

Welcome to the Year 1 adventure!

We are thrilled to support your child as they begin their Key Stage 1 journey. Our approach blends creativity, curiosity, and care to build independent, thoughtful learners.

Themes throughout the year

Autumn: Claws, Paws and Whiskers

Spring: Poles Apart; Queens Knights and Dragon Delights

Summer: How Does Your Garden Grow?; Marvellous Me!

A Day in Year 1:

8.45 – 8.55 – Arrive through Y1 tunnel and choose lunch. Morning jobs

9.05 – 9.35 – Phonics

9.40 – 10.30 – Maths

10.30 – 10.45 – Playtime, Daily Pause (mindfulness)

11.00 – 11.55 – Kinetic Letters and English

12.00 – 1.00 – Lunchtime

1.00 – 1.30 – Reading

1.30 – 3:00 – Foundation subjects (science, history, geography, RE, music, PE, etc.), outdoor learning, learning through play

3.20 - Home



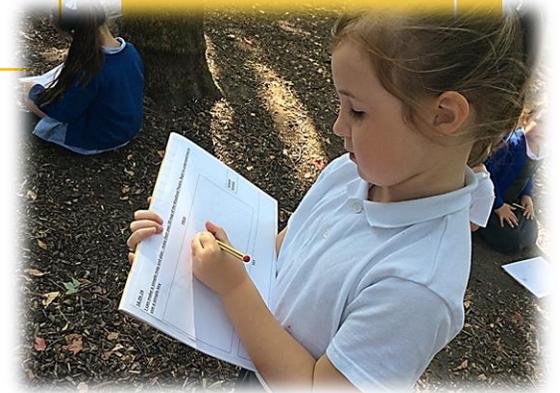
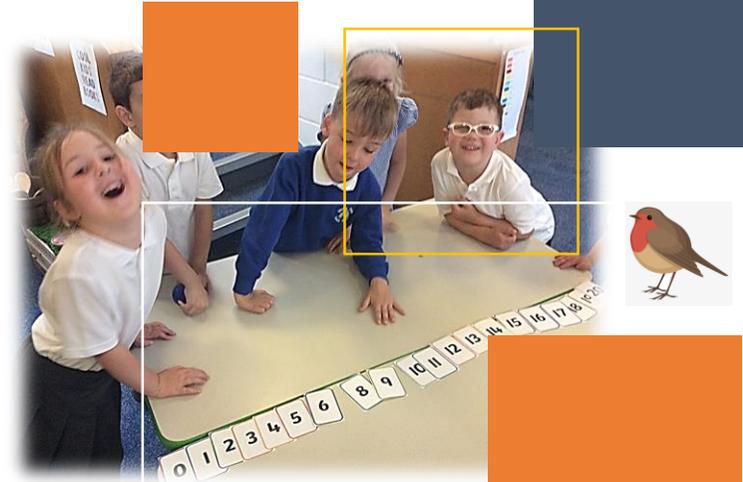
Welcome to Year 1 2025-2026

Robins: Mrs Kniola

Year Group Leader

Owls: Mr Gordon-Smith

Hedgehogs: Miss Humphry





Things to remember

- Year 1 children arrive via **Year 1 tunnel**. Teachers greet them by the classroom door.
- **Milk** is no longer free and must be paid for. Please register with Cool Milk.
- Children should bring only **clear water bottles**.
- **Book bags only** – no rucksacks, please.
- We have **slippers** in KS1. Please provide a pair with a sturdy sole, fastened securely to the foot.

Year 1 Trip to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke

11th November 2025, Tuesday

Approximate cost per child = £22

The National Curriculum

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 (KS1) is the first formal stage of primary education in England, covering Year 1 and Year 2, when children are typically aged 5 to 7.

Children build on their Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) experience with more structured learning in English (reading, writing, phonics), Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art & Design, Music, PE, Computing, and Design & Technology, Religious Education and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education).

While more formal than Reception, KS1 still values play, exploration, and creativity, especially in Year 1, to support a smooth transition.

Year 1 Stop and Read

Mondays at 3pm

in your child's classroom



Outdoor Learning

Every three weeks, Year 1 children will take part in an outdoor learning afternoon led by their teachers, either in the local woods or around the school grounds. To ensure they're comfortable and prepared, children will need a warm, waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, wellies, and a cosy set of home clothes suitable for woodland exploration. A full list of dates will be shared with families in September.

Class Dojo

We use Dojo to share updates from your child's class—including photos, class highlights, and events like outdoor learning afternoons. It's a great way to stay connected, so please ensure you're signed up! Don't forget—children can earn up to 7 points per week for reading at home, so every story counts!