Tell

Thursday 17th September - Blue

Thursday 24th September - Red

Thursday 1st October - Yellow

Thursday 8th October - Green



School Website

- Each week, we will update the Year 1 class page on the school website to say what is happening in Year 1 that week. In addition, any extra information about the following week will also be posted.
- The homework menu will be on the main Year 1 page.
- You can also find further information about how to help your child at home with reading, our topics, how to stay active, staying safe online and wellbeing.

<http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/>



THANK YOU!

Any questions?

We are looking forward to a happy and
successful year in Year 1!

