

Welcome to Year One



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! As a new face at St Chad's Primary this year I am so excited to work with you and get to know all about you and your child.

In Year One we aim to help your child grow in confidence and understanding so they can become a more independent learner.

This guide has been put together to provide you with the main information you need to support your child's learning in Year One.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see us or drop us a message on class Dojo. We'll always be happy to help 😊

We look forward to working with you this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Hunter and the Year One Team

Our Teachers



Miss Hunter

Year One Class Teacher



Olivia Wearing

Teaching assistant



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Teaching assistant

Drinks and snacks

All Year One children are offered a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school. The children are also allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables and / or two plain biscuits from home. They are only allowed to eat their plain biscuits at afternoon break. All children also need to bring in a **labelled** water bottle, which is kept in the classroom and is available to drink from throughout the day. The children are only allowed water in their bottle. If your child brings packed lunches, they will need an additional drink and this can be water, fruit juice or squash.



PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons.

P.E is compulsory for all children, except for those excluded on health grounds. If this is the case, a note from the child's GP must be sent into the school. If your child cannot take part in P.E at a particular time, please send us a message on Class Dojo so that we are aware and can provide them with other activities.

We ask that children to **come into school wearing their P.E kit** when it is their class P.E day. Please try to ensure your child has the correct kit for P.E, this includes:

- Plain black shorts,
- Plain white t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed),
- Appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons,
- Plain, black sweatshirt/zip-up top,
- Black jogging bottoms or black leggings.



To ensure nothing is lost or misplaced, please do **label all your child's clothing**.

All children with long hair must have it tied up on PE days and no jewellery may be worn. **If your child cannot remove their earrings they will need to be covered with plasters or microporous tape.**

Home learning

To support your child's progress in school, please give time to learning at home.

Weekly Blogs: Each week we will upload a blog onto Class Dojo to let you know what we've been learning about in school. On this blog there will also be suggestions of ways you can support and extend this learning at home.

Reading: Your child will bring home a staged book and a 'richer read' book each week. The staged book is matched to their developing fluency and comprehension skills and should be a book they can read confidently themselves. The 'richer read' will have been chosen by your child because they are interested in the subject, author or genre and its purpose is to continue to promote a love of books and reading. They will not necessarily be able to read the 'richer read' themselves and may well need to share it with an adult at home.

We will be continuing our whole school 'Reading Reward' punch cards this year. We aim for every child to read at home at least four times a week. When children do read at home, and have their reading journal signed by an adult, they can receive a 'punch' on their 'Reading Reward' punch card. Any reading counts for this, including home books, recipes and instructions.



When they have read at home 20 times, they will have completed their punch card and will be celebrated in ICA assembly. There are three different levels of punch card - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each time your child completes a level they will be rewarded with a different incentive.

Bronze = ICA celebration and a special sticker

Silver = ICA celebration and a special stationary gift

Gold = ICA celebration and a book from our Golden Bookcase collection.

We hope that you will join us in promoting a love of reading and supporting your child in working towards earning a Golden Bookcase book of their choice!

New Phonics Scheme and Changing Reading Books

We have just invested in a new phonics scheme called 'Little Wandle'. Staff did Little Wandle training on 1st September, and we are excited to start it with your children. The Little Wandle programme includes every child reading 3 x a week in school. They will then bring this same book home at the end of the week to share with you. By then, we hope they will be able to read it to you confidently.



Due to this being a new scheme, staged Little Wandle books will not be coming home until next week (W.C 8th September 2025). We aim to send them home on a Friday, and we will collect them in the following Friday.

You child will bring a 'Richer Read' book home weekly, too, and will be able to change this book as frequently as they would like.

Online Resources

Class Dojo: I'm sure that most of you are already familiar with Class Dojo. If you are not aware already, it is a fantastically useful tool, where we can share your child's behaviour and achievements day to day. We also send class reminders and messages on here.



If you have not already registered for dojo, please let us know ASAP and we'll sort you out with a log in code.

Phonics Play: This is a great online resource full of games to support phonic development. The games are split into phases so you can choose the level most appropriate to support and challenge your child.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The log in is:

Username: Chads22

Password: MayTel3

Numbots and TT RockStars: All children will have their own individual log in to these websites. We will put these on the front cover of their reading record books for your reference. Numbots is a great resource to support children with the understanding of number bonds and early arithmetic, whilst TT RockStars has more of a focus on supporting children in developing their confidence in times table recall.



I am really looking forward to welcoming you all to Year One! If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a message on Class Dojo or catch me at the end of the day.

Thanks,
Miss Hunter ☺