



BILLINGE CHAPEL END PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back to school! Welcome to our first class newsletter. We hope that you will find it useful with lots of information and reminders about school life and life in Y1. We are so excited to begin a new year of learning, laughter and adventures together. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting activities planned and cannot wait to see what we achieve together!

PE Day

Our PE day is a Monday.

The children will attend school in their full PE kit (Plain white round neck T-shirt/ chapel end T-shirt with red sleeves; plain red shorts/skorts; plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie/ school jumper or cardigan; plain black jogging bottoms, trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.)

This term our PE units are:

Moving Body Control, Animal Boogie Yoga, Music to Movement, Fundamental Moving Skills – playing.



Each week we would ask parents and carers to read every night with their child for at least 10 minutes. Please look at the corresponding week within your child's phonic reading record. As you share and read their decodable book, please focus on the graphemes and harder to read and spell words which have been taught in ELS that week in school, they are listed on the page of their phonic reading record. We also ask that you date each box when you have shared/read their book with them.

We have no weekly spelling and number bond tests, instead for spelling, we will send home the words which contain the graphemes we have learnt in class that week along with a practise sheet that can be completed at home. This sheet does not need to be returned to school.

Your child will, however, receive one piece of Maths homework each week in a maths workbook which supports their learning for the week, that does need to be completed and returned. This is issued on a Friday and returned the following Thursday.



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Snacks and Drinks

Please could children in Years 1-6 be provided with a healthy, nut free, snack to eat before morning break and a bottle of water that they can access during the school day. Please ensure your child's name is on the snack as children often bring in similar or the same snacks. Fruit is also available for their afternoon snack. Milk is available for your child each day. If you would prefer your child not to have it, please let the office staff know.

On children's birthdays, please could we ask that rather than bringing in sweets or cakes, parents give the class teacher a book/short story that they can share with the class. This will then get the child's name written in and be stored in the class library for children to access throughout the year.

English

In Year 1 this term, we will be reading a variety of texts including stories, poems and information books. Our writing tasks will be based upon these texts.

We will be reviewing the Phase 3 and 4 phonic sounds taught last year and we will be learning to read Phase 5 phonic sounds and to use them to help us to spell. We will also be learning lots of hard to read and spell words.

In grammar, we will be thinking about using capital letters and full stops correctly and using adjectives and simple conjunctions to make our writing interesting.

Please see the 'Our Curriculum' / 'Writing' section of the school website for more detail regarding our written pieces.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering the following topics: Number and Place value, Length and Mass/Weight, Addition and subtraction, 2-D and 3-D shapes, Sequencing and sorting, Fractions, Money and Time.

Please visit the 'Our Curriculum' 'Maths' area of the school website for a detailed breakdown of the objectives that will be covered.



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Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Art — Kandinsky; drawing and painting.

Computing — E safety and Technology around us.

DT — Free standing structures.

Geography — Our local area.

History — My family and Local life.

Music — Charanga Scheme 'Hey You', Christmas production and Christmas songs.

PE — Moving Body Control, Animal Boogie Yoga, Music to Movement,

Fundamental Moving Skills – playing.

PSHE +RSE — Me and my relationships.

RE — Christianity.

Science — Animals including humans, David Attenborough and Seasonal changes.

Weekly Themes

7/9 – Our school targets	2/11– Remembrance
14/9– Diwali	9/11– Road Safety
21/9– How to stay safe in school	16/11– Anti Bullying
28/9– British Values	23/11– No Outsiders
5/10– Black History Month	30/11– Hannukah
12/10– No Outsiders	7/12– Christmas Story
19/10– House Team Winners	14/12– House Point Winners



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Dates for your diary

03.09.26—School re-opens

09.09.26 Judo lessons 3.15–4.15pm

10.09.26 School photos

21.09.26 Under 2's & 2's closed for First Aid Training

22.09.26 Flu Vaccinations

05.10.26 Open Evening 4–7pm

20.10.26 Autumn school disco 4.30–5.45pm

23.10.26 - School closes at 3pm/ 3.15pm

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02.11.26—School re-opens

05.11.26 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weights

11.11.26 PTFA Book Exchange 3.15pm

20.11.26 Children In Need

01.12.26 & 03.12.26 Parents Evening

08.12.26 Learning Lodge Parents Evening 3.30–4.30pm

08.12.26, 9.12.26 & 10.12.26—Nativities am

11.12.26 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

11.12.26 Christmas Fayre

11.12.26 Under 2's & 2's Nativity

14.12.26 EYFS Christmas Party

14.12.26 Tea with Santa 3.15–4.30pm

15.12.26 KSI Christmas Party

16.12.26 LKS Christmas Party

17.12.26 UKS2 Christmas Party

18.12.26 - School closes at 1.50/2pm

05.01.27—School re-opens



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