

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break! We hope you had a restful week. We are looking forward to another exciting term together. Please check the dates below for all up-coming events.

This term the Year 1 Phonics check for 2026 will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school to confirm whether your child is making the progress expected and helps to identify children who may require more phonics support in Year 2.

Year 1 parents are warmly invited to join us this term for our Celebration Assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (starting at 2:30pm) where the Year 1 class will be giving a short presentation about what they have been learning.

Please remember to send a NAMED sun hat with your child so that they can safely enjoy our outdoor learning areas. They are welcome to bring one and leave it in their drawer for the term if that is easier. It would also help us if you could check that hats, jumpers and cardigans are still clearly labelled so that any misplaced items find their way swiftly back to Year 1 -thank you!

### Curriculum

Our new topic is Pirates! This has a Geography focus where we will explore maps, learn about the United Kingdom and discover the continents and oceans of our world. We will also have a Pirate dressing up day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. (More details to come soon). Our Topic Web outlines how we are covering the curriculum this term and you will also find our key vocabulary attached. As with previous vocabulary, we would encourage children who speak additional languages at home to talk about the topic and vocabulary in their home language too, as this is proven to be helpful with understanding in class.

We have a class trip on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Mrs Band will take the children to visit the Story Museum and the Oxford Synagogue. Year 1 have really enjoyed this exciting and educational trip in previous years. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo and ParentPay for more information.

### PE and Library

Our PE day remains on a Friday this term. Children will need a full **PE kit** in school which this term will need to be plain shorts for safety when using climbing equipment, along with a t-shirt for indoors, and trainers for any outdoor lessons. Library books are due in on Monday and should be placed in the box in the classroom. The class will then go to the library in the afternoon and choose a new book. These books can be changed at other points in the week if children put their book in the box in the morning and choose to visit the library at lunchtime.

### Homework and Reading books

A Maths activity will usually be set on Doodle maths each Friday alongside the optional '5 a day' to consolidate learning. (We love it when Year 1 win the Doodle Maths star in Celebration Assembly on Friday as recognition of best engagement with Doodle Maths that week!). Children will receive one reading book (a 'Book BAG' book) linked to their Phonics lessons in school each Friday which will be taken out on a Wednesday and checked back in. They will receive another reading book at their reading level to share with you. These are given out and returned each Friday. For ease, please try to keep all books in book bags each day -thank you!

### Diary dates

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Art exhibition in the hall at pick up time (pm)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Art exhibition in the hall at drop off (am)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	SASA Fun run in Bury Knowle Park (rescheduled from previous date)
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Pirate dressing up day! (More details to come soon)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Story Museum and Synagogue (packed lunch needed). More info to follow.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 parents are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly that begins at 2:30pm.
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Health and well-being week at school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer music concert – 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day event – 2pm – parents/carers invited to watch

<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fair straight after school – 3.30-5.00pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Piano concert – 5.30pm
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' service at St Andrew's Church – am – Year 6 parents only
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Reports out to parents/carers
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St Andrew's transition morning (morning with Year 2 teacher)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of term - early finish at 1:30pm for Year 1

### **Communication**

If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please email the school office as we cannot check our messages during the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, please feel free to use ClassDojo and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any upcoming dates or events. Children should be dropped off at the gate into the Year 1 outdoor area in the morning.

### **How you can help**

We are always looking for clean recycling for our Junk Modelling area and paper for drawing, envelopes, wallpaper etc if you have any to spare. (Please double check for GDPR compliance and suitability for Year 1 children!)

We always welcome anyone who wishes to help with the garden area by Year 1 or litter picking around the school site. If you have a specific interest, skill or area of knowledge that you think our Year 1 class would enjoy and you would like to share, then do let us know and we will try to arrange a visit from you.

There is also our Amazon wish list and the wishing tree in the foyer with suggestions for things we would love to have to enhance your child's learning experience.

Best wishes,

Mrs Loveday and Mrs Band