

Welcome to KS1 at St Paul's Catholic Primary School



This school is a place of learning, a place of
love

WELCOME TO YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

A new year of learning, growing and discovering!

Welcome to all our families.

We are so pleased to have you with us and look forward to working together to make this a happy, successful and memorable year for your children.

Year 1 & Year 2 Team

MEET THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1

Mrs Camadoo-Nynan (Mon-Wed)

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Werake

YEAR 2

Ms Grehan

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Cody

Our aim: To create classrooms where every child feels safe, valued, happy and ready to learn.

WELCOME TO KEY STAGE 1!

Year 1 is an exciting transition from Reception.

Children will begin to:

- Become more independent
- Develop their confidence
- Take greater responsibility for their learning
- Build on phonics and early reading skills
- Develop their writing and mathematical understanding
- Learn to concentrate for longer periods
- Work collaboratively with others

We know every child develops at their own pace.

Morning routine

- Doors open from 8:40-8:45
- An adult will greet the children
- Bags in drawers or on pegs
- Early morning maths or handwriting
- Book changes (On a rota)
- Daily prayers and worship
- Register

BEHAVIOUR & EXPECTATIONS

We want our classrooms to be happy and calm places where everyone can learn.

We encourage children to:

-  Be kind
-  Listen carefully
-  Take turns
-  Help others
-  Try their best
-  Use kind words
-  Make good choices

We celebrate effort, progress and positive behaviour.

Please ensure your child has:



Coat suitable for the weather



Water bottle



Reading book/book bag

Please label belongings!

This makes it much easier for lost items to find their way home.

Reflection time



Name	Class	Date
What happened?	What was I thinking at the time?	What were others thinking at the time?
Who has been affected by my behaviour and how?	How can I repair relationships?	
	What have I learnt so I will respond differently next time?	
Teacher's Comments and Signature		Pupil Signature

WHAT WILL WE LEARN IN YEAR 1?

-  English – Reading, writing, phonics, spelling, grammar and speaking & listening
-  Maths – Number, place value, addition, subtraction, shape and measurement
-  Science – Plants, animals, materials and seasonal changes
-  RE – Faith, Scripture, prayer and Catholic values
-  Foundation Subjects – History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology, Computing, Music and PE

WHAT WILL WE LEARN IN YEAR 2?

-  English – Reading fluency, comprehension, writing and grammar
-  Maths – Number, calculation, fractions, measurement, shape and statistics
-  Science – Living things, plants, materials, animals and the world around us
-  RE – Scripture, prayer, Catholic life and our faith
-  Foundation Subjects – History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology, Computing, Music and PE

Year 2 is a year of growing confidence and independence.



READING

READING IS A BIG PRIORITY

We want children to develop a love of reading, as well as becoming confident readers.

At school we will:

- Read regularly
- Develop phonics skills
- Practise reading fluently
- Develop comprehension
- Talk about books and characters
- Explore a wide range of texts

At home: Little and often is best! Even 10 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference.

Record a comment in your child's home reading record. There will be a Home Reading award given out at the end of each term.

PHONICS & SPELLING

Phonics continues to be an important part of Year 1 and Year 2. Children will have daily phonics lessons using our Twinkl Phonics scheme.

Children will:

- Learn and practise sounds
- Blend sounds to read words
- Segment words for spelling
- Apply phonics when reading
- Learn common exception words
- Children will use vocabulary such as phonemes, digraphs and tri-graphs.

Please practise the sounds and words sent home.

The more children practise, the more automatic their reading becomes.

Phonics Screening Test in the Summer Term for Year 1. If your child did not pass in year 1 they will be taking the test in year 2

Tricky words and common exception words are words that can not be sounded out and need to be sight read. Children in year 2 should be able to read and write common exception words and use these independently in their writing.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1			Year 2			
the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy
do	he	ask	poor	told	bath	people
to	me	friend	because	every	hour	water
today	she	school	find	great	move	again
of	we	put	kind	break	prove	half
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve	money
says	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure	Mr
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
were	by	house	children	after	eye	parents
was	my	our	wild	fast	could	Christmas
is	here		climb	last	should	everybody
his	there		most	past	would	even
has	where		only	father	who	
I	love		both	class	whole	
you	come		old	grass	any	
your	some		cold	pass	many	

Phase 2 to 5 Tricky Words

Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
I	he	said	oh
no	she	have	Mrs
the	we	like	people
to	me	so	their
go	be	do	called
into	you	some	Mr
	are	come	looked
	her	little	asked
	was	one	could
	all	were	
	they	there	
	my	what	
		when	
		out	

MATHS

We want children to become confident mathematicians.

We will develop:

 Number •  Addition •  Subtraction •  Multiplication •  Division
 Fractions •  Measurement •  Shape •  Statistics

We encourage children to: concrete, pictorial and abstract teaching.

At home: counting, shopping, cooking, telling the time and playing games.

Expectations maths lessons and books

Books:

- Day of the week and short date written independently.
- One digit per square in books
- Sheets stuck in neatly (independently in year 2)

Lessons:

- Children will experience concrete, pictorial and abstract teaching.
- Modelled examples for them to use to support learning.
- Speaking frames using correct mathematical vocabulary
- Rehearsal time
- Support and challenge where needed.

RE & OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

Our faith is at the heart of our school.

Children will have opportunities to:



Pray together



Explore Scripture



Learn about Jesus



Develop Catholic values



Take part in Mass and liturgies



Think about how we can make a difference

We want our children to live out our faith through kindness, compassion and love.

LEARNING THROUGH THE WIDER CURRICULUM

Learning goes beyond English and Maths.

Our children will have opportunities to be:

 Creative •  Curious •  Explorers •  Digital learners

 Musicians •  Active •  Problem solvers

We want children to ask questions, make mistakes, try again and enjoy learning!

HELPING CHILDREN BECOME INDEPENDENT

One of our biggest goals is to help children become more independent.

Please encourage your child to:

-  Look after their belongings
-  Put on and remove their coat
-  Manage their shoes
-  Remember what they need
-  Organise their own things
-  Ask for help when they need it

The more they practise at home, the more confident they become at school.



HOME LEARNING

Home learning is designed to support and reinforce what children are learning in school.

This may include:



Reading daily and signing reading record



Phonics/spelling

Year 1 – Spellings given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Year 2 – Spellings given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.



Maths practice



Occasional activities linked to our learning

Our advice: Don't let homework become stressful. A short, positive session is much more beneficial than a long, difficult one.

Home access

Timetable rock stars (Year 2) (2x, 5x, 10x)

Numbots (Year 1)

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

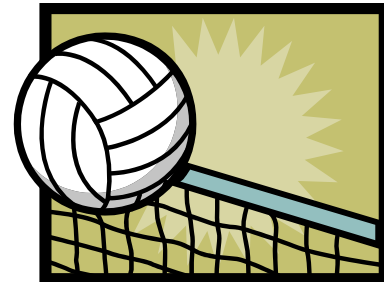
You can support your child by:

-  Reading together
-  Talking about their day
-  Asking questions
-  Practising maths in everyday situations
-  Encouraging writing
-  Playing games together
-  Praising effort

MOST IMPORTANTLY: Show them that learning is something to enjoy!

PE kit

- Blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Yellow school t-shirt
- Trainers
- No jewellery
- No logos
- PE is an entitlement





PE

PE kits to be worn on PE days.

Year 1 PE days are Tuesday and Thursday after half term.

Year 2 PE days Tuesday and Friday.

Forest school

- The sessions will be on a Tuesday afternoons 1:00-3:00 in place of PE lessons. The children will wear non-uniform on this day, please bring a spare set of clothes to change into if they get wet or dirty. The order of the sessions will be as followed:
- Autumn 1 - year 1
- Autumn 2
- Spring 1
- Spring 2
- Summer 1 - year 2
- Summer 2



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance helps children:



Keep up with their learning



Maintain friendships



Build routines



Feel secure



Make progress

Please aim to arrive on time and ready to learn each morning.

COMMUNICATION

WORKING TOGETHER

We really value our partnership with families.

If you have a question or concern:

-  Please speak to us
-  Use the school's agreed communication channels
-  Attend parent meetings
-  Let us know if something is affecting your child's wellbeing or learning

We are all on the same team – working together for your child.

How you will be kept informed.

- Communication from teacher via SeeSaw
- Parents can email class teacher
year1@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk
year2@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk
- Absence is reported via school office
- Accidents are reported using medical tracker.
- Head injuries will be reported immediately via a phone call from the school office.
- Information found on class webpage
- Year 1 class saint is St Anthony
- Year 2 class saint is St Moses
- Mass and all RE updates and information can be found on webpage- Catholic Life of school.
- Policies can be found on school website under Statutory information

ANY QUESTIONS?

We are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for coming!

 Here's to a wonderful year together! 

This PowerPoint will be available on year 1 and year 2 class webpage.

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