



Welcome back to school



We are so happy that you are joining Year 1 in September. All the grown-ups are really looking forward to meeting you and being part of your learning.

Here is some information about your new year group so you are ready on your first day.

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1P



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Here are the adults in the Year 1 team



Mrs Brazier



Miss Howdle



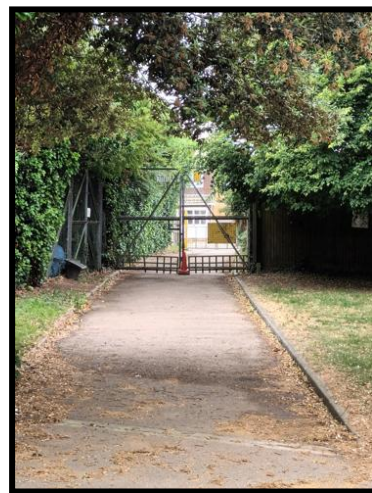
Mrs Butterworth

When do I come back to school?

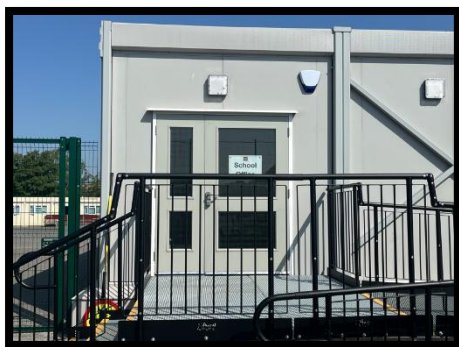
The first day of the new term is Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Where will I come into school?

You can come into school through the main school gates on Kings Road or by the Noah's Ark entrance. This year we are going to trial your grown-ups walking you down to your class building but if you want to walk in by yourself that's OK, too. There will be adults from school by the gates to welcome you every day. Remember to leave your cuddly toys and games at home for safe keeping. The gates will be open from 8.30am until 8.50am.



If you are late, you will need to go to the main school office with your adult.



What will happen at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.20pm every day. Your parents will be able to collect you from the classroom door.



What will I need to bring to school?

You will need a small bag that will fit inside your locker to carry your reading book and plastic water bottle (with a sports cap). No metal bottles please. If you are not having a school dinner, you will need a packed lunch. Remember to make sure that everything is named. Please keep a pair of plimsolls in your locker.



Your PE days will be on a **Tuesday**. If you are in 1P, you will have PE on a Wednesday as well. **On these days, you will need to wear your PE kit and your school jumper or a plain black sports top to school.**



Where will my classroom be?

Your classroom will be in the Mr Mac building. You can go into your classroom in the mornings through your classroom door.



Where will I eat my lunch?

If you are a packed lunch, you will be eating in the Mr Mac Hall. If you are a school dinner, you will eat in the temporary hall. There is no change to this year.

What will I learn about in Year 1?

This will be your first year following the National Curriculum. In English, we will continue learning to read using our RWI phonics programme and in writing, we will be learning to write sentences using capital letters, full stops and commas based on the books we will share together. In Maths, we will learn new concepts and skills associated with numbers up to 100, and explore fractions, time, measures and shape. As part of our Science learning, we hope to go on a school trip to find out more about a range of animals and visit a local park to enrich our learning about the weather and seasons. We will also learn about the properties of different materials and a variety of different plants. In RE, we will explore Jesus' life through The Nativity and The Easter Stories. We will be introduced to Judaism and explore some of their precious artefacts. We will have fun designing and making our own puppet and fruit salad in DT and in History, we will look at toys - old and new and the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We will learn all about the United Kingdom, our local area and weather and seasons in Geography and the Sports Coaches will encourage us to learn and develop a variety of skills in PE. In Art, we will experiment with different media such as paint, pencils and different collage materials to create artwork based on the work of a variety of different artists.

Will I have homework?

Each week, you will need to read your Phonics home reading book to a grown up. Their homework is to let us know that you've read by writing a short comment in your reading record. You can also take home a book of your choice for a grown up to read to you! You will also have some weekly phonics learning to complete - this will be around what you have been learning in school.

Throughout the term, you are welcome to choose any of the activities on the home learning grid and showcase what you have done in your Learn to Love book. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

It might look like this:

Fly a kite.	Re-tell a familiar story to an audience.	Take a photograph of something you find beautiful.
Dress up like an animal.	Listen to the birds.	Help to pair up some socks.
Draw and write about an animal of your choice.	Look for animals in your local environment.	Sing some number rhymes. Can you count beyond 20?

Where will I have play time?

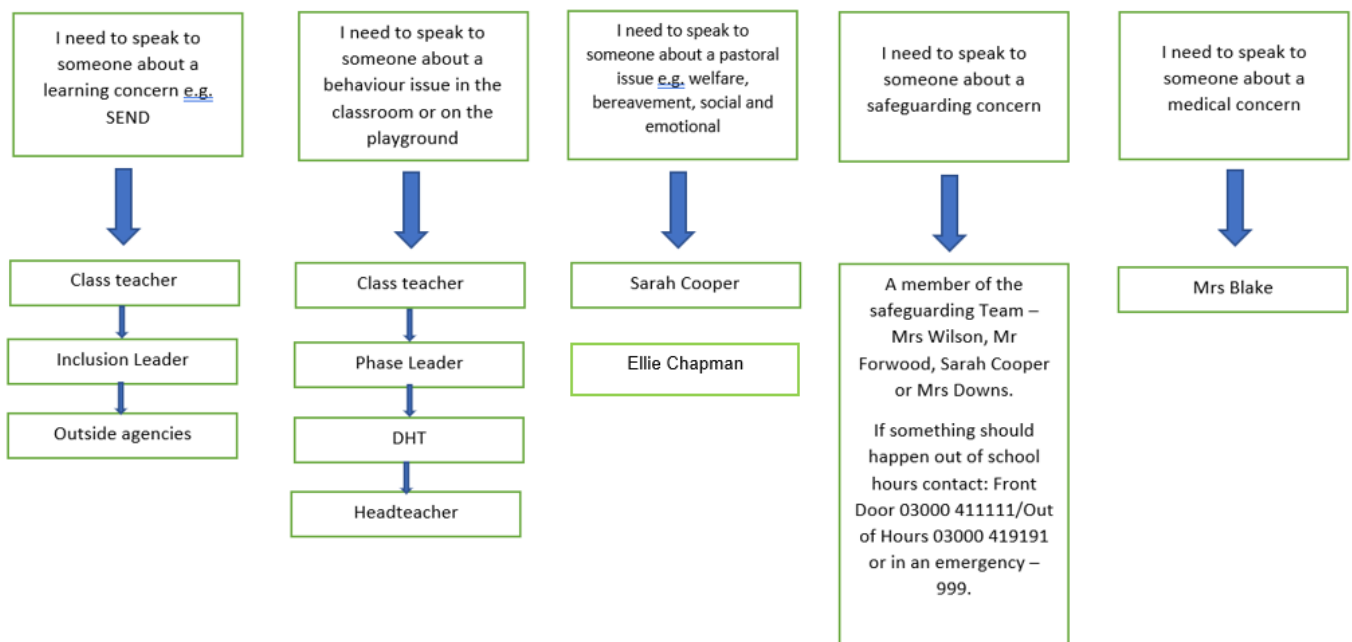
You will have play time on the Mr Mac playground with the rest of your year group just like this year. There will be toys for you to play with and familiar grown-ups to look after you.



Parents page

Who do I see if I have a concern?

Who to contact if you have a worry, a question or a concern



Suggestions you can do to help your child settling back into school.

- Ensure a good bedtime routine: Try keeping to the same routine each night:
Children aged 3 to 5 need 10 to 13 hours
Children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours
- Minimise device use 2 hours before bedtime to ensure children are calmed down ready for bed: Discourage use of electronics in the bedroom to encourage children to read as a wind down activity.
- Say goodbye in a positive way and remind children "I'll see you soon"
- Read through new teacher booklets with your child to ensure children are clear on what school will be like on their return.