

Autumn **KEY STAGE 1**

September 2026

Welcome to Key Stage 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. We hope they settle quickly into their new classes. Our topic this term is **TOYS**. We have attached a topic sheet to show you some of the activities the children will be doing in the different curriculum areas throughout the term.

Phonics and Reading

At Robert Sandilands, we put a huge emphasis on the development and benefit of reading for enjoyment. We strongly encourage all the children to read regularly at home and school, to themselves and to others. Like last year, Year 1 children will have a phonics based reading book and most Year 2s a colour band book. All phonics books are personalised to the child's phonemic awareness. The phonics-based or colour banded book should be read to you by your child. Sharing a book with your child is a great way to support your child's vocabulary development and love of books. In order for your child to receive the correct book to match their ability, we will be assessing them in the first few weeks, therefore they may not come home with a reading book straight away.

All the children will have been given a reading booklet which is used as a record of their reading at home and in school. This booklet is to last the whole year. We ask that you listen to your child read **at least 4 times a week**. The reading booklet will be checked regularly. Please ensure that your child's booklet is in school **every day**.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that all uniform needs to be **clearly named**. Do be aware that if names are written on labels in biro, they often wash out quite easily – so it is really helpful if you can either re-name after each wash or alternatively find a more permanent way of naming, such as ironing / sewing in a name tag. Please also remember that children wearing stiff collar shirts should wear a tie, all children should be wearing shoes, not trainers in school, and fleeces are outdoor garments that are not to be worn in the classroom.

Spellings

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be sent home with spellings on a Monday, consolidating their phonics learning from the previous week. If not specified, they will need to select a different strategy to practise each day in readiness for a spelling test on Friday. This is when books will be collected in.

In Year 2, the children will be encouraged to spend 5 minutes practising multiplication tables for x2, x5 and x10 using Times Table Rock Stars and Hit the Button.



Reminders

DRINKS & SNACKS: We encourage the children to have access to water throughout the day to stay well hydrated. Each child should have a named water bottle that contains water only. Water bottles will be kept in a box in the classrooms for your child to easily access.

In Key Stage 1, a healthy snack will be provided each day. However, you are welcome to provide your child with a healthy snack from home too.

PACKED LUNCHES: Although we ask for water only in class, it is fine to put juice or squash in lunch boxes. However, we need to ask you not to give your child any food containing nuts as we have children with severe nut allergies in the Infants.

PE: Key Stage One will have Indoor PE on a Monday and Outdoor PE (weather permitting) on a Thursday.

Monday PE kit: Robert Sandilands navy and yellow t-shirt and navy shorts.

Outdoor PE kit: (same as above with sensible trainers) and/ or Robert Sandilands or navy hoodie, navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

Please can the children have their PE kit in a separate bag. They will bring this in on a Monday and leave it on their peg.

LOGINS: Your child's logins for Purple Mash, Times Table Rock Stars (Y2 only) will be in the front of your child's reading booklets.

TRIP REMINDER: Both Year groups will be going to the Milestones museum in Basingstoke which is related to our Toys topic.

Year 1: Tuesday October 13th October
Year 2: Wednesday 14th October
Both of these trips will be during the school day.

If you have not yet paid please can you do so in order for the trip to go ahead. .

Meet Your Key Stage 1 Team

The following staff are working with your children this coming year in Key Stage 1:

YEAR 1 WYVERN CLASS



Ms Povey
Year 1 Teacher



Mrs Creasey
Year 1 Teacher



Mrs Smyth
Year 1 Teaching Assistant

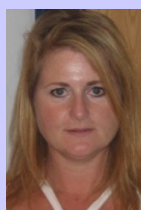


Mrs Peters
Year 1 Teaching Assistant

YEAR 2 PHOENIX CLASS



Mrs Burke
Year 2 Teacher



Mrs Hawkins
Year 2 Teaching Assistant



Mrs Alderson
KS1 Teaching Assistant/
HLTA/ELSA Support



Mrs Fenner
PPA cover teacher

