

Year 1 Newsletter

September 2026



Welcome to Year 1



Staffing

In 1BC, rabbit class, Mrs Connolly will teach the class on Monday and Mrs Broadhead will teach the class the rest of the week. Other adults in the class providing support are Mrs Maginnis, Mrs Thornton and Mrs Powell. In 1GC, hedgehog class, Mrs Connolly will teach the class on a Tuesday and Mrs Galbraith will teach them the rest of the week. Other adults in the class providing support are Mrs Jones, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Teasdale and Miss Chaudhury.

Morning and Home time

Our doors open at 8.45am in the morning and we finish at 3:15 in the afternoon. Please bear with us at home time; we will get quicker once we get to know you all!

Curriculum

Our first topics are 'All About Me' and 'Autumn and Harvest'. We have lots of exciting learning planned. As part of our history lessons, we will be looking at how we have changed. We would like everyone to bring in one named baby/toddler photo to help with these discussions if possible, please. Alternatively, you can email the picture and we will print them in school.

Reading

We are busy hearing all the children read individually. By the end of next week, they will have a reading book and a reading record in their book bag. Please read with your child at least **four** times a week and write in the reading record so we know what they have read. Please keep the reading book and record in your child's book bag during the week as we can never predict on which day of the week we will read with them. We will change the children's home reading books every **Friday**.

Phonics, Reading and Handwriting

We are holding an information meeting on **Wednesday 30th September** at **5pm** to explain how we teach phonics in Year 1 and to discuss the Phonics Screening Check. We will also introduce cursive letter formation. The session will take place in the Year 1 classrooms. It is just for adults, so children don't need to attend. More details to follow.

Library

As well as the home reading books, we have a good selection of library books for children to borrow and enjoy at home. Your child will choose their own book to share with you at home. Our library day is **Friday**.



Wellington Boots

We spend a lot of time outside in Year 1, it would be beneficial if your child could bring in a pair of **named** wellington boots to remain in school.

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PE

In Year 1 the children participate in PE sessions twice a week. We will be doing PE every **Monday** and **Friday**. Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school. If the weather is fine, we will do one of our PE sessions outside. Please make sure that they have appropriate footwear. Please remember to label all their clothing so that items don't get lost!

Homework and Spelling Books

Your child will bring home their homework book in the next few weeks. In the book there will be a short task for your child to complete with an adult at home. On the alternate week a spelling book will be sent home. It will have a spelling pattern for your child to investigate e.g. 'ee' to make words such as 'feet' or key words to learn. This is to help your child to develop their understanding of spelling and practise their letter formation. There will not be a spelling test.

Visits and Visitors

Throughout the year, to enhance the children's learning and to gain first hand experiences, we will arrange for trips out of school as well as workshops run by visitors in school. A lot of these will be free, however, some will require a contribution. Please see the table below for the main visits and events in Year 1 this year:

Date	Visit or Event	Approximate cost
Autumn 1	Great Fire of London Workshop at Temple Newsam	£5.00
Autumn 2	Visit to St John's Church	Free
Spring 1	Visit to Cartwright Hall Art Gallery	£2.00
	Year 1 Art Gallery – Everyone is invited to see their amazing work after school at our art gallery in the school hall	Free
Summer	Rodley Nature Reserve	Voluntary Donation
	Animal Workshop in school	£3.80

We will send home more detailed letters about each event. We may need parent volunteers to help us with our visits out of school.

Year 1 News

Every **Friday**, we will update the Year 1 blog and inform you what your child has been learning about. We will also regularly post photographs and write about all the exciting things we do in Year 1.

Our blog can be found on the school website www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk. Just click on the menu and then click blogs and find the 'Year 1 News' page. If you have registered your email address, you will get a notification of a new blog post from us every Friday.

We hope that your child will have lots of fun in Year 1. If you have any concerns, please either talk to any of the staff in the class or you can email us on:

alexandra.galbraith@farsleyfarfield.org.uk , rebecca.broadhead@farsleyfarfield.org.uk or vicki.connolly@farsleyfarfield.org.uk

The Year 1 Team

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