

KS1 NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Term – September 2026

Key Dates to Remember This Term

Term dates

Pupils Return: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

PD Day: Friday 27th November 2026

Last day of Term for pupils: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Events

Parent Consultations: Wed 14th October 3.40pm-6.40pm
Thurs 22nd October 4.30pm-7.00pm

Flu Vaccinations: 8th & 13th October

Individual/sibling Photographs: Thursday 5th November

Christmas Dinner: Thursday 3rd December

KS1 Christmas Productions: Tues 8th December 2.00pm
Wed 9th December 9.30am

Class Exhibitions - Friday Mornings at 9am

5 th March	2CD	25 th June	1K
12 th March	2S	2 nd July	1B
19 th March	2A	9 th July	1JC

Staff

Mrs S Coyston (2CD) Phase Leader
(Wed-Fri)

Mrs N Krzywanska (1K) Phase Leader
(Mon-Tues)

Miss S Brunning (1B) Class teacher

Mrs S Cray (1JC) Class teacher

Mrs D Doling (2CD) Class teacher (Mon-Tues)

Mr D Agate (2A) Class teacher

Mrs L Stollery (2S) Class teacher

Teaching Assistants:

Miss S Stannard, Miss K Percy, Miss E Pidgeon

Miss H Coleman, Miss J Curtis

Where possible, we would be really grateful if children would only bring a bookbag to school and not a rucksack. This is because in KS1, we have the smallest classrooms and nowhere to store rucksacks.

KS1 Routine – Beginning of the Day

Beginning of the day:

- Children should arrive between **8.35-8.50am** which is **Wellbeing Time in KS1**.
 - Typical activities include Lego, play dough, drawing, and games, alongside opportunities for children to greet teachers and friends, build relationships, and settle positively into the school day.
- If you arrive after 8:50, you will need to take your child to the office to register them.



Year 1 Enter and Exit Here



Year 2 Enter Here



Year 2 Exit Here

- Parents, please support us in encouraging the children to be independent by remaining behind the Year 1 pillars and not entering the building.
- If you have any messages, there will be staff members positioned at each entrance. Please inform us if a different adult than normal will be picking up your child in the afternoon.

End of the day: (3:15pm)

- Parents will wait in the playground whilst the children leave the school.
- Please be patient in the first few weeks whilst we get to know you. Your child will be asked to point you out.
- If you would like to speak to the class teacher, then please wait until all the children have left the line.



Reminder: We encourage you to look through the transition PowerPoint presentations sent at the end of the last academic year with your child. These presentations are designed to help children feel confident and prepared for September, with pictures of their classroom, teachers and much more.

Uniform and PE

Please ensure your child is following the rules below:

- No jewellery to be worn (stud earrings only)
- Hair longer than collar length to be tied up
- No cycling shorts or leggings as uniform
- Black school shoes only please

Our full uniform policy can be read on the school website - <https://www.britannia.suffolk.sch.uk/uniform>

On your child's designated PE days, they should come to school wearing their PE kit instead of their usual school uniform. Here are the class days:

Year 1

1B – Monday (Outdoors) and Wednesday (Hall).

1JC – Monday (Outdoors) and Friday (Hall).

1K – Monday (Outdoors) and Tuesday (Hall).

Year 2

2A – Monday (Hall) and Wednesday (Outdoors).

2BD – Monday (Hall) and Wednesday (Outdoors).

2S – Wednesday (Outdoors) and Thursday (Hall).

Wonder Wood

All KS1 children will continue to learn creatively in the Wonder Wood and in our school garden throughout the year. They will need a pair of wellies kept in school every day to change into in wet weather.

Please ensure they are wearing appropriate clothing on Wonder Wood days. Children must wear jogging bottoms/active leggings, a named sweatshirt and trainers. **No Jeans or fashion leggings.**

Year 1 Wonder Wood days: THURSDAY

Year 2 Wonder Wood days: FRIDAY



Library books must be returned each week on:
Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Friday



Home Learning



Daily Reading – Children will bring home a RWI book and a library book. Reading with your child on a daily basis for 5-10mins will have a significant impact on their reading, supporting them to improve their reading fluency. Each read (doesn't have to be a whole book) should be logged on **BOOM READER** (passwords are the same as last year). If the children get 7 reads in one week, they will receive a Golden Ticket. When they collect 5 Golden Tickets, they can receive a book of their choice from our book vending machine in the library.

Your child can use their emoji password (same as last year) to access our school subscriptions:



Times Tables Rock...



EdShed



NumBots

- **Numbots** – an online maths programme that helps children develop fluency and confidence with number bonds, addition, and subtraction through engaging games and activities.
- **Spelling Shed** - is an online learning platform that helps children practise and improve their spelling skills through interactive games and activities.
- **Times Tables Rock Stars (Mostly year 2 children)** – By the end of year 2, children should know their 2x, 5x and 10x tables off by heart. TTRS will help your child to practise their times tables in a fun and engaging way.



Year 2 children are welcome to bring a pencil case if they would like to. This is entirely optional, as all stationery is provided by the school. However, if your child chooses to bring one, we recommend the following items:



Maths

In KS1, we follow a maths scheme called White Rose maths. This is a whole-class mastery programme. Your children will be encouraged to use practical resources like cubes and dienes to represent problems in lots of different ways to ensure they develop a deep understanding of mathematical processes.

English: Talk for Writing

These are our class texts this half term. The children will learn to tell these stories and then innovate by writing their own texts, adding their own ideas.

Year 1 – Wanted Poster (Big Bad Wolf – based on Little Red Riding Hood)
Year 2 – Information Text: The Red Eyed Frog

Year 1 – Our autumn theme is: Amazing Me

Science:

- Naming the basic parts of the human body
- Exploring using our senses.

Art:

- Drawing our portraits
- Creating clay sculpture

Geography:

- Finding out and describing where we live.

History:

- Describing and comparing how toys have changed overtime

DT:

- Designing and making a pop-up toy

R.E:

- Finding out about Hinduism

Year 1 will continue to have opportunities to learn through play on a daily basis during the Autumn Term.

Year 2 – Our autumn theme is: South America

RE:

- Finding out how the Jewish community celebrates new year

Geography:

- Locating South America and other continents on a map
- Describing the geographical features of Rio
- Locating and finding out about the equator

Science:

- Describing and comparing a rainforest habitat
- Plant adaptations

Art:

- Discussing the artwork of artists; John Dyer.
- Mixing Colours

DT:

- Making fruit kebabs

To find out what curriculum content your child will be covering each week throughout the year, please visit our school website and select Home → Curriculum → Curriculum → Year Group or click on the links below.

Year 1: <https://www.britannia.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+1&pid=300>

Year 2: <https://www.britannia.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+2&pid=301>

We hope you all have an amazing summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our new classes in September.