

KS1 NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term – January - April 2026

Key Dates to Remember This Term

PD Day: Monday 5th Jan 2026
Pupils Return: Tues 6th Jan 2026
Half Term: Mon 16th Feb to Fri 20th Feb 2026
Last day of Term: Fri 27th March 2026
Easter Holidays: Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April

Events

Parent Consultations:

Wednesday 18th March 3.40 – 6.40 p.m.
Thursday 26th March 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Class Exhibitions:

13th Feb – 2BC

Staff

Teachers

Mrs Coyston (2BC) Phase Leader
Mrs L Stollery (2S) Class Teacher
Miss M Le Grice (2LG) Class Teacher
Miss S Jay (1J) Class Teacher
Mrs S Cray (1JC) Class Teacher
Mrs N Krzywanska (1K) Class Teacher

Teaching Assistants:

Miss S Stannard, Miss K Percy, Mrs S Murton
Miss H Coleman, Mrs E Weighill, Miss E Visser

Cover Teachers: Miss Bennett, Mrs Gibson
(Computing) and Mrs Lesslie (Music).

KS1 Readathon



We are excited to announce that KS1 will be taking part in a Readathon during the first half of the Spring Term! This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading and encourage our children to enjoy books every day. There are lots of prizes to be won, so let's get reading!

It starts this week! Next Tuesday (13.01.26), will be the end of Week 1 of the Readathon. Any children who have at least **1 read logged on Boom Reader** in Week 1 will go into a prize drawer. **You have to be in it to win it!**

Boom Reader logins will be sent home again by class teachers. Please talk to your child's teacher if you are struggling to use Boom Reader and we will be happy to help!

Please see the Parentmail sent out on 07.01.26 to see full details on how it works.

P.E days:

1K: Tues and Wed

1J: Mon and Fri

1JC: Mon and Wed

2BC: Mon and Thurs

2S: Mon and Thurs

2LG: Wed and Thurs

Please remember to follow the uniform policy regarding P.E. kits – sent out by Mrs Jordan.



Wonder Wood



Wonder Wood is likely to get very muddy. **Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies/outdoor shoes at school to change in to.** Out of respect for the cleaners, children will not be allowed to wear wellies in the classrooms.

Year 1 – Thursdays

Year 2 – Fridays

Please remember, that Wonder Wood uniform is a tracksuit that you don't mind getting dirty etc.

Homework

Please look on the school website for further guidance:

Britannia website - children page – select homework - select the year group.

Wellbeing Mornings

In the Autumn Term, we trialled a different approach to starting our day in KS1. From 8.35 – 8.50 each day, we are now focussing on wellbeing, emotional regulation and social interaction to support all pupils to be ready to start their learning at 8.50. The feedback from pupils and teachers has been extremely positive and we will be continuing this in the Spring Term.

Pocket Toys

In the Autumn Term, we also trialled allowing KS1 children to bring in pocket toys. I'm pleased to say it has been mostly successful; the children have been very engaged playing with pocket toys at playtimes. We will therefore continue to allow pocket toys in the Spring Term.

Going forward, please support us in ensuring your child's toy is:

- One single object (not a set or collection)
- Small enough to fit in the palm of your child's hand
- Is non-electronic and non-valuable, as we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged items.

English: Talk for Writing

This term the children will learn the following stories and texts. The children will learn to tell these stories/texts and then innovate by writing their own similar versions, adding their own ideas.

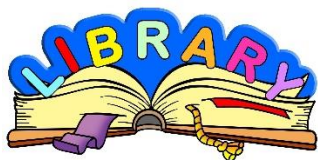
Spring 1

Yr 1

1. I'm a Little Penguin (Poem)
2. Spaghetti for a Yeti – Suspense Tale.
3. Information text about African animals.

Yr 2

1. How to Trap a Stone Giant - Instructions
2. Seth and the Captain – Suspense Tale.
3. Information Text- Tree Giants



Library

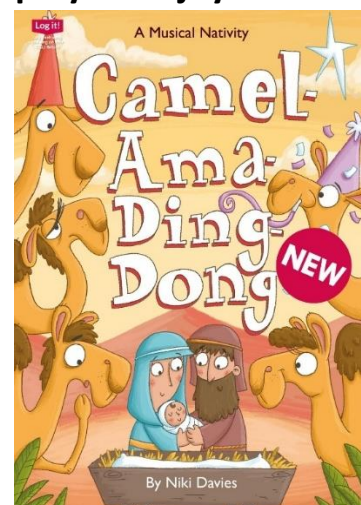
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Library	1J 2LG	1K 2S	2BC		1JC

A reminder to return all library books on your child's library day.

Thank you

We just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for providing the children with such wonderful outfits for our KS1 Christmas performance - they looked wonderful!

We hope you enjoyed watching it.



Also, thank you for all of our wonderful Christmas gifts - we really appreciated them!

KS1 Curriculum – What are we learning this term

Year 1 – Our learning this half-term

Our theme is: Frozen

We will be:-

Geography:

- Learning about hot and cold areas of the world
- Learning about geographical physical and human features (Comparison Antarctica and Europe)

Art:

- Looking at the artist, Patrick Heron
- Explore using lines, shapes and colour (hot and cold colours)
- Making a collage using hot and cold colours

History:

Learning about Ernest Shackleton - How did he save his crew?

RE:

Learning about Hinduism



Year 2 – Our learning this half-term

Our theme is: Australia

We will be:-

R.E:

- Learning about Buddhism

Geography:

- Learning about the 5 oceans
- Learning about geographical physical and human features (Comparison Sydney to Ipswich)

Science:

- Australian habitats and the animals that live there.

Art

- Exploring Aboriginal Art



Year 1 – Spring 2

Our theme is: African Adventure

We will be:-

DT

- Making a Fruit Salad

Science:

- Describe African animals using the correct names for their body parts e.g. mane, tusks
- Describe what African animals eat and say whether they are a herbivore, omnivore or carnivore
- School Trip to Colchester Zoo (Info to follow)

Geography

- Compare two countries in Africa –South Africa and Malawi

Art

- Press Printing - African pattern

RE

- Christianity – The Easter Story



Year 2 – Spring 2

Our theme is: Castles

We will be:-

DT

- Making Aboriginal rain sticks

History:

- Learning about the Titanic

Science:

- Exploring materials.
- Designing and making lifeboats for the Titanic.

Geography:

- Map skills

RE

- Christianity – Parables.



Curriculum overviews can be found on our school website.

Britannia website – Curriculum – Curriculum – Select Year Group on the right hand side

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas! It's great to be back, and we're excited for the term ahead!