



Wednesday 27th August 2025

Welcome to Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 1. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, and we are really looking forward to getting to know each child and supporting them as they continue their learning journey. As you are aware, the children will be taught by two teachers: Miss Smith, who will be in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Ms Wilson, who will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We will be working closely together to ensure a consistent and smooth experience for the children throughout the week. We are also very fortunate to have the support of Mrs Thomson, who will be working alongside us in the classroom to help the children with their learning and well-being.



Miss Smith

Class Teacher



Ms Wilson

Class Teacher



Mrs Thomson

Teaching Assistant

Our Classroom:

Over the summer holidays, we have been busy preparing the classroom so that it is a welcoming and inspiring space for the children. We have painted, reorganised and carefully arranged the room to create different learning areas where children can explore, play, and focus on their work. We want the classroom to feel like a safe and exciting place where children are eager to learn and feel proud of what they achieve. The children will continue to learn primarily through continuous provision activities as they did in Reception but as the year progresses, we will gradually introduce more whole class learning activities to prepare the children for their learning in Year 2 and beyond. Over the next few days we will be adding some photos of our classroom to

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our Facebook page so that the children can familiarise themselves with their new learning space and get excited for what's to come. Please do take a look and share these photos with your child.

Drop off and collection:

As your child is now in Year 1, drop off with be at the playground gate. Mrs Preece will be here to greet the children each morning and will be able to take and pass on any messages that you may have. We understand that coming through the gate rather than straight into the classroom can be a little daunting in the early days. In the first few weeks, we will ensure that, as well as Mrs Preece, there is a member of Year 1 staff near the gate, should children need any encouragement to come into school.

Topics:

This year promises to be full of exciting topics that will capture the children's curiosity and imagination. In Autumn 1, we will begin with *You, Me and Family*, where the children will explore their own identity, families, and relationships. In Autumn 2, our topic is *Colours of the World*, which will give children the chance to learn about different cultures, traditions, and celebrations. During Spring 1, we will become *Weather Watchers*, investigating different weather patterns and learning about seasonal changes. In Spring 2, our theme will be *Ready, Steady, Grow!* Here we we will explore plants, growth, and healthy living. Moving into Summer 1, we will enjoy *Once Upon a Time*, a topic that brings stories and traditional tales to life through reading, writing and drama. Finally, in Summer 2, we will be heading to the coast with our *Beside the Seaside* topic, learning about seaside holidays past and present. Where possible, we will enhance these topics with trips, visitors, and practical experiences; we will of course share details of these events with you in advance.

PE:

PE lessons will take place every Monday. On this day, please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit so they are ready to take part. Please make sure that PE kit is appropriate for the weather and that all items, including shoes, are clearly labelled to avoid mix-ups and items getting lost.

Lunches:

Please remember to order and select your child's lunches on Parent Pay. It is important that all children's lunches are ordered, even though they are free for infants. The deadline for booking meals is on a Thursday each week. Booking a meal for your child ensures that children can have the lunch they would like. If you would like any help to do this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Morning Snacks:

The government-funded fruit and veg scheme continues in Year 1 providing us with daily fruit and veg snacks for the children. We encourage children to try and variety of snacks in school – each day there are a couple of options for children to choose from. Please also send in a labelled water bottle for your child to use throughout the day.

Labels:

We do our very best to teach the children to look after their belongings, please help us by making sure that you label all your child's shoes, wellies and items of clothing with their name. If you realise that any belonging is missing, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can try our best to locate and return it to you.

Reading:

Reading continues to be a vital part of your child's learning in Year 1. It is an expectation that all children read daily at home; even 5 minutes a day makes a marked difference to a child's progress. Your support with this makes a huge difference, and we are very grateful for the time you spend helping your child at home. Please log your child's home reading on Boom Reader. We check this platform daily in class in order to track the children's engagement and celebrate those that are meeting the expectations of regular home reading. Your child's log in details remain the same but if you require another copy of these, please let me know.

Seesaw:

Your child will continue to have access to their Seesaw account; their login details remain the same. On here, optional homework activities will be posted, should children wish to do some learning at home. This is also a platform where children can upload any other learning they have done, share any out of school achievements or post photos from an exciting trip that they would like to share with school. This platform will also be used for setting work for any children who are away from school for an extended period and require learning to complete from home.

Communication

We believe that strong communication between home and school is key to a successful year. If you would like to speak with us, we are always happy to chat at the end of the school day, or you can email us at esmith@kingstoneacademy.co.uk and kwilson@kingstoneacademy.co.uk. Unless there is a specific reason for doing otherwise, it would be useful if you could send any emails to both of us to ensure the relevant teacher can respond to you in a timely manner.

We are confident that this will be a happy and successful year for your child. We look forward to watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy all the exciting opportunities that Year 1 has to offer. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership—we truly value the important role you play in your child's education.

On Tuesday 9th September we will be holding an open classroom 'Meet the Teachers' event. This will be straight after school at 3:20pm. It is an opportunity for you to meet us both and see the classroom – it's also a chance to ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Wednesday 3rd September.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ejs Wilson'.

Miss Smith and Ms Wilson