

Behaviour



We aim for the children to demonstrate the school Bee rules and Etchells values. Children displaying these will be rewarded with stickers, praise and Dojos. We also choose a particular value or Bee rule to focus on each week. Children modelling these are celebrated on our recognition board. We aim for the children to be Ready, Respectful and Safe. We understand they will make mistakes and we will support them to fix behaviour mistakes just as they would with academic mistakes.

Communication

We want your child to have a happy and successful year in Year 1. Please speak to us at the classroom door if you have any questions or issues. Class Dojo will be used to share photographs, news and class

Key dates for Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY - staff only
Wednesday 2nd September - School opens - Autumn Term 1
Friday 11th September - Class Fundraiser
Friday 18th September - INSET DAY - staff only
Thursday 24th September - Autumn Disco
Friday 2nd October - Sukkot
Friday 9th October - PTA - Crazy hair day - Halal sweets donation
Wednesday 14th October - Individual/sibling photographs
Friday 23rd October - PTA - Wear your trainers - Chocolate donation
Friday 23rd October school closes at 3:15pm for half term

Monday 2nd November—School re-opens 8:45am
Friday 13th November - PTA - Wear your PJs - Present donation
Tuesday 17th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm
Thursday 19th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-7pm
Friday 27th November - PTA - come feeling Christmassy - Bottle donation
Friday 27th November - Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December - KS1 production 9:30am
Wednesday 9th December - KS1 production 9:30am
Friday 18th December - School closes 3:15pm

Welcome to Year 1



ETCHELLS
Primary School

1A

Mrs Afzaal
Mrs Hayward
Mrs Haastrup
Miss Magda
Miss Edge

1P

Miss Pennill
Mrs Haastrup
Miss Magda
Miss Hristina
Mr Johnson



Topic

During this half term we will explore ourselves, our senses, fitness, healthy eating, the local area, animals and seasonal changes. The children will be given opportunities to suggest activities during the topic as aspects of the curriculum are covered.

English

The children take part in daily Phonic sessions. Within each classroom the children experience focussed speaking and listening, whole class reading and writing activities to promote learning. Activities are topic linked where possible. The children work in a range of groupings from friendship, mixed ability, paired work and focussed groupings. Our focussed texts this half term include The Three Billy Goats Gruff and the Tiger who came to tea.

Maths

The children complete learning challenges each week which cover an area of learning in maths. Every day the children take part in a maths fluency session. Lots of practical experiences and investigations lead their learning. The children work in a range of groupings from ability to friendship. There is strong focus on problem solving and reasoning with the children making and explaining their own mathematical decisions.

Independent challenge areas

Within the classroom the children are expected to complete several independent learning challenges linked to the areas of the curriculum we are focussing on. Each time a challenge is completed, the children will receive a star to stick on their own rocket. As the children mature, they will spend less time in the independent challenge areas and more time in directed activities that are adult led or self guided.

Star of the Week

Each week a child is nominated as 'Star of the Week' for positive behaviour, effort or achievement and a certificate will be presented in an assembly on Friday afternoon. This will be shared on Class Dojo.

Homework

Homework is sent out on a half termly basis. It covers optional research and hands on activities as well as compulsory, ongoing English and Maths tasks. It should be the child's own work, supported by an adult. Please share tasks completed via Class dojo by taking photographs and placing in the message section or creating a portfolio. These images or videos will be shared and celebrated in class. Paper copies may also be submitted. These will be placed in a class scrap book. Each week we will also post a maths challenge on dojo for the children to engage with, this might include counting or learning number bonds and will be checked in class on a Friday.

Reading

Your child's Read Write Inc book bag book will be changed on a Friday during phonics lessons. We are always looking for parent reading volunteers to help listen to the children read. When reading at home, talk to your child about their book, ask them to retell the story and predict what might happen next. Please regularly read a range of books to your child. This is crucial in developing a love of books. Once you have heard your child read please record in the reading diary with your signature. We expect the children to read at least five times a week at home. On a Friday the children have the opportunity to visit the library. Books must be returned before new ones are issued.

Snacks

The children should bring a **named**, filled water bottle every day containing **water** only. Fruit is provided by school for a daytime snack.



PE

1A will have PE sessions on Mondays and Fridays and 1P will have PE sessions on Tuesday and Friday. On these days the children must come to school ready changed in their P.E. kits (Plain black leggings/shorts/joggers/ white t-shirt, school jumper and Velcro trainers. Please no lace up shoes). If your child has their ears pierced please ensure they are removed on PE days and long hair tied up. Thank you.