

Welcome to Year 1!



Academic Year 2026 / 2027

Meet the Year 1 team!



Mrs Elliott- Class Teacher

Mrs Maznenko - General Teaching Assistant –Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Bond – General Teaching Assistant – Thursday and Friday mornings.

Mrs Kyruta - Midday supervisor



School Vision and Values

'Learning and Growing Together'

Is underpinned by our school's core values of Hope, Friendship, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Respect, and Honesty.

We nurture the tiny seeds (that are each individual child and our community) to grow into the mighty tree, as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven (Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13)
Individuals flourish in a school which is a safe, respectful and welcoming Christian community.

Learning-

we develop our wisdom, knowledge and skills

Growing-

in our character development, hope, aspiration, resilience and social action

Together-

so our community can live well together, showing dignity and respect.

- ▶ Our Core School Values are Honesty, Hope, Forgiveness, Friendship, Perseverance and Respect. They permeate through school life and we ensure that our pupils live by these values in the way they conduct themselves in school, their behaviours in school and outside school.
- ▶ These School Values are linked to the school code of conduct.



Beginning and end of the school day

- ▶ You will bring your child onto the playground and wait with them to be let into the classroom.
- ▶ Doors open at 8.45am. (We will let in and out through the classroom door) Doors close at 8.55 am
- ▶ Register is 8.55-9am –Learning starts at 9am.
- ▶ Late arrival does go on the register + on your child's record.
- ▶ If you are arriving after 9am please go to Miss Simons in the office as the gates will be locked.
- ▶ If your child is ill please call the school before 9am to let us know.
- ▶ All pupils finish at 3.15pm

If your child is being collected by someone else, please telephone Reception.



Morning Routines

- Children must be brought to school by an adult and not sent up the steps/ramp on their own.
- Cloakroom for coats and boxes for jumpers and hats and boxes for book bags will be in our room. There is also a lost property box in our building.
- All children have their own drawers in the classroom.
- Break time: Water bottles are provided here in class together with a healthy snack each morning of fresh fruit or vegetables.
- Lunchtime: Meals are cooked on the school site. Details and information about school meals will be shared in due course.



GOOD MORNING

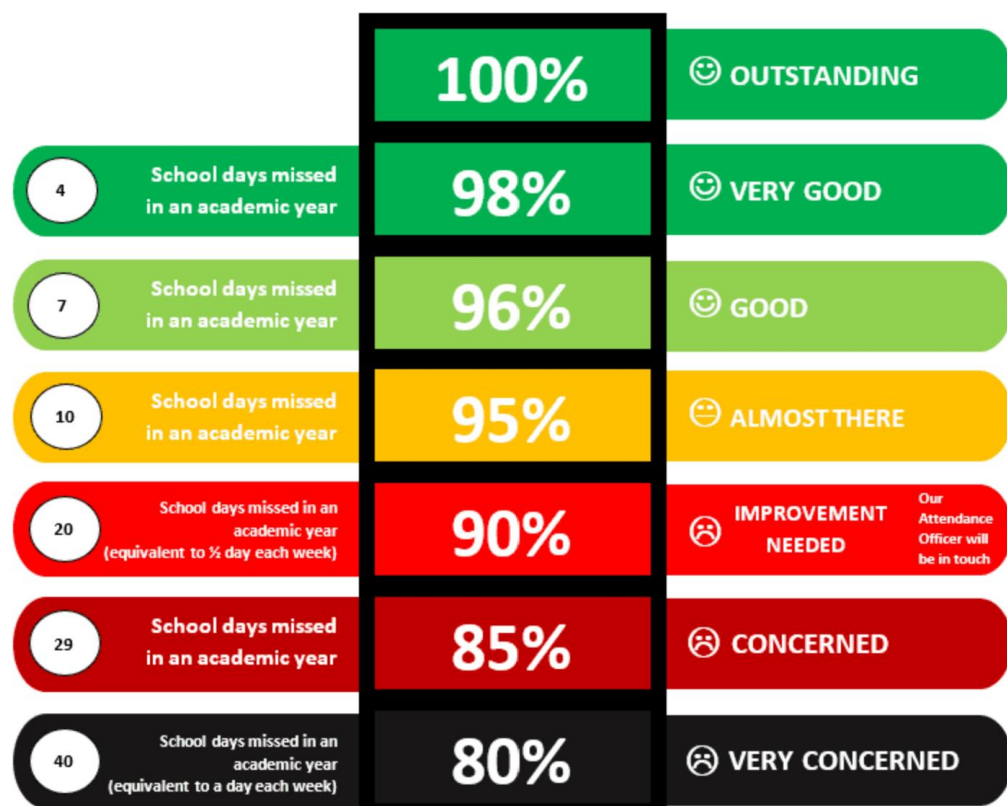




Attendance

- ▶ Attendance at school is crucial. Our Attendance for last academic year was above National at 96.2% which means we are in Decile 2 of All schools Nationally and out of 352 schools in Derbyshire we are ranked 78th. This is great but there is always room for improvement!
- ▶ You will receive a copy of the Attendance policy. Any days where a child does not attend school means that they are missing out on learning. The attendance ladder on the next slide shows a clear image of absence and days lost learning.
- ▶ We completely understand and appreciate when your child is unwell (temperature, sickness, diarrhoea) however holidays and days off where we are unsure where your child is will be unauthorised and as per the new policy and expectations from the DFE a procedure for fines will be followed.
- ▶ This also applies to any incidents where your child is brought to school late.

Attendance ladder





Smart Watches

- ▶ Smart Watches Air tags or any recording devices are not allowed to be work on the school premises or on School Trips.
- ▶ This is due to safeguarding of pupils and adults within school.

Photography and Videoing in school

- ▶ Following on from a review of photography last year the Governors have designated the school a 'No photography' school. We ask that at any school events you do not take photographs in case other pupils are caught on them in the background.
- ▶ There are children within the school that risk exposure if they are located through posting photos on social media.



Transition in to Year 1

Happy children make successful learners. For children entering Year one, the more the environment, resources and routines are as they were in Reception, the easier the transition will be.

Therefore, for the Autumn term, the class will operate on a continuous provision basis, building on what the children already know.

Three transition days took place in July where continuous provision also took place.

In the Spring term, continuous provision will reduce to half a day and then formal learning will commence in the Summer term, ready for Year 2.

Expectations of Independence

- Children are responsible for their own belongings.
- As the year goes on children will become responsible for changing their reading books, fetching equipment and books where necessary.
- They will mark more of their own work and also use next steps set by adults.
- We expect all children to tidy up after themselves during lessons, continuous provision or after school clubs.



Behaviour and Rewards

- ▶ Our recent OFSTED praised the behaviour strategies we implement and the way in which the children conduct themselves following our school values.
- ▶ Our Behaviour Policy links specifically to our school values enabling our pupils to focus on gaining rewards for positive behaviour. Children collect rewards/star stamps which they can use in the School Star Shop. We also do Head teacher awards which are popular. We will be bringing back attendance awards this year too.
- ▶ Fundamentally the way we behave and act is a choice. We are teaching our children about how to live their life and make the right choices. We know that our behaviours can impact on our own and others ability to play, learn, socialise and have fun.
- ▶ A copy of the Behaviour Policy will be sent out to all families and can be found on the school website.

Behaviour

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Positive praise

Stickers

Certificates

Prize box

Whole school star rewards

Whilst in Key Stage 1, we continue to use the traffic light system to manage behaviour, the children are already aware of how this works.

Phonics

- We teach phonics via the statutory programme Jolly Phonics every day for 25 minutes from Reception to the end of KS1.
- All staff have been trained in phonics and the terminology is referred to throughout the school.
- We teach phonics in small groups, this started this morning.
- Pupils practise their word reading using decodable books that match the sounds they know - the phonics books are in order. Pupils who have a phonic book will also take home a reading for pleasure book.
- Phonics is assessed each half term and depending on results, children may move groups and any catch up required will usually be done through intervention.



Homework

Reading

- ▶ We expect children to read every evening to an adult for about 10 minutes.
- ▶ Children will be sent home with a phonics book (which is levelled at their current phonics stage) and a reading for pleasure book, which is to be read and shared with parents. The reading for pleasure book is not to be read by the child.
- ▶ We read with the children twice a week on a Monday and Friday.



Homework

Reading

- ▶ The reading reward scheme will continue this year – Bronze, Silver and Gold reading badges are awarded to encourage reading at home for pleasure. These rewards are applicable once a child is reading a reading fluency book, which is a red phonics book.

St. Oswald's reading reward scheme



Children can earn a bronze, silver or gold reading badge -

Every pupil will receive a book mark on the first day back.



St. Oswald's reading reward scheme



If they read their school reading / phonic book 5 x per week at home and get their parents to sign, the book mark will be stamped once.

When the book mark has 10 stamps, a child will earn a bronze badge, 20 is Silver and 30 is gold.





Maths and English Homework

- ▶ Maths and English homework will be set from the Spring term. The homework will be weekly, set on a Friday and to be received by a Thursday and will focus on what is being learnt over that period of time.
- ▶ Please encourage your child to be as independent as they can. Any problems or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.



Topic Homework

- ▶ During the year there may have been a topic that has captured your children's interest and imagination so we may set some topic based homework for them to complete in their own way/in their own time. We will expect children to be aware of when this is set and if it is required to be completed by a certain date and when it should be brought back to school.

Ideas for helping your child at home

Reading	Writing / speaking	Maths
Reading school books and other genres of books/ authors that your child is interested in with your child – read for pleasure. Reading comics, headlines on newspapers, leaflets...anything!	Practise writing first and second name.	Read and write number words to 20
	Spell common words correctly (see list)	Start counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
	Write shopping lists	1 more/ 1 less than a given number
Visit Ashbourne library	Play word games such as Scrabble, Boggle	Start looking at clocks to find o'clock and half past
	Practise handwriting using basic letter formation	
	Practise days of the week, months of the year.	

How will I know what will my child be learning?

- ▶ Each half term you will receive an overview of what your child will be learning, this is located on our Year 1 webpage.
- ▶ The homework your child brings home is also an indication of what has been taught that week in the class.
- ▶ Please keep checking your child's class page on the website as updates are put on half termly.

Topics this year

Autumn 1	Dinosaur Planet / School Days – linked to Victorian schools
Autumn 2	Splendid Skies
Spring 1	Bright Lights Big City
Spring 2	Paws Claws and Whiskers
Summer 1	Enchanted Woodland
Summer 2	Rio De Vida



- ▶ The Year 1 Phonics Screening check is the week commencing Monday 14th June 2027.
- ▶ We strongly advise that you do not book any holidays or take your child out of school during these periods.



P.E in Year 1

- ▶ This takes place on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Children will leave their kits in school and they will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. Please note, no watches, jewellery, earrings etc for P.E.
- ▶ School P.E kits must be worn- not football shirts, other coloured tops etc.
- ▶ Our P.E Topic this term is Gymnastics / Yoga and will take place in the hall.
- ▶ In the Summer term (for the whole term) children will go Swimming at Ashbourne Leisure Centre, 11am – 12. It is advisable that before this time to get your children used to the water. You will need to ensure your child has a swimming hat (these can be purchased from the school office)

Music at St. Oswald's.

- ▶ Every week, each class has a music lesson.
- ▶ There are extra-curricular activities:

Ukulele Club at lunchtime (Y4-Y6)

Recorder Club at lunchtime (Y2-Y6 £2/week)

iRock band sessions on Wednesdays during school Y1-Y4 (after-school for Y5/Y6)

instrumental lessons in piano (Contact Grace Secretan on 07931 081886)

and woodwind (Contact Natalie Light on 07860 369816)



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instrument today.**

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As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.



Staying in touch...

- Reading records
- Email Miss Simons and she will pass on your message.
- Our learning leaflet located on the website every half term.
- Progress reports at Christmas
- Parents evening in the early Autumn and Spring Terms
- Annual report in July

School Uniform

- ▶ We expect every child to wear the St Oswald's school uniform. If for any reason you are struggling then we have preloved uniform available in school. Please see Miss Simons in the Main Office.



PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM
AND PE KIT.



- ▶ Essential Sweat / cardigan (embroidered with the primary school logo)
- ▶ Essential Polo Shirt (embroidered with the primary school logo)
- ▶ (No Woollen or navy cardigans)
- ▶ Essential Crew Neck Sweatshirt (embroidered with the primary school logo)

- ▶ **Other items of clothing** (this is not able to be purchased in school)
- ▶ girls to wear grey tights or grey socks/white socks (no patterned tights)
- ▶ girls to wear GREY skirts, shorts, pinafore dress or trousers (NOT Black or blue)
- ▶ Boys to wear GREY trousers or shorts (NOT black or blue)
- ▶ Boys to wear grey socks
- ▶ Boys to wear leather black school shoes (no canvas shoes or trainers or boots)
- ▶ Girls to wear black leather/patent shoes (no canvas shoes, trainers or open toed sandals or boots.)
- ▶ In Infants please can you ensure children have Velcro shoes not laces or buckles



Resources

- ▶ All resources are provided for your child at St Oswald's. Children will bring home each day work that is created in Continuous provision.
- ▶ If we find children are bringing in items which are not necessary for lessons/learning then we will keep them until the end of the school day to be taken home.

Medical records

- If anything needs updating regarding any medical conditions your child has PLEASE let us know. If we need any medical equipment in school e.g. inhalers please label them and bring them into school over the next few days.

Food Intolerances

- ▶ We have more and more children in our school who have allergies, some severe requiring them to have epi pens close by.
- ▶ As a result we ask you to refrain from any nuts as part of snacks.
- ▶ We also ask that you no longer bring in cakes or treats when there is a birthday due to the range of allergies within each class.

Educational Visits

- ▶ All visits which we take our children on are linked to the learning that they will be doing in class. They will be focused to enhance the children's knowledge of a topic or piece of learning.
- ▶ If we cannot go out on a visit then we will have visitors who will come into school.
- ▶ Please note that the school has a number of children who cannot be photographed. Therefore, we are asking that no photos or videos are made at any school event as it is impossible for us to police.

Thank you for listening.

- ▶ We operate an open door policy and are always available to support and help your child and you as a family in anyway we possibly can. This could be sign posting for support and advice or a meeting to discuss ways in which we as a school can support your child on their educational journey.
- ▶ All information is shared amongst the team within the class and with senior leadership.

Any Questions?



Here's to a great year!

