

KS 1 Summer 1 Newsletter 2026



What has happened this this half-term?

It may have been a short term, but we have managed to pack a lot of learning and experiences into the time. At the time of writing this newsletter our wonderful children are preparing for their visit to St Wilfred’s Church. We love having this time in church to remind ourselves of why Easter is a both a sad and happy time for many people.

Both Badgers and Rabbits have loved their outdoor PE lessons, which involved developing their cricket skills– some great cricketers of the future we are sure!

Badgers enjoyed developing their art skills by creating 3D paper sculptures inspired by a variety of artists including Samantha Stephenson. In Maths children have been measuring and comparing length, height mass and capacity.



Rabbits have thoroughly enjoyed designing and creating their stable structures in DT this half term. Another highlight has been writing their exciting action stories. We certainly have some budding authors in Rabbit Class! We have also loved our coding unit in computing, where we’ve been transforming frogs into princes, making rabbits disappear, and programming planes to take off from a runway.



KS 1 Conkers Trip



We are looking forward to our trip to Conkers which takes place on Friday 24th April. There are a few things which children need to remember to bring with them on the day;

-A packed lunch, which needs to be in a backpack/rucksack as this is easier for the children to carry themselves.

-A bottle of water

-A waterproof coat/jacket

Children need to wear a top with the school logo on and must wear trousers/leggings (no dresses/skirts) due to the adventurous nature of the trip. For this reason sturdy shoes/trainers are also essential.

Children also need to have sun-cream already applied BEFORE school as we will be outside for the majority of the day.

We will be leaving soon after registration, so please ensure your child is in school for 8:45am. We should be back before home time, traffic permitting.

Fingers crossed for a continuation of the glorious weather we have been experiencing lately.

Reminder 1

Every day children need to bring a water bottle to school. This is essential for children to stay hydrated, especially as we move into the summer term. Please make sure your child's name is on the water bottle.

We will re-fill water bottles if children drink all their water to support their hydration.



Reminder 2

Please could you take a little time over the Easter break to check all your child's clothing to ensure they all have your child's name clearly labelled on them. We are finding more and more items left at the end of the school day, with children sure the items do not belong to them as they do not recognise the item.

Thank you to those of you who do label everything!



Homework



For KS1 homework is important for encouraging routines, fostering independent practice in a comfortable home



environment, reinforcing learning and building good habits. It also gives parents insight into what children are learning in school and helps them to support their education directly.

Paper homework will be sent home the first Friday after Easter, this will be followed by online homework the week after. Please continue to set aside time each week for working through the homework tasks. If you need a new homework book or require login details please do get in touch with us as we will be happy to help.

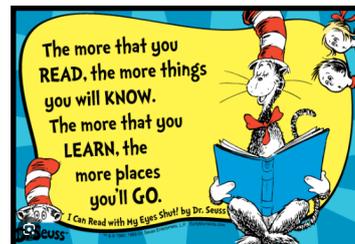
Thank you for supporting your child with this.

Love of Reading

We had so much fun on World Book Day earlier in the term, especially taking some time to share a book with others. Reading plays such an important role in a child's development by supporting their language skills, concentration, and understanding of the world. Regular reading helps children build vocabulary and improve their ability to communicate clearly. It also encourages them to think independently and engage with new ideas. Over time, these skills contribute to better performance in school and help children become more confident and capable learners.

We are also really pleased to see so many children striving to read-a-rainbow. The children love to celebrate each other when someone moves to the next colour on the rainbow. Please help your child to reach the pot of gold (where they will receive a prize) by recording in their reading diaries when they have read or been read to at home. Children will be

reminded to colour a segment of their caterpillar too. Don't forget our school library is open every Wednesday 3:25pm-3:45pm.



Nessy is a fantastic online resource which the majority of children have a login for (which school pay the subscription on). The programme assesses each child and moves them on to the next level, growing their phonic, spelling and reading ability.

We are looking to give more certificates out– so we will be watching out for children growing their knowledge!

Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that **do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces**. This **includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products** that contain nut traces or may contain nut traces.



Thank you

*'Let all that you do,
be done in love'*
1 Corinthians 16:14

Easter Homework– Let's Get Planting!

Year 1 & 2 loved finding out about different plants and have learnt lots– identifying common flowers, knowing how to care for garden plants and how spending time in nature can be positive for our mental health. Now we need your help with an Easter activity, please could you and your child take some time to plant some seeds for patio pots and hanging baskets for our school courtyard garden and around school? With your help our school can look bright and colourful. Please bring anything you have been able to grow in, then the children will be able to help with the planting in school.

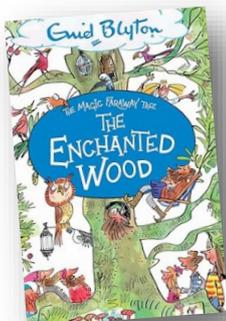


Summer 1 - Year 2 Curriculum

English

Fiction (Descriptive Focus) - The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

The Day the Crayons Quit—
Persuasive letter



Maths

Fractions

Time



Science

Super Scientists - Plants
(Investigative Focus)



Computing

Spreadsheets



Geography

Comparing life between the reigns of Elizabeth 1 and Elizabeth 11.



DT

Seaside snacks

PSHE

Relationships



Thrive

Our individual class focus



Religion and Worldviews

What can be learnt from sacred books? (Christian and Muslim)



PE

Outdoor PE: Athletics

Indoor PE: Target games

Rabbits:

Indoor – Friday

Outdoor – Monday



Music

Structure (Myths and Legends)

Summer 1 - Year 1 Curriculum

English

Diary Text: Trip to the Beach

Write own diary entry about school trip

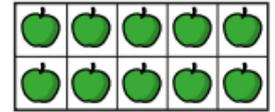
Narrative Text: The Dark by Lemony Snicket

Write our own suspense story.



Maths

Multiplication and division. Fractions. Position and direction.



Science– Earth science

Seasonal Changes



Computing

Animated stories



History: Significant historical places and people

Stanton Road Cemetery

Final resting place of the Ilkeston Giant



PSHE- Relationships

Families, friends and looking after self



Design and Technology

Making Models and Joining– playgrounds



Religion and Worldviews

Who do Christians say made the world?

CREATION



Thrive

Our individual class focus



Music– Pitch (Superheroes)



PE

Outdoor PE: Athletics

Indoor PE: ABCD

Monday & Thursday

Please remember– earrings MUST be removed.



Upcoming dates: (Please refer to our whole school newsletter for any additional information or updated dates)

13.4.26 Return to school

24.4.26 KS1 Conkers trip

4.5.26 May bank holiday– school closed

14.5.26 Y2 Rabbit parents invited in for Thrive 2:30– 3:15

21.5.26 Y1 Badger parents invited in 2:30-3:15 Design and Technology session

22.5.26 INSET

1.6.26 First day of final term

W/B 8.6.26 Y1 National Phonics Screening Week

24.6.26 Changing Lives transition meeting for EYFS and Year 1 parents

29.6.26 INSET

W/B 29/6/26 Sports week– dates to be confirmed

1.7.26 Transition day

2.7.26 Y1 parents invited in for a wellbeing activity with Badgers and Changing Lives

4.7.26 PTFA Summer Fayre 10am—1pm

13.7.26 End of reports to parents

20.7.26 Open Evening for all 3:25pm-5pm

23.7.26 Last day of the school year

Sunshine

As we move into the sunnier months, all children are asked to come to school with a sun hat to wear when outside. As with all items of clothing, please ensure your child's name is on their hat. Sun cream should be applied before school to get the children off to a get safe start to the day.

If you have any spare hats you would like to donate to school, please let a member of the team know.

