

WELCOME TO YEAR 1 AND 2

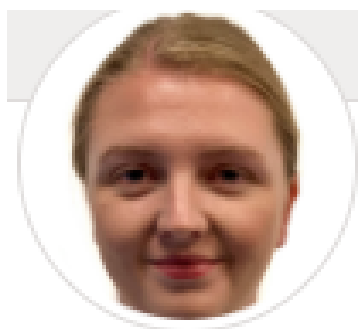
We are thrilled to begin an exciting new school year with your child! Our Year 1/2 team is ready to dive into a rich and inspiring curriculum designed to spark curiosity and build confidence.

Meet the Team

- **Mrs Barr** – Class Teacher (Friday)



Mrs Beecher (Thursday and Friday)



- **Mrs Reed** – Teaching Assistant (Mornings)

We are here to support your child every step of the way.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Explore our **Long-Term Matrix** to see the exciting topics and themes we will be covering this year. It is going to be a fantastic journey of discovery!

SCHOOL DAY

- **Start Time:** Doors open at **8:45am** and close promptly at **8:50am**. The class teacher will be classroom door each morning.
- **End Time:** **3:15pm**

READING

Reading is a cornerstone to KS1 learning. Here is how you can support:

- **Daily Reading at Home:** Please log your child's reading on **Seesaw** with a photo or short comment.
- **In School:** Children will enjoy daily Guided Reading sessions using a variety of books and flashcard games.
- **Book Swap Box:** Children can choose a book to take home and share with you—encouraging a love of reading!

Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school **every day**.

SPELLINGS

- Spellings are set every **Monday** via **Spelling Shed**.
- Spelling rules and patterns are taught throughout the week.
- Children will be tested the following **Monday**—please help them practise at home.

PHONICS SCREENING (YEAR 1)

In **June 2026**, children will take the national Phonics Screening Check:

- Children are required to read 40 words: 20 real and 20 pseudo (nonsense) words
- Daily phonics sessions will prepare them, and **Spring Term booster classes** will be available.

PE

PE is Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We will continue to come into school in sports clothes on PE days. We provide a school PE kit through Motif8 which consists of PE hoodies, skorts, shorts and jogging bottoms. Alternatively, your child should wear a navy sweatshirt or hoodie, plain white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and navy-blue tracksuit bottoms or joggers. The wearing of football kits and brightly coloured PE kits are NOT permitted in school. We also recommend your child has a water bottle in school to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

PE will take place **outdoors**, weather permitting. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for active fun!



LUNCH & PLAYTIME

- Children receive a **free healthy snack** daily
- You may also send a **fruit-only snack** from home
- Please provide a **water bottle** (water only—no juice)
- **Nut-Free Reminder:** No nuts or nut-containing products in packed lunches

HOMEWORK

- Daily Reading
- Weekly Spellings

These small daily habits make a big impact!

KEY DATES

All important dates are listed on our **school website** and updated via **Arbor**. Keep an eye out for any changes or additions.

STAY IN TOUCH

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or email: **admin@thelinksprimary.org.uk**

Thank you for your continued support—we are excited to get to know you and your wonderful children!