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Year 1 Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a restful holiday with your family and are raring to go for another exciting half term of learning.

Relax and Read- Friday 5th December 2025

We are delighted to invite you to our **Relax and Read session** on **Friday 5th December 2025**. This special event will take place in the Year 1 classrooms from **2:30pm to 3:00pm**.

During this time, we warmly welcome adults to join their children and enjoy sharing a story together. You are encouraged to bring along a favourite book of your choice, or select one from our classroom collection, and spend some quiet time reading with your child.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, strengthen the bond between children and their loved ones, and create lasting memories.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the magic of stories together!

School Trip to SEARCH -Tuesday 9th December 2025

We are excited to share that Year 1 will be going on a special trip to **SEARCH** to learn all about toys from the past.

During the visit, children will:

- Take part in **hands-on workshops** designed to bring history to life.
- Explore and handle **different toys from living memory**, discovering how play has changed over time.
- Compare toys from the past with those they enjoy today, sparking curiosity and discussion.

This trip will be a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to connect with history in a fun and interactive way, while developing their understanding of how everyday life has changed across generations.

Curriculum Learning

Maths – Number- Place value-Multiplication-Division, Measure, Fractions, Adding and Subtraction, Place Value

English – Firework shape poems, Recounts and Writing letters.

Science – Animal and Human Survival

PE - Inside : Dance (Heroes) Outside- Ball Skills

RE – The Christmas Story

Music:

History – How have toys changed?

Computing – Algorithms unplugged

Jigsaw (PSHE) – Celebrating Differences

Uniform

We are delighted to see the children back in their uniform looking smart. It gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**. Remember on PE day children need to come dressed already in their PE kits.



Clothing

We understand that it can sometimes be frustrating when your child's clothing comes home looking a little messier than when they left the house in the morning.

Please be reassured that this is a positive sign! It means your child has spent the day **learning, exploring, and fully engaging** with our wonderful environment. Whether it's paint from a creative activity, mud from outdoor play, or marks from hands-on learning, these are all signs of curiosity and joy in action.

We value the importance of children getting stuck in and experiencing learning with all their senses. Messy clothes are simply evidence of a fun-filled day of discovery.

PE days.

Our PE days are on a Monday. Children will need to come dressed for PE every Monday and Thursday.

We will be practising different ball skills for throwing and learning to perfect the children's technique so that the skills they learn can be applied in ball games such as basketball and netball. On the colder and wetter days, please remember that your child will need proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they can wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms with their colour PE T shirt and their school jumper for when we are outside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Reading Diaries

Reading diaries are needed every day for our guided reading session and will be checked every Friday for the number of home reads, which will contribute to their certificates and rewards. This allows you to sign their diary daily when reading or sharing a book. A record will be kept at school so that children can receive their certificates and move their photos up on the display outside the library and share their success with the rest of the school. They do have opportunities to change their **Love to Read book every day** and their **library book on a Tuesday**.

We want to say a big thank you to all parents and children taking care and returning the books on time. It is vital that the books are returned on the Monday morning, so that the next group of children can use them on the Tuesday. The reading practise sessions are really successful and the children are reading with confidence, expression and are more articulate when talking about what they are reading, which is lovely to see.

Communication

If you need to discuss anything with your child's teacher, please make an appointment at a time that is convenient. We understand that many parents have work commitments and may not always be available at the start or end of the school day.



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In these cases, you are very welcome to **write a message for your child to hand to their teacher**. This ensures that important information is passed on promptly and allows us to support your child effectively.

Thank you for working with us to keep communication open and positive.

Thank you for your support
Miss Green, Mrs Campbell & Mrs Bailey