St Stephen's
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CLASS INFORMATION LETTER: YEAR 1
2026/27

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome your child to Year 1! As we begin the new school year, please find some helpful information below.

The Year 1 team

The teaching team in Year 1 consists of Mrs Iddon with support from Mrs Siekanska and Miss Massey. The children will also be taught by Mrs Hempton on Tuesday mornings.

Our school day

As a reminder, school begins at **8:50am** for **all pupils** – **please ensure children are consistently punctual so that learning is not missed.** Our classroom door will open from 8:45am and we begin each day with registration and phonics.

School ends at **3:20pm**. Pupils are dismissed from our Year 1 classroom door onto the KS1 playground.

Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is vital to securing the greatest possible personal development and academic progress for each child. It also instils an attitude of commitment to routine and positive work ethic. **As we begin the new school year, we expect all families to be committed to excellent attendance**.

What to bring?

Each day, your child should bring a water bottle and, if needed, a packed lunch. Other items, such as reading books, will also be brought to school regularly. In winter, children will need additional items such as hats and gloves.

School 'book bags' are available from our uniform suppliers. **Please DO NOT send backpacks as we do not have room for storage on the coat pegs.**



PE days

Our PE days will be **Mondays** and **Thursdays.** On these days, pupils will change into PE uniform for their PE lessons. PE kits should be kept in school and taken home regularly to be washed every half-term. Other sports clothing is not uniform and should not be worn for PE lessons.

For more information about uniform, please see the school website (or the 'September 2026' information letter circulated at the beginning of the summer holidays).

Homework

Homework will be set for the first time on Friday 11th September. Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Tuesday. Children will also receive log in details for PhonicsBug and NumBots to access at home throughout the year as part of their homework. These will be checked weekly.

School reading books

Reading books are checked and changed in class twice each week, on a Monday and a Thursday by the class team. Reading books will be sent for the first time on Friday 11th September.

Instagram

You can follow our learning journey as a class family via our Instagram page: **@ststephens.year1**

You can also follow the main school account for updates about school life: **@ststephenslancs**

Curriculum

The Year 1 curriculum map is available on the school website: https://www.st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk/page/curriculum-overviews

We encourage you to refer to the curriculum map so you can talk to your child about their learning. We will be sharing more information about this at next week's 'meet the teacher' event. Parents can also visit the subject pages (within the 'Curriculum and Classes' section) on our website to find out more about the curriculum we offer here at St Stephen's.

Communication (Class Dojo)

We greatly value the relationship we have with you and are usually available at the beginning or end of each day if you wish to speak with us. Please also feel free to send messages to Mrs Cookson via the Class Dojo app. We will respond, during the school week, by email or phone (or will speak to you at collection / drop-off if appropriate). **For more urgent messages during the school day, please email or phone the school office** (e.g. if arrangements for your child at home time have changed). Please do not send these urgent messages via Class Dojo as we may not see them until after the children have departed at the end of the day.

We will be using the Class Dojo to share information with you throughout the year – please ensure you have access. You can contact the school office if you require any support with this.

Diary dates

Please refer to the calendar within the Class Dojo app (and the monthly newsletters) for up-to-date information about upcoming events. We also share regular diary dates posts via Class Dojo.



Bookings, payments and permissions (School Spider)

Please ensure you have access to the School Spider app for bookings, payments and permissions for: school meals; visits and trips; extra-curricular clubs; breakfast and after school club; event tickets; and parents evening appointments.

Labelling items

Please ensure all items sent to school are **clearly labelled**. This significantly improves the likelihood of items returning to the correct child if they are lost or misplaced.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and the safety of children is our first priority. Our partnership with you, as parents, is an essential aspect of this. If the school has a concern in relation to your child, we will contact you to discuss how we may be able to offer help and support. We strongly encourage you to communicate with us if you have any concerns regarding your children's welfare, including their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The school can often offer or signpost support. You can find more information on the safeguarding page on our website.

School website

We encourage parents to make good use of our school website: https://www.st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk/

It is kept up-to-date and is full of helpful and useful information for parents. If you have a question or query about any aspect of school life, the website is a good place to start. You can also use the website to find out more about our curriculum, review copies of previous newsletters, learn about collective worship themes, access links to our social media pages, meet the staff team, and much more!

We hope to see you at the '**meet the teacher**' event on Tuesday 8th September at 3.30pm and very much look forward to working alongside you throughout the year ahead.

With best wishes,

Mrs Iddon, Mrs Siekanska and Miss Massey
The Year 1 Team

